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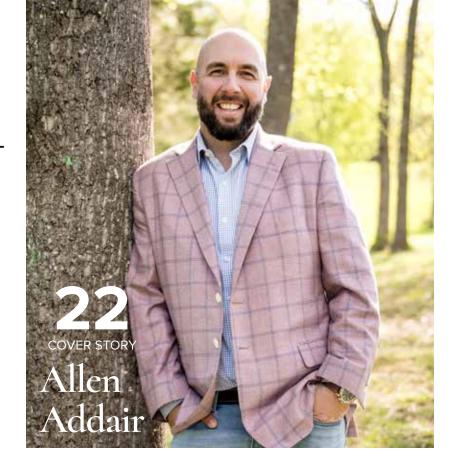
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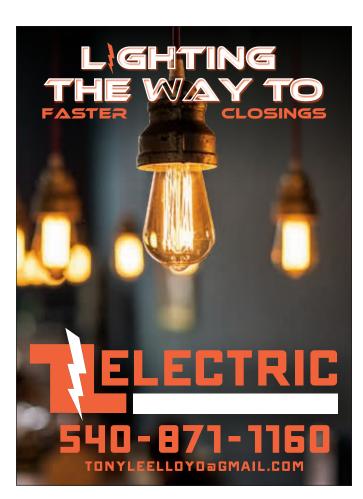
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Hello, Real Producers!

Summer means longer days, warmer nights, and a renewed energy that's impossible to ignore. The solstice marks the longest day of the year (June 20), and for real estate professionals, every hour counts for open houses, packed schedules, and clients eager to make moves before fall. Business is buzzing, which is a beautiful thing.

Amid the momentum, we hope you find time to soak in all the sunny moments. Whether a quiet morning coffee on the porch, a walk through your favorite neighborhood, or an impromptu evening with



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Save the Date!

Mark your calendars for our next event on Thursday, September 18, 2025, at Bernard's Landing Pavilion at Smith Mountain Lake. Details to follow, friends, these small moments can be as meaningful as a closed deal. June also brings a chance to celebrate the people who've shaped us. Father's Day reminds us to honor the dads, grandfathers, and mentors who've supported us through life's big chapters.

We continue to be grateful for our preferred partners, whose support makes this publication possible. Please add them to your consideration set while working to serve your clients.

Here's to a successful summer—to full calendars, new beginnings, and finding joy in the season, both on and off the clock.

Be Blessed.

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Premier Title of VA

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n the fast-paced world of real estate, where every transaction is a moving puzzle and timing is everything, one person is quietly making the chaos seamless: Matt Biederman, Office Manager and Virginia Certified Settlement Agent at Premier Title of VA. With six years of experience in the title industry and a background in real estate, he's become a steady, problem-solving presence for agents and clients alike.

Before managing closings with clockwork precision, Matt worked in the records room of Montgomery County Circuit Court—where his familiarity with deeds and plats began and he built a foundation for his future in title. His journey includes spending time with real estate attorneys and other title companies, but something personal guided him professionally.

As a single father with full custody of his now 17-yearold son, the unpredictable, 24/7 nature of real estate sales didn't fit the life he wanted to create for his family. "I needed something that gave me structure and flexibility," he says. A real estate attorney, Marshall Frank, encouraged him to consider the title industry. That advice changed everything.

Now, as a Virginia Certified Settlement Agent—a designation that requires intensive training and passing a rigorous course-Matt brings a level of professionalism and precision few others hold. He wears the badge with pride, not just for the credential itself, but also for what it allows him to do: serve clients better. understand the process more deeply, and problemsolve more effectively.

What sets Premier Title of VA apart isn't just its service menu (which includes online and remote closings with flexible scheduling) but its adaptability and genuine care. "We schedule the closing and order the title search on Day 1 of the contract," Matt shares. "Everyone—buyers, sellers, lenders, and agents—knows the timeline early to keep things moving smoothly."

Need a closing at a client's home? No problem. A remote online notarization while someone's out of town? Consider it done. Premier Title even works with attorneys in states like North Carolina and West Virginia, where an attorney must be involved in closings. Premier Title does everything to get the transaction done—and done right.

The team truly shines in communication. "The title company is an extension of the REALTORS® reputation," Matt emphasizes. "If we fumble the ball, it reflects on them." He prioritizes keeping agents in the loop, especially if problems pop up. "No surprises" is more than a motto; it's a way of doing business.

REALTORS® who work with Premier Title of VA quickly learn they're not just hiring a service but gaining a partner. Matt is available for overnighting, ACH or wired commission payments at no charge, or answering a client's panicked phone call late in the evening. He even helps with unrelated issues simply because a client needs support. "Our job is to make closing painless," he states. "We're happy to go the extra mile, and we're always here to answer questions. That level of care goes a long way."

Though born in Michigan and raised in Massachusetts, Matt's journey has taken him across the United States—from Colorado to Texas to Pennsylvania. But he has called Montgomery County, VA, home since 2000. He values the friendly people, the four seasons, and a lifestyle that supports his career and



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Matt is also a former tennis coach, having spent years playing and mentoring. That steady, strategic mindset he brought to the court now guides his approach to managing title operations. REALTORS® can focus on what they do best: helping clients buy and sell homes while Premier Title leverages precision, professionalism, and genuine care. "We're not here to just get a signature," Matt emphasizes. "We're here to make the experience better, smoother, and less stressful—for everyone."

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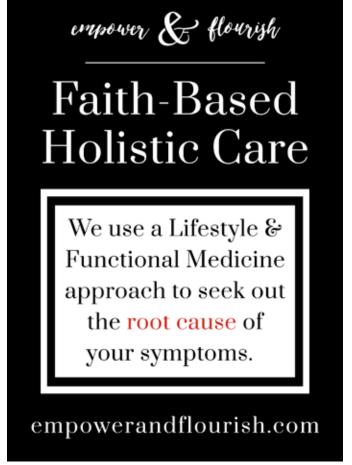




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ruce Morris didn't take a conventional path into real estate. Early in his career, he was far more likely to be in a poultry barn than at a property showing.

Raised in rural Amelia County, VA, Bruce studied animal science at Virginia Tech, earning both a bachelor's and a master's degree. He went on to teach courses and lead poultry workshops across the state. But real estate was quietly taking root in the background. "I started buying rental homes and fixing them up," Bruce shares. "At some point, I realized I could serve people better—and manage my investments more efficiently—if I had my license."

That simple motivation quickly blossomed into a second act of purposedriven work. Bruce expanded into real estate in 2020 after building his own construction company. He recently joined United Country Real Estate, drawn to the brokerage's unique emphasis on auctions and the shared values he found in Owner and Principal Broker Matt Gallimore.

For Matt, real estate runs in the blood. His father opened United Country in 1980, and Matt took over the reins about seven years ago. After spending time in the banking industry, he returned to the family business and its deep local connections. Today, United Country Real Estate is known for handling traditional sales and auctions—a balance that sets them apart in the industry. With three office locations and roughly 40 agents, the company continues to grow, always



seeking professionals who align with its values and culture.

"There are really only two reasons to auction a property," Matt explains. "One is if it's a liquidation or distressed sale. The other is when it's a high-demand asset—a piece of land, a unique home—where we can generate competitive energy." Matt has turned that philosophy into results: He was recently ranked No. 1 nationwide for auction volume within the United Country franchise.

But the process is far from a one-person show. Bruce and Matt have built a strong working relationship, with Bruce focusing on traditional residential sales and Matt leading the auction side. Their collaboration has grown organically, based on mutual respect and a shared commitment to serving clients at a deeper level.

United Country's auction process is strategic and comprehensive—not just a last resort for foreclosures.

Their marketing efforts—including digital platforms, targeted mailings, and media ads—ensure maximum visibility for every property. Bruce and Matt also educate clients, ensuring they understand that auction buyers can often use traditional financing options. It's an





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innovative, flexible system that's opened new doors for clients and agents.

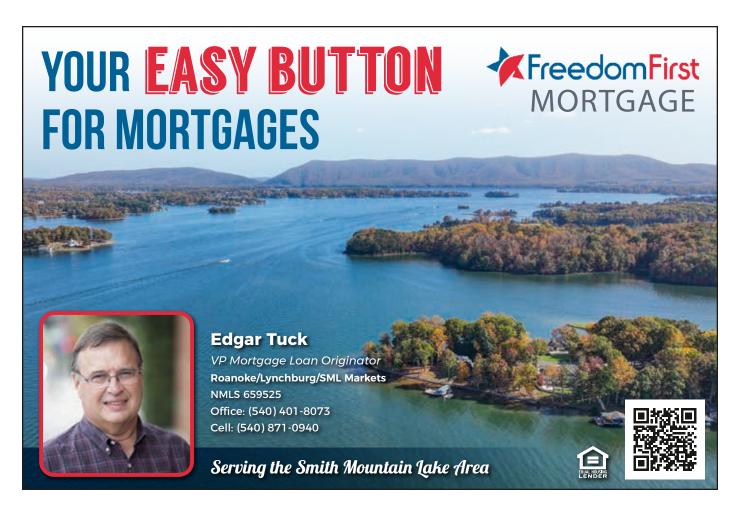
Outside the office, Bruce's business overlaps with a personal mission. A father of three daughters, he has involved them directly in entrepreneurship. Together, they own a laundromat and a 24-hour car wash in town. "We treat the laundromat as a kind of mission field," he explains. "After the floods, we opened our doors to wash clothes for free. During COVID, we did pickup and delivery laundry to help folks who were struggling. It's about being there for people when they need you."

That same spirit carries into his real estate work. Bruce is passionate about helping investors, educating buyers, and building relationships that last longer than a single transaction. "The work isn't about chasing a paycheck," he says. "It's about showing up with value—helping people find opportunity, solve problems, and make wise decisions."

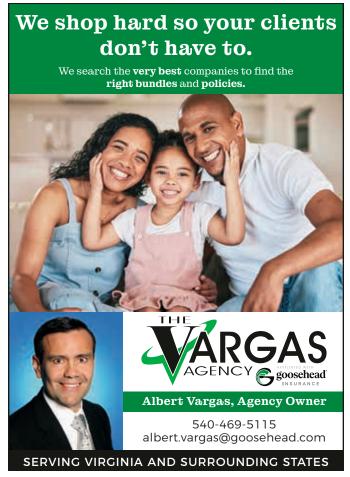
When he's not working, Bruce is usually outdoors—hiking, hunting, or just enjoying the quiet. Meanwhile, Matt finds his escape on the golf course or relaxing with his wife and dogs at their place on Little River. He jokes that real estate usually keeps him busy, but he enjoys watching football with friends when he can.

The balance of grit, tradition, and personal grounding makes Bruce and Matt's partnership effective. They've built a dynamic that respects their strengths and shared values. In an industry often focused on the next lead, they play the long game—cultivating trust, embracing innovation, and passing on what they've learned.

"Real estate is one of the few careers where you can succeed by genuinely serving others," Bruce says. "If you keep showing up with value, the business will follow."











Although Allen earned his license in 2007, he didn't fully commit to real estate until years later. That entrepreneurial itch—the drive to build something of his own—eventually pushed him to take the leap. Still, the transition wasn't smooth. "There's this idea that real estate is easy money," he says. "People jump in thinking it's all commission checks and flexible schedules. But the truth is, you have to treat it like a real business—and you have to invest in it like one."

What ultimately helped him break through wasn't a secret lead source or flashy marketing but a mindset shift. "I used to think real estate was just transactional," he admits. "Show a house, sell a house, move on. But once I realized it's about relationships, my business started to grow." Today, he's quick to say, "I don't have clients—I just have friends who use me for business." That philosophy has fueled a thriving business Allen has built on trust, word of

Allen is the kind of agent who shows up in jeans, boots, and a hoodie—more interested in being approachable than polished. "I'm not the suit-and-tie guy," he laughs. "I'm just a regular guy who loves helping people build wealth through real estate."

His upbringing—bouncing between different schools in his region—was an unexpected advantage. He built a vast web of connections early on and has leaned into that local familiarity ever since. Whether through coaching, attending local events, or partaking in hobbies like golf and hunting, he finds organic ways to connect with people outside the business world. "Hobbies aren't just downtime," he explains. "They're opportunities to build real relationships." Those relationships, combined with his client-first approach, have been powerful drivers of his success—and in the past five years, that success has accelerated.

estate practice like the serious enterprise it is. That discipline comes from his mentors who drilled one lesson into him early: "You can't make money unless you save money. And you can't save money unless you make your money make money." That philosophy drives his broader investment strategy, too.

In addition to helping clients buy and sell, Allen is active in new construction, development, and rehabs—and is steadily moving into multi-family investing. He's also begun purchasing and developing land, adding another layer to his approach as a real estate agent and investor. "If I find a good deal," he shares, "I'm probably going to buy it."

Allen is passionate about educating clients—not just about selling homes but teaching them how to build equity and long-term wealth. Whether helping a client leverage a new construction loan or evaluate potential rehab value, he wants people to walk away with more than a house; he wants them to walk away with a strategy. "This isn't a transaction," he asserts. "This is a connection. And when you treat people that way, they remember you—not just for the house, but for how you made them feel confident and took care of them."

Allen offers advice for those newer to the business that runs counter to the commission-chasing mindset: Don't worry about the money—it'll come," he advises. "Just focus on the connection and

ensuring you care for your client." He sees too many agents get distracted by short-term gains. Instead, he urges them to think long-term: build genuine relationships, treat your work like a business, and reinvest in your clients and yourself. "It's not always easy," he states. "But if you keep showing up, being genuine, and learning, you'll grow something real."

Allen doesn't measure success in deals closed or dollars earned. He measures it in time. "Success for me is freedom of time," he reveals. "Time with my boys, time on the golf course, time doing what I love." He's the proud dad of twin boys, Nolan and Colton, and when he's not working, you'll find him outdoors hunting, golfing, or spending time with Timber, his German Shorthaired Pointer.

Even as Allen finds that freedom, he never forgets the grind that got him there. "You can't ever be complacent," he asserts. "You've got to keep building, keep reinvesting, and keep focusing on helping people. That's what keeps this business meaningful."

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Blue Ridge Real Producers celebrated the vibrant community of top-producing REALTORS® and preferred business partners at our Spring Luncheon in May. The barbecue at the Salem Civic Center was delicious, and we thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to gather. In such a fast-paced industry, connecting in person is a true joy.

We thank our sponsors and business partners for their support—and for providing the excellent meal and the opportunity to gather, elevate, and inspire one another in our local real estate community. Strong relationships keep transactions moving smoothly and nourish our spirits in a world where human connection is increasingly rare.

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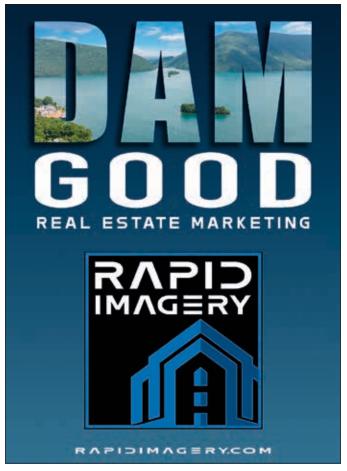
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