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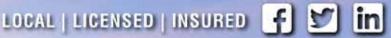


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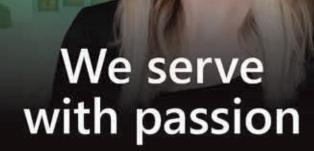


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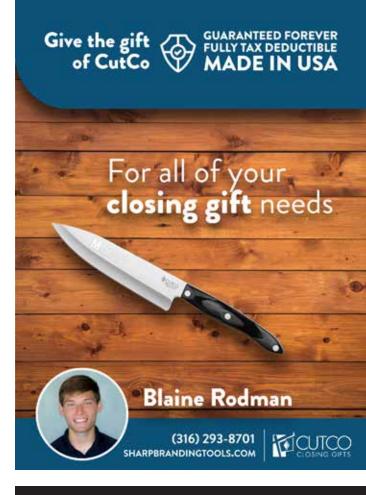
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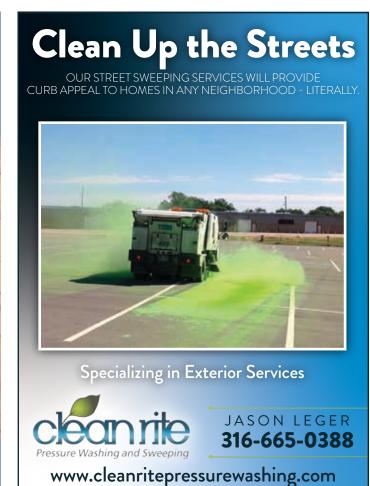


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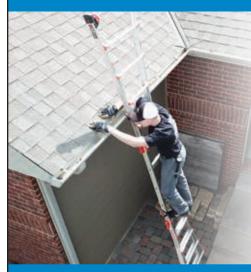
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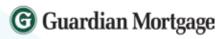
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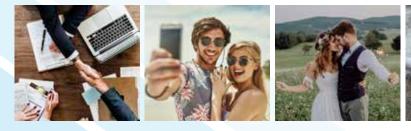
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That's the same spirit that Bobbie Lane process," Bobbie recalls. and her team understand very well.

As part of Keller Williams Hometown Partners, Bobbie and her team of 15 work with a true spirit of care—in the process, helping those they work with reach home together.

"The real highlight for me in what I do is working with my clients to help them achieve their goal of home-ownership. Aside from my awesome clients, a big highlight is building my team and watching each of them grow and accomplish their goals,"
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MOVING AHEAD

Bobbie was a marketing and management major at Wichita State. As she looked to the future, she had a very strong entrepreneurial spirit. "I always knew I wanted to work for myself. I had my own photography business through college. It wasn't until I purchased my house on my own that I found out what I was called to do. I enjoyed everything about the process," Bobbie recalls.

Once she made the decision to pursue real estate nearly five years ago, she worked through the process and earned her license within a month. For a time, she continued working at Meritrust while she made her transition into real estate. After graduating, she made the decision to go full-time in real estate.

PASSION FOR THE PROFESSION From the start, Bobbie's career took off. It was fueled by a passion for the profession.

As Bobbie says, "I really enjoy every aspect of the business, from finding my clients their dream home to researching costs and doing the paperwork that's involved. It is a natural fit all the way around for me." I'VE ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT YOU CAN BE MORE SUCCESSFUL IF YOU'RE SURROUNDED BY LIKE-MINDED PEOPLE. IT HELPS YOU GROW IN YOUR MINDSET. WHEN YOU HAVE 15 WOMEN IN A ROOM, YOU GET SO MANY GREAT IDEAS. WE HAVE A GREAT DYNAMIC TOGETHER AND TRULY MAKE ONE AMAZING TEAM.



••• It didn't take long for others to see Bobbie's achievements in the business. It was clear her knack for leadership was recognized early on.

"I remember being approached by Aimee Counce, who asked me about getting into real estate, and what I recommended to help to have success in her business," Bobbie remembers. "I talked about the importance of finding a mentor and working under someone to learn what the real estate world was all about. She came back and said, 'Could you be that person for me?' I thought about it and said why not? Keller Williams had other teams and I figured it was worth a try. I've had my team for two years. And it all started with that first conversation with Aimee."

BETTER TOGETHER

Today, Bobbie's team features 15 professionals, including 11 licensed agents and four staff members.

When you talk with her, it's easy to see the pride she has for her team.

"I really like being able to collaborate with each other," she says with a smile. "I've always believed that you can be more successful if you're surrounded by like-minded people. It helps you grow in your mindset. When you have 15 women in a room, you get so many great ideas. We have a great dynamic together and truly make one amazing team."

The results of that teamwork have been remarkable and rewarding in more ways than one. In fact, in 2021, the team is on track to surpass \$35 million in sales volume.

WHAT MATTERS MOST

Away from work, Bobbie cherishes family, including her husband, Jonathan. The two were high school sweethearts who have been married for six years, and have been together since they were 14 years old.

Bobbie and Jonathan look forward to time with their two sons — 16-month-old Jameson, and 4-month-old Jesse.

"Jonathan is my rock. He works full-time as an accountant and still manages to help with our other businesses. Thankful for a partner who pushes me to be my best and isn't afraid to dream a little bigger," Bobbie smiles. In their free time, Bobbie and her family look forward to chances to travel, as well as visiting local restaurants.

When you talk with Bobbie, it's clear that she is driven by integrity and a selfless spirit that is focused on her clients' wellbeing.

As she considers the success that she and her team members are creating together, she offers advice for others who are thinking about getting into the business themselves.

"The first thing I'd say is don't give up. Be consistent with marketing. Put in a good two years of building with marketing. Put in a good two years of building with reach home together.



your business. Once you have that time, that's when the business will really come," Bobbie says. "You are building a business and brand, don't forget that takes time. People tend to underestimate that."

Expect more great things to come in the future from Bobbie and her team.

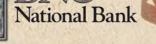
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succeed and flourish. It's also about helping clients get into the home of their dreams," he says. "What I do is build teams of really top-notch industry experts. The people you surround yourself with and the professionalism of the team are key."

Team Strengths

When describing his team members, it's clear Brian feels very grateful for the strengths the group brings to market every day.

"We are very close-knit. We have a lot of talented leaders within the team," Brian explains. "I've got some great sales managers, support staff, and salespeople who are all working toward one goal. There's a lot of hand-holding and togetherness."

Experienced Expertise

Brian points out that the majority of the members of the team have been together for more than 20 years. He calls the relationship with REALTOR[®] partners a two-way street.

"We want to bring value THE PROFESSIONALISM OF THE to what they are doing TEAM ARE KEY. well beyond delivering the closing docs and money to the table," Brian says. "Our focus is and will always be purchase, even in refi heavy markets we run 80% purchase as we know our relationships and helping our real estate partners succeed is our number one priority. ...

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team. We have hundreds of years of experience in the organization and we all lean on each other as one collective team to deliver the best service possible."

Family Fulfillment

Away from work, Brian's world is centered around family, including his wife, Mary, and their four children — Bailey, Saige, Bonner, and Mason. They also have two dogs, a cat, and 12 horses.

"Mary is my wife and is also a phenomenal mother. She is a loan officer for our group in our Augusta location as well. She is a major part of our company," Brian says. "The absolute most influential person to date other Sierra Pacific Mortgage Corp. has a very strong foundation that it than God is Mary. Behind the scenes, she is the one who builds upon in the market each day. encourages me to take on the challenges that running this business comes with. Whether it is with growth "We service our loans with a portfolio of \$17.5 billion, and locally, or tough markets or fluctuating volumes, she is always I have created underwriting, processing and closing right here in there to walk with me through it and is a great person to Wichita, so our process is as smooth as the industry will allow. I lean on when I need extra support to take the leap." love what I do. I can't see myself ever retiring. But family and the life we've created is what I'm really all about."

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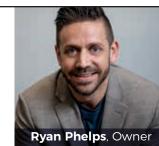
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TAMMI BLACKBURN HILGER

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Imagine eating nothing but refried beans every day for four months. While it might not sound like the ideal diet, that's the first step REALTOR® Tammi Blackburn-Hilger took to lose more than 100 pounds in less than a year. Now she's helping Wichita empty nesters ditch their unwanted weight. This time, in the form of a house and yard that's keeping them from living their best lives.

"People often have a different vision for their lives, but getting to it feels like moving a mountain," Tammi says. "I like breaking that mountain down into pieces, showing people how it's possible to get where they want to be. The best feeling in the world is helping others reach their goal."

For many empty-nesters, the goal is to live in a lifestyle patio community that's designed to make their lives less work and more fun. Since 2011, Perfection Builders has been offering the best in Wichita. Premier lots are available at several locations, including The Courtyards at Estancia and the Courtyards at Auburn Lakes, where Tammi helps clients. Residents rave about both.

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"Many of my referrals are from neighbors who want their friends to live here, too," Tammi says. "That's because we offer much more than maintenance-free homes. Our concept is geared towards outdoor living, social gatherings, and community events. Ask yourself, who do you know who wants to enjoy the next chapter of their life? Many people struggle to maintain and navigate homes they don't really want. But they don't see what's possible, and buying a new home is a big deal. You're doing them a service when you show them a way to live well and spend more time with friends or on hobbies."

Originally from the small town of Inman, Kansas, Tammi moved to Wichita when she was 18-years-old. She started in banking, training branch employees around the country before a friend suggested she try selling new homes. "I took the risk in 2005 because I was ready for a change, and I liked the idea of running my own business," Tammi says. "Since then, I've sold more than 400 patio homes, closing on \$36-million last year. But it isn't about the stats to

me. It's about helping people realize their dreams." When Tammi isn't working, she loves to spend time with her husband, Troy, and their three children. Tammi has accomplished a big dream of her own. Their oldest, Mitchell (25), has already flown the "I'd struggled with weight for years," she says. "Kids nest, but Tammi has two teens at home, Maverick made fun of me every day in school. It was terrible. $\left(18\right)$ and Haven (15). When possible, they like to sit On November 14th, 1994, I told myself I would not down together for a family meal - one which you go through another holiday season and gain weight. I can be assured does not include refried beans!

copied a friend's refried bean diet and lost 60 pounds in four months. Then I added in exercise and lost another 40 pounds. I got so fit I even taught exercise classes for a few years! After losing the weight, I felt like a whole new person, healthy and accomplished. That's how everyone should feel. Sometimes, it's just a matter of taking that first step."

> Today, Tammi loves helping empty nesters with that step. "I use my 11-years of experience and extensive network of people to make the process easy for everyone," she says. "I have experts I can call in every field, including appraisers, lenders, movers, home inspectors, and insurance agents. And I absolutely love meeting new **REALTORS®** who want to learn more about our communities. We are open seven days a week for them to drop by on their own or bring a client for a tour. Our builders pay commission upfront whenever a home is owner-financed. Even better, co-op agents can walk away looking like heroes for showing their clients how good life can be!"



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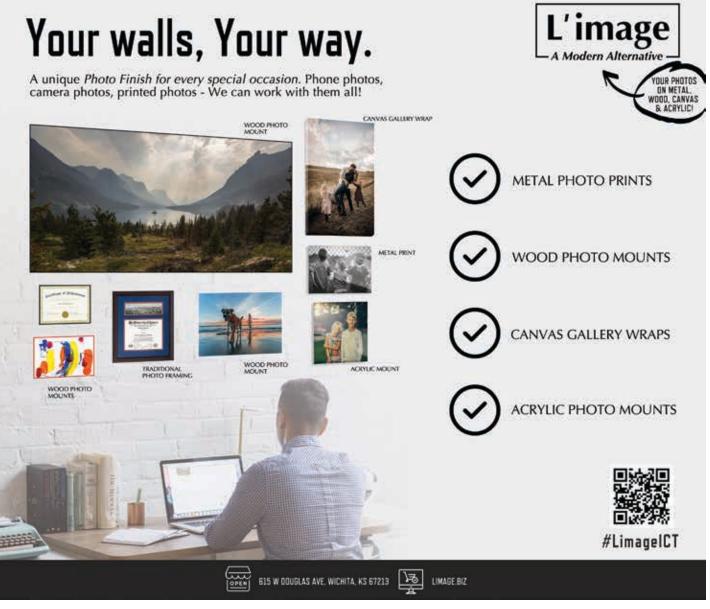
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Dreams become reality through action, planning, follow-through, and leadership. Those are the quality that Jacquiline Valentino represents through her wo with clients and her team members.

As Broker of Midpoint Realty Group, Jacquiline personifies the adage, "Where there's a will, there's a way."

"I commit to making my goals a reality, and then I piece together the way to get there," Jacquiline says with a spark. "I think that sometimes makin that commitment, to begin with, can be the harde thing. When I do that, I make up my mind that I'r going to make something happen. I don't know he at the time, but this is going to happen, and that will find a way."

POSITIVES AND POSSIBILITY

Jacquiline is originally from Las Vegas, Nevada. As she came of age, she used her gifts and skills a variety of ways. For a time, she was a freelance photographer for entertainers and models.

She also was a competitive ice skater as she cam of age. That led to work as a professional skater, which then morphed into life as a professional dancer for 15 years. Also, for 12 years, she worke with her husband at the time performing their po ular magic act. They entertained many audiences with their mix of slight of hand and levitation fea

That was just the start. She became a REALTOR and built a team and thriving business for 10 year In 2009, she moved to Washington, D.C. for a tin

A NEW HOME FOR HER TALENTS

In 2012, Jacquiline moved to Wichita to care for mother, who was recovering from cancer treatme

"While I was here, worked setting up call center environments for other organizations, including

>> celebrating leaders

Written by Dave Danielson | Photography by Kelly Remacle Photography

ies ork	insurance and mortgage companies," Jacquiline says. "I also got my insurance license for a time, but soon realized that wasn't something I really enjoyed."	
è	In 2017, Jacquiline got her real estate license here in Wichita.	
ng est m	"At that time, I already knew that I wanted to be a Broker. I had previously had a team and had taught real estate in the past," she explains. "I didn't know anyone here and didn't know the inventory. It was almost like parachuting into a city with just a phone book."	
ow I	Jacquiline dove in and made an immediate impact. In fact, during her first 12 months with her son as her assistant, she recorded 50 deals. During her second year, she qualified for Masters Level recognition.	
	MIDPOINT REALTY GROUP IS BORN	
in ?	After two years, she earned her Broker's license. Today, she has started building her team with a sense of pride and nurturing.	
le	"It's brand new, really. It's a baby at this point," she smiles. "I wanted to move forward with it as soon as I could. I'm a big advocate for moving ahead.	
ed op- s	Why set a 10-year plan, if you can do it in five? Likewise, why create a five-year plan when you can do it in two?"	
ats.	Jacquiline is joined in the brokerage by Kane	
rs. ne.	McCarthy, who has an advanced medial B.A. in Biology, and her daughter, Vendela Valentino.	
	I have a young team. We're growing together with synergy and a focus on ethics.	
her ent.	FAMILY FOUNDATION Away from work, Jacquiline's world is made richer by her family. She loves time with her children — Dominic, who heads a quality engineering department	



in aircraft manufacturing (and his 10-year-old daughter, Alexi); her daughter, Joy who is a REALTOR® with First Team Real Estate in Newport Beach, California; and her daughter, Vendela.

In her free time, Jacquiline shares a love of Asian food and culture with her children. For a time, when her children were younger, they lived and performed in Osaka, Japan. That influence remains strong in their lives, with an ongoing interest in martial arts for Dominic and Vendela, and an ongoing appetite for Korean, Thai, Japanese, and Vietnamese cuisine and culture. Jacquiline is planning a family trip to Osaka and Korea, too.

LOVE AND GRATITUDE

As she thinks about her career in real estate and the way that she uses her past experiences to help others, she feels deep gratitude.

"I've been fortunate that I fall in love with the people who come into my life. A great attribute in this business is falling in love with your clients," Jacquiline explains. "When you love your clients, you will move heaven and earth to serve them, because you will never want to let them down, and you won't hurt them. Those are things that they will feel. They know you're there and that you care. They know you are in their corner 100 percent."

Looking ahead, Jacquiline continues to set her sights on the future by visualizing the reality of her goals.

"I believe in the power of the written word. I write things down and then throw them up to God. At the end of the day, I'm going to come home and say, 'I'm so grateful. Can we do it again tomorrow?' I write a goal down, pray on it and move on with my life. It's the mindset ... be ... do ... then have."

Truly, Jacquiline Valentino makes dreams come true for those around her. She has the will to find the way ahead.



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> There are some people in this world who seem to be able to create success at every turn, no matter what they try.

A prime example of that gift in Wichita is Jeff Blubaugh.

As Broker/Owner of Jeff Blubaugh Real Estate, Jeff has contributed greatly to more than one industry while also making his local schools and community a better place as a true, all-around leader.

"Sometimes I feel like I've lived about 10 people's lives all at once," Jeff laughs.

Jeff's life is definitely a full one.

"I wanted to be a farmer when I was young, so I worked at Cessna, thinking I would be able to afford a farm on

the side," Jeff recalls. "When I was 18 years old, I bought 60 acres of land in Harper County. A year later, I followed that up by buying another 80 acres."

It wasn't long before a landfill was established in the middle of Jeff's land.

"I was heartbroken. I went on to college and thought I probably wouldn't come back," he says.

A Path of Growth and Involvement

After college, Jeff did come back to the Wichita area, where he worked at Cessna Aircraft in sales. I got my real estate license because I had a friend of mine who wanted to sell 80 acres of land that was adjacent to the Auburn Hills Golf Course," Jeff says. "I got my real estate license and I was hooked from the get-go."



... In time, Jeff started buying rental properties. At the same time, he had progressed in his career with Cessna, where he served as a Six Sigma Blackbelt.

> With changes in the economy, his job was eliminated and Jeff was asked to resume his sales career — this time, selling jet engines in Europe.

"That would have meant being on the road three weeks a month. I had just got married," Jeff says. "My wife said, 'Why don't you take advantage of your severance and see if you can build your real estate business?""

That's what he did. It wasn't long before the economic collapse of 2008 struck. Jeff adapted and specialized in short sales. At the same time, he bought additional rental properties.

With less travel and more dedicated time at home, Jeff felt the drive to dive in and become more involved in the community.

He coached his son's youth football team. He enjoyed the experience. It was special. Yet there was something that didn't seem to make sense to Jeff.

"The high school had this wonderful new field. Yet the youth football teams weren't allowed to play on it, because they were afraid these little kids were going to damage it," Jeff recalls.

Instead of just complaining, Jeff decided to get further involved. He became part of the school board. Soon, it was no longer an issue for little children to play organized games on the football field.

There were other examples of Jeff seeing an opportunity to make a difference. He even ran for the state legislature. While he lost by only 27 votes to the incumbent, his spirit of involvement had been moved. Soon, he was elected to the city council. During his second year as a member of that body, he was elected Vice Mayor, a role he would carry out for two terms. Today, he still serves on the Wichita City Council.



"When you understand real estate, you understand the history of the city, including the new and old development, along with the infrastructure," he says. "My big push has been urban in-fill. When we look at the area inside 235, there's an aging infrastructure. We have to keep our core areas vibrant."

Helping a Community Grow

In the meantime, Jeff makes things happen in many ways in the area, including in real estate.

"I feel like my background has blended well into everything I've gotten into," he says.

Today, Jeff has 10 agents, and broker all of the developments being built out by Miller Family Homes, including additions such as Southern Ride, Clear Creek, and Village Estates. In the process, Jeff and his team recorded over \$20 million in sales volume in 2020.



MY BIGGEST THING IN LIFE IS THAT I WANT TO SEE EVERYONE GROW. I WANT EVERYONE TO LIVE THE BEST LIFE THEY CAN.

When you talk with Jeff, it's clear that his passion lies in the achievements of others.

"I get more excited to see someone else succeed," Jeff explains. "I was raised relatively poor in a small town in Harper County. I didn't have a lot of opportunities and didn't really know anyone. So I try to provide those opportunities for other people. I try to foster and coach people as much as I can."

Fulfillment in Life

At the center of Jeff's world is family, including his wife, and their four children — 19-year-old son, Hayden; 11-year-old daughter, Avery; 9-year-old son, Sam; and 7-year-old daughter, Harper, who is named after Jeff's home county.

In his free time, Jeff likes to support his children in their activities. He also has a passion for deer hunting.

"One of my favorite parts of that is taking young kids on their first time hunting, or older people for their last time," he smiles.

In addition, Jeff and his family also maintain a strong connection to rural life. His children are in 4-H and show animals as he did.

As Jeff says, "I've always wanted them to have those same kinds of experiences and to be able to grow from the bottom up, rather than to come at life from an entitled level."

Jeff and his family have a cow herd that they maintain. They also renovated a 6,000 square foot barn that they have converted into a local venue for special events such as weddings.

In addition, Jeff is a member of the Wichita Wagonmasters organization that conducts RiverFest each year, along with many other positive charitable activities in the community.

"My biggest thing in life is that I want to see everyone grow," he emphasizes. "I want everyone to live the best life they can."



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That is the dynamic at work with Rob, Associate Broker and Shirley Pestinger, Sales Person, of Coldwell Banker Plaza Real Estate.

Rob and Shirley share a truly complementary relationship. Together, they meet the needs of those they work with. They have both worked successfully in service industries prior to their shared real estate career.

GAINING EXPERIENCE

"After getting my Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Education from Kansas State University, I was a teacher for 25 years, piloting the Gifted Program for Elementary Children in Derby. It was a career that I had really enjoyed," Shirley recalls. "As our kids were leaving for college, we felt it was time to work for ourselves."

Real estate was not the primary business path for Rob, either.

"After getting my Bachelor's Degree in accounting from Kansas State University, and my Graduate Degree from the Stonier School of Banking at the University of Delaware, I held positions as Vice President at Intrust Bank, Senior Vice President at Bank of America, and Executive Vice President at Commerce Bank managing the Kansas Trust Division. I had done business loans and commercial real estate lending and knew real estate was an area I would enjoy working at full-time. Eventually, we

reached a point where it worked for us to go out and take the leap."

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rals from satisfied clients."

Those who know and work with Rob and Shirley count on their consistent, straightforward approach.

"We go to work with a problem-solving spirit," Rob says. "As part of that, it's particularly important to us that everything we do is done with honesty and integrity.

"We are prompt to respond and sincere in communication with our clients," Shirley says. "We also hope that people enjoy the time we spend with them."

"It is a great dynamic that Rob and I share," Shirley says. "We bounce ideas off of each other daily and we rely on each other's opinions and suggestions."

The Pestingers have obtained the Master's Circle level every year they have been in real estate sales, being in the Top Ten Producers category eight years at Coldwell Banker Plaza Real Estate, and Rob a 3 times Top Commercial Producer. They have sold over \$150 million over the years.

In 2004, Rob and Shirley made the move and went full-time into

Along the way, Rob and Shirley have steadily grown their business with a solid focus on relationships.

"Our business is relationship-based," Rob points out. "It is extremely rewarding selling residential and commercial properties to repeat clients and acquiring additional refer-

OTHER ACTIVITIES

In their leisure time, they both enjoy traveling and experiencing other regional cultures through the arts, food, and wine offerings of the various locales, and touring historic sites. Rob seeks out galleries housing Western and Southwestern Fine Art, while Shirley enjoys her hobby of scrapbooking their trips and photographing and documenting events and special moments for their family. Visits and trips with family in Illinois, Oklahoma, and Texas are always highlights, too!

Their daughter, Lindsay, holds a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Kansas, a Master's Degree from Wichita State University, and currently teaches at Wichita Collegiate. She is married to Brandon Paulseen. They have blessed Rob and Shirley with their fun-loving, bundle of energy, 6-year-old grandson! Their son, Cameron, has two Bachelor's Degrees from the University of Kansas, and a Law Degree from the University of Wyoming. He is an attorney in Chicago. The trips to Chicago are something Rob and Shirley relish!

Rob currently is on the Advisory Board of Union State Bank, has served as past chairman of the American **Diabetes Association Annual** Fundraiser, and is a past board member of Music Theater of Wichita. In addition, they manage their personal real estate investment properties.

Rob and Shirley both LOVE to attend and follow Kansas State University football. GO CATS!

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CREATING BEAUTIFUL ART THROUGH THE POWER OF PICTURES

> partner appreciation Written by Ashley Streight

When she first picked up a camera just three years ago, it wasn't about simply "taking photos."

For Jennifer Ruggles, her photography business was more than that. Much more. What Jen seeks to capture with her skills is an indescribable feeling for her clients. A feeling that leaves them in awe when they see the final product she delivers after a shoot with them.

Her inspiration for photography came from this exact same feeling she had after her best friend, Kimberly, did a shoot for her several years ago. It was that feeling that led her to this career. Like many of us, we don't always feel beautiful and we most certainly don't always feel "camera-ready." We let self-doubt creep in and feel as though our imperfections shouldn't be seen. Jen says, "Everyone should be able to look at themselves in their photos and see the beauty in who they are." Her photos are aimed at providing clients with an entirely new perspective of themselves and everyday life.

"Pictures are revelations of time standing still and eternity all in one. I desire to save people time by showing them beautiful moments which tell their forever story. The layers on the other side of the lens are what is seen, felt, spoken and remembered." Humans are naturally emotional and through photography, our feelings and some of our best moments in life can be caught on camera.

Photos are meant to evoke emotion, a genuine feeling that connects a person to it. It's this feeling that keeps Jen moving forward with her career and expanding her business. Jen is happily married and has four children, all of who are a large part of her journey and capturing the beauty of life on a dayto-day basis. From professional headshots to family



photos, branding shoots, lifestyle photos and so much more, Jen does it all. If you're looking for a truly creative mastermind when it comes to photography, she will not disappoint.

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If you would like to learn more about Jen or book a shoot with her, you can visit her website (www.jenniferrugglesphotography.com), reach her via phone at: (615) 415-3029 or email her at: jen@jenniferrugglesphotography.com



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Those who must deal with the hospitalization of a sick child naturally focus their energy on their child's needs — sometimes to the point where they forget about their own.

For a family with a sick child, there are endless hours of comforting their children, watching health monitors in the room, listening to nurses for updates, and waiting for the next round by the doctors. In the meantime, there are plenty of tears, prayers, fears, and hopes.

In that stressful swirl, it's not unusual for parents to lose track of time.

That's where the Ronald McDonald House comes in. All across America, Ronald McDonald House Charities gives the fa milies of sick children a vital, on-site respite — a place where they can get some rest, nutrition and a hot shower during one of life's most stressful times.

REAL ESTATE THAT FEELS RIGHT

ReeceNichols agents across the region are taking steps to extend this special level of care through the Gold Key Project.

Mike Frazier is President and CEO of ReeceNichols.

"If your kid is sick, you want to focus just on them and make sure they get better very soon. We want to give back in ways that truly help people in the communities where we live," Mike emphasizes.

"With each transaction that closes, our agents are contributing \$100 to their local Ronald McDonald House. That's the equivalent of a one-night stay at a Ronald McDonald House. Our goal with this is to raise \$100,000, or enough to cover 1,000 nights."

Mike is proud of the way agents to share the benefits of the program ... and the way clients are responding.

"The benefits we're seeing are amazing. When they talk with clients, our agents explain upfront that their house could be a Gold Key property home. We even see clients searching out Gold Key agents. Plus, we have others who have stepped forward and also want to donate to the cause," Mike smiles. "It's amazing how many people Ronald McDonald House touches. We never thought others would step forward and also want to donate."

AN IDEA GROWS WITH PASSION

The idea started out as a pilot program in March 2020, with 38 agents in the Kansas City market who pledged to give \$100 from every transaction to Ronald McDonald House Charities of Kansas City.

"It was a huge success, and we exceeded our original goal by more than 500 percent," Mike points out.

"At that point, we decided to roll this program out as a full, company-wide endeavor. It launched on April 19 and runs through Halloween. So now, 273 agents are taking part in every market we serve, including in Wichita, Kansas City, Springfield and Joplin."

One of those who enthusiastically supports the effort is Cindy Carnahan, President of the Carnahan Group at Reece



Nichols and a Partner with Reece Nichols South Central Kansas.

"It's a wonderful way to give back to the community. What better way for the 103 ReeceNichols agents in Wichita to band together," Cindy says. "The feedback has been very positive from agents wanting to participate. Ronald McDonald House has a wonderful reputation here."

Cindy has played an important role through time in supporting the efforts of Ronald McDonald House. In fact, she was on the committee to build parks next to the Ronald McDonald House and provide advice and counsel to the organization.

"There's a park there that was donated by Junior League of Wichita to commemorate their anniversary. When the Ronald McDonald House finished their fundraiser, they had enough money to do two houses," Cindy says. "We were one of the first cities in the nation to have two Ronald McDonald Houses at the time. It's near and dear to me because I've been a volunteer on many boards through the years."

Cindy sees a direct, natural connection between real estate and the efforts to support Ronald McDonald House.

"It fits so beautifully. We're helping families find homes to raise their families. Ronald McDonald House is providing opportunities for families who have sick children and need care to stay one night or many nights. This is so important. It is a very emotional and stressful time, and really help people who may not have been able to stay close to the hospital otherwise," she says. "It's the perfect place for homebuyers to get involved and know that we will give \$100 on each deal. Together, we should be able to make quite an impact. What an easy way to give back. There's nothing better."

GIVING BACK. HELPING OTHERS MOVE FORWARD.

Truly, this is an example of Real Estate that Feels Right.

"Ronald McDonald House is such an outstanding group. We've met so many great people who are dedicating their lives to this philanthropy. It's a project that feels right. As we move forward, there will undoubtedly be more requests to be part of the program," Mike says.

"We will continue working to help. Hopefully, it will grow over time. There is definitely a need and a want by our agents to participate in a program like this. This is definitely a feel-good thing. I can't wait to see it grow and see what else happens in the future."



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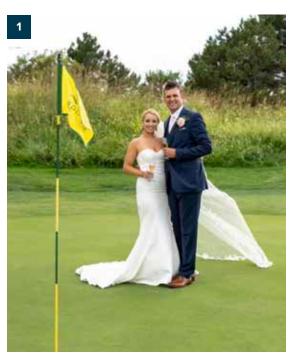


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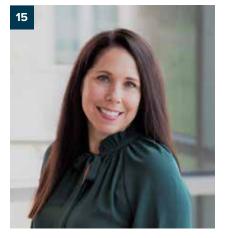
























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Now that summer is in full swing in Wichita, we find ourselves spending most of our leisure time in the great outdoors - living out on our decks and enjoying the views of beautiful, green grass adorning our lawns. To help preserve your outdoor oasis, local experts Tony and Adrian Hunt with ICT Irrigation and Deck Doctors KS have taken the time to share with us their tips and tricks of the trade to keep the beauty of your outdoor space preserved all summer long!

What kind of maintenance is required on an irrigation system?

If you are on city water, you must have a backflow test performed by a licensed backflow tester every year. Every 5 years, your Pressure Vacuum Breaker (PVB) needs rebuilt per city code. We are licensed to perform both.

Do I have to winterize my irrigation system?

In the fall, your irrigation system should be winterized, whether you are on city or well water, to protect the pipes and heads from freezing. It is extremely important to winterize your system if you are on city water, as your PVB is above ground and can freeze and break. Winterizations usually run \$50-\$70 and we recommend everyone have it done as it could save you from a huge expense when you turn the system back on in the spring.

Is it possible to add or remove a zone to my irrigation system?

YES! Adding a zone to your irrigation system is possible. We will trench in new lines to connect to the main line, set heads where they need to be for efficient watering, and reprogram your clock to cycle through the new zone. Removing a zone requires digging up heads in that zone, capping them and deactivating the valve that runs the zone.

Any tips for landscaping or hardscaping?

Before you do any hardscaping or concrete work, call us to come mark or move heads from the area. We will come back after the work is done to add and adjust heads as needed. We can work with your landscaper on projects and determine if we need to add heads, drip line, or soaker hose to accommodate the work being done.



What are my options for decking material, and benefits of each? Treated lumber is the least expensive option which is why people choose it. Cedar is the most common deck material. People choose cedar decking because it looks nicer, lasts longer, and can withstand the weather better than treated. People who choose to use composite decking do so because it is low maintenance. Composite decking can last 10-15 years before you even need to power wash it.

How often do I need to restain my deck?

Depends on what kind of stain you use. Transparent stain needs to be reapplied every 2-3 years. Semitransparent stain is good for 3-5 years. Solid stains last 4-5 years. If your deck is in direct sunlight for extended amounts of time each day, that will drastically shorten the life of the stain.

Should I replace my deck?

Maybe. Our chemical treatments and power washing methods can revive an old deck that you may think needs replaced. We also have some specialty stains that we use on those end-of-life decks to buy an extra few years.

Should I paint my deck?

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