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DEAR COLLINGSWOOD NEIGHBORS,

As we welcome May with open arms, it's wonderful to witness C-Wood come alive again with a buzz around town. People are out exercising, dining, gardening, and lingering a little longer outside!

It's with great excitement for our community that the month of May is when the kick off begins for the Collingswood Farmers Market. The farmers market has been a great source of joy for our town and is a wonderful way to support our local vendors.

I hope to see you there on Saturday mornings!

Additionally, the month of May is a time to reflect with gratitude on those who have served this great country. As we spend time barbecuing with friends and family for MDW, let us also spend time remembering those who lost their lives in the ultimate sacrifice for our nation.

Last but not least, May is also the month we pay homage to our mothers, the women to whom we owe it all. Being a mother is the most paramount role in my world and I hope each and every mom is celebrated - I think we can all agree the mothers in our life are true superheros. I want to give thanks to my mom who has inspired me to live life with an open heart and a curious mind, for whom *Collingswood Living* would have not existed had it not been for her encouragement.

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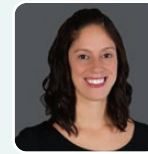
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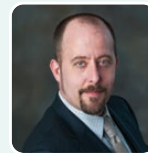
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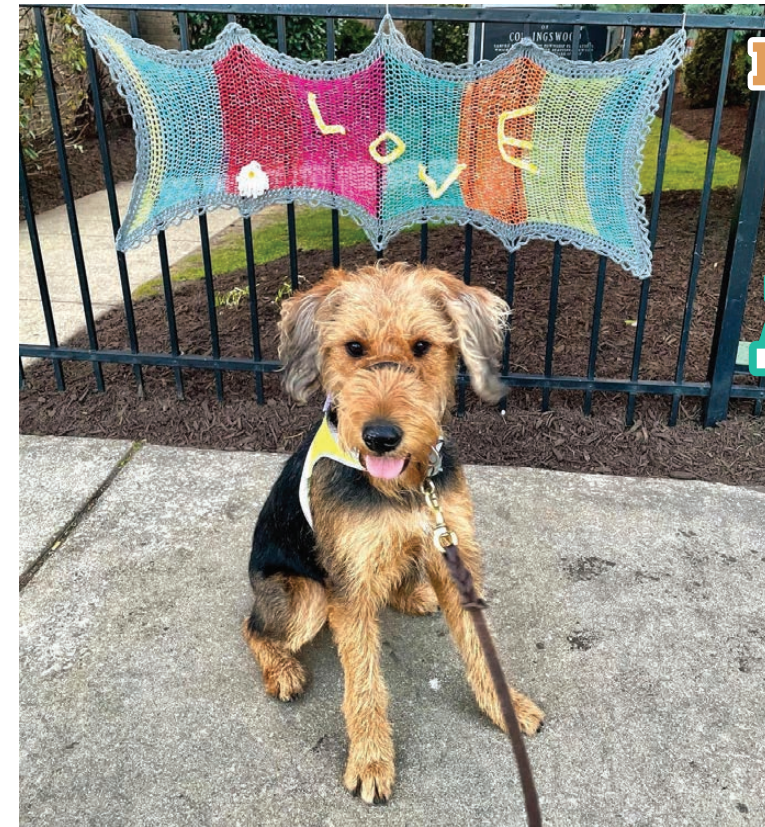
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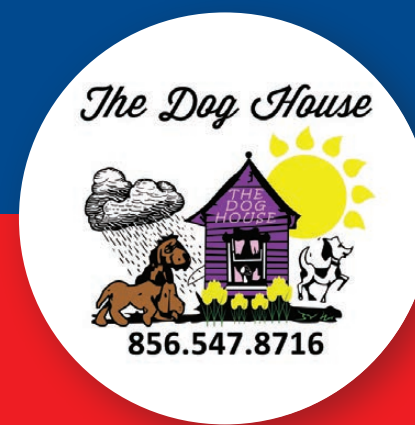
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By KRISTEN JORGENSEN

HI, MY NAME IS RUBI!
I'm a 1-year-old Airedale terrier rescue thanks to Airedale Rescue and Adoption of Delaware Valley. I like long walks around Collingswood a few times a day. Favorite hobbies include finding my "stick of the day," playing with my friends @phillyunleashed, and long naps in the car. I like to go to the beach and play in the sand, and found my new love for snow this winter. ■

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Meet the Bosaks:

Authors of Their Own Story

By KRISTEN JORGENSEN | Photos by MATT ZUGALE

— We would like to thank Liberty Lake Day Camp for bringing you this month's cover story —

AS A WRITER FOR *Collingswood Living* magazine, it is always a privilege to spend time chatting with the families that grace the front cover of our magazine. I get a small glimpse into their daily lives, the journey that led them into Collingswood and to hear the stories they are writing for themselves. Each featured family I have interviewed has walked me through their journey with great enthusiasm and the Bosak family was no different. But truth be told, I have not come across a family with more of a realization of the way they want to write their book of life.

When speaking with Dan and Maggie Bosak, it quickly became apparent that these two souls are full of life and personality. Maggie immediately dives in and starts up the conversation, she is lively and personable and gives you a sense of ease that maybe you have been friends for years. Dan mirrors the same vivacious nature, and you can

quickly tell that these two are quite the complementary pair. Parents to their 4-year-old daughter Sofia, Maggie and Dan moved to Collingswood from city life, right over the bridge in downtown Philadelphia. The two purchased their recent home nestled across the way from Knight Park in October 2019. Though they purchased the home in 2019, it was not until August of 2020 when they were finally able to inhabit the home. "We loved the house because of where it was located and being a single floor style home was a big deal. Living in a rancher was an absolute must for me, since coming from 'vertical living' in the city," Maggie tells me. According to the Bosak's, the house needed major renovations including mold remediation before they could officially make the move. Due to the location of the home, they also had to obtain approvals from the Historical Society prior to starting the renovation process. Just as they finally received the clear to proceed with

renovations, the COVID crisis arrived and crippled any real improvement projects for another few months. "It was crazy and super frustrating, everything just kept getting pushed back. But there wasn't anything we could do." Eventually, Dan and Maggie were able to make some headway and finally created the dream home they had envisioned, and it was everything they ever wanted. "The location is just awesome. We are nestled right in between Knight Park and Newton Pond. It is simply perfect. Our daughter loves going to Knight Park, it's so great that she has so much room to run and play." Maggie laughs and mentions that their 14-year-old rescue dog also got acclimated to suburban living in a rancher quickly as well.

Both Dan and Maggie are New Jersey natives, with Maggie growing up in Mount Laurel and graduating from Lenape High School. Dan grew up in Bellmawr, (yes, the local Bellmawr) and graduated from Triton High School. They both attended Rowan University for engineering, Dan for chemical engineering and Maggie was enrolled for electrical engineering. Maggie, a freshman at the time, was introduced to Dan by her freshman orientation leader, who just so happened to be Dan's sister, Tammy. Maggie recalls, "Once I told Tammy I was enrolled in the engineering school, she said, 'You should meet my brother, he's as crazy as you are.'" Dan's sister could not have been more right, because the couple dated throughout college, even with a 2 year long distance relationship while they both pursued graduate schools with Maggie in Georgia and Dan in Texas, and eventually married in 2005.

The couple had purchased their first home in Collingswood on Washington Ave. where they lived from



2010-2014 deciding to eventually rent out their home and move to Philadelphia. It was here where Maggie and Dan would live for a few years. "City life is great. It is diverse and high energy, but we realized we wanted to break the cycle and write a new chapter for ourselves and Sofia. It's never too late to change lanes." So, with that epiphany, Maggie decided to leave her corporate career to pursue her dream job and they

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headed back to the suburbs. “The city is great, but there were a lot of reasons to put down roots and come back to suburban life. When Dan and I decided to leave Philadelphia, there was literally no other town I would even consider moving to, it had to be Collingswood. The vibe here is just so unique and it fits our family. We wanted things to feel lively, with diversity and character, like living in the city, but with the balance of space and open air. Collingswood is THE perfect place.” In addition to the charisma that Collingswood offers, the Bosaks enjoy the convenience of being able to go into the city with ease.

Both Dan and Maggie are living their lives with purpose and full of passion, creating the story they want to be proud of along the way. Maggie, who is now a Chief Technical Officer

for a local medical device start-up is thrilled with her career leap. “People get stuck in this vicious cycle of working a job they no longer love, just because they created a lifestyle that traps them in it. I didn’t want that to be me, so I made the jump.” Dan, who is in real estate with his company Inspired Properties, buys old, rundown homes that no one wants and restores them, to be rented out to other families. Maggie loves working with Dan on the home renovations and according to people that have seen their final projects, agree that Maggie has a great eye and attention to detail. “I love what Dan does, especially the design side of it. My absolute favorite part is the architectural design element. I love walking into a home and helping to optimize the space. Moving walls, changing layouts, that process is so amazing to me. I am always getting the itch to work on a new project. It’s a total passion for us.”

I asked the Bosaks what some of their favorite local activities were and like any good Collingswood resident, they proudly declared themselves foodies. “The food scene here is excellent! Unfortunately, we moved back to town during COVID, so we have not been able to eat out as often as we would like, it has been limiting. We do love Saporì, Osaka and il Fiore. But if we had to choose one favorite spot, it would be the hidden gem, Zena’s.” Maggie ecstatically jumped in and confirmed Dan’s nomination. “Oh my gosh, yes! Zena’s has this whole Mediterranean menu, and it is amazing! I feel like people don’t know about it and they really should... it is so good!” In addition to appreciating the local food scene, the Bosaks love spending time outdoors. Dan is an active and avid bike rider around South Jersey, including around Knight Park and of course laps around Cooper River. I asked Maggie if she rides as well, and she informed me that they have recently purchased a Peloton and she’s working to build up her endurance so she can keep up with Dan, as he is “really that good at cycling.”

Ending our conversation, it is evident that Dan and Maggie are thrilled with how life is going for them here in town. They rave about what great neighbors they have, and how wonderful it is for Sofia to grow up with the neighborhood children. “We knew we had ‘our people’ as soon as we moved in, our neighborhood is fantastic, and it was evident right away that we were making lifelong friends.” Listening to the Bosaks’ story should confirm any doubts that it is always the right decision to follow one’s heart. To wake up every day and embrace change, decide to write your story with passion and purpose, and to be the author of your own life story. ■



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CHOOSING A CAMP:

Making The Right Choice To Ensure A Super Summer For Your Child

AFTER WHAT WILL SOON be SIXTEEN MONTHS of compromised socialization, our kids need Summer Camp more than ever before – and the enrollment at local camps is reflecting that! Below are some guidelines to help make the big decision about sending your kids to camp this summer:

ASK ABOUT ACCREDITATION. American Camp Association gives the “stamp of approval” for high-quality supervision, program and facility. The accreditation program is educating camp operators in the administration of key aspects of camp, including Covid-safety guidelines, program quality, and the health and safety of campers and

staffs. You can find accredited camps by zip code on-line at ACAcamps.org

TAKE ME THROUGH A CAMP DAY. Does the camp provide a variety of activities to fit the needs or interests of every child, or are they more restrictive? Do campers get to choose electives or is there a set schedule they must follow? What is the facility like? What about field trips, special events, and swim instruction? And the #1 question of 2021: What are they doing to mitigate the spread of covid-19?

IS IT ALL FUN & GAMES? Camp is all about having fun, but does camp provide more than just babysitting? What is their philosophy? Does the camp incorporate youth development into their programming? Do they promote social skills, teamwork, positive self-esteem, friendships? Camp is a significant financial investment, and you want to make sure that investment gives you long-lasting results. Otherwise, go to Six Flags!

FIND OUT WHO'S IN CHARGE. Who is directly interacting with your child? The best camps have teachers and

college students running their programs with high schoolers ASSISTING. Ask about the average age of counselors and who you all when you need to talk to someone. You want to feel comfortable and confident that your child is not only happy, but well cared for.

STOP BY FOR A VISIT. You should never choose a camp based solely on their website or fancy brochure. Meet the directors in person, for it is their personality and philosophy that trickles down to the rest of the camp. Walk around the camp and take a look at the facility. If your tour invokes excitement and happiness for your child, you know you have made the right choice.

CALCULATE THE COSTS. There are camps for every budget, but just like anything- you usually get what you pay for. Find out about discounts and the refund policy, and make sure you know ALL the costs before you sign on the dotted line, including lunch, transportation, trip fees, and extended care.

NEVER SETTLE. You are spending your hard-earned money to give your child a super summer; don't hesitate to inquire about concerns regarding bus transportation, dietary restrictions, allergies, or special needs. Remember that without campers, there is no camp, so a quality camp will do its best to cater to your needs. Camp is a big decision for your family on a financial and emotional level, so take your time, do your homework, and trust your instincts! ■

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SOCIAL MEDIA AND YOUR LEGAL MATTER

By JEFFREY ALAN KERSTETTER, Esq.

"SHUT DOWN YOUR FACEBOOK ACCOUNT. Immediately. And lay off the Twitter." It's one of the first recommendations every competent family law attorney imparts to their newly signed client. And with good reason. There will be plenty of time later to explain to your friends, your family, your coworkers and associates—if you choose to do so at all once your legal matter concludes—the whys and the wherefores of your alimony-custody-child support-divorce matter, whichever the case may be. But giving the entire World the day-by-day, minute-by-minute account of your legal matter, blowing off steam and venting on Facebook, is not going to do you any favors in public, in private, or in court. There will be time later to address how you wish to share the details of what is probably one of the most difficult times of your life with the rest of the World, if you choose by that time to share those details at all.

We're all—well, most of us, anyway—creatures of social media these days. We tell everyone where we were, where we are, and where we're going. It becomes second nature to us. And let's face it... we frequently share way too much information with the masses of the internet. We Instagram a pic of our recently ordered burger right after we "check in" at the restaurant on Facebook and right before we Yelp a review of the feast and tweet our plans for dessert. It's all in good fun and it's all completely harmless, we assume. And mostly it is. But not always. Sometimes the things we put on social media can come back to haunt us in very serious ways, both in life and in our legal affairs. There are two major problems with social media when it comes to your legal affairs. The first problem is that once you post something, it never goes away. Never. The second problem is that we rarely, because of our habit of posting our every thought and deed, take the time to fully consider the full and potential implications of what we

are choosing to share with the World.

Ask a family law attorney and they will, without fail, share with you the horror stories social media has brought to their door. The inappropriate picture with friends that cost a client time with his children, the tweet sent at 2:00 a.m. accompanied by a location tag that disclosed a parent violating a court order, the completely understandable venting on Facebook that looked so very, very inappropriate to a judge and cost someone their alimony. That geotagged tweet your ex posted while he or she was at a bar watching the game instead of picking up your children from baseball practice? Yep, that's going to be presented in court when your custody motion is heard. That Facebook post where your ex vented and made vague threats about "how bad things were going to get" for you if the divorce did not wrap up soon? Again, that is not going to play well for him or her in court. And yes, these things happen. Every day. And yes, attorneys use these things in court to benefit their clients. Every day.

The long and short of this is that we all share a lot of information on social media platforms. And once that information is out there, for better or for worse, you can't pull it back no matter how hard you try. Your attorney can't do anything about what you posted in the past, because advising you to delete things which have already been posted would be counseling you to improperly destroy potentially relevant evidence. That would be unethical. But a good family law attorney will always counsel you to take it easy on the social media until your legal matter has been concluded. One thing your lawyer never, ever likes to receive from opposing counsel is a surprise discovery packet from our friends at Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter. So for the duration of your legal matter, do yourself and your counsel and your future a favor... and tweet all about it later. ■



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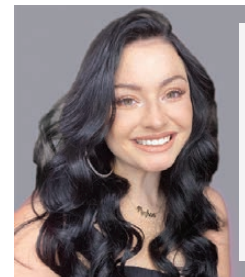
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Trending Prom Fashion: 2021

Submitted by KRISTEN JORGENSEN

WITH SO MUCH DISAPPOINTMENT surrounding prom season last year, we know this year's seniors are more excited than ever to get shopping! Collingswood is already a buzz with students ready to put that 'sparkle' back into their lives, as well as on their dresses!

Collingswood Living is just as excited to see the spring fashion for prom '21 and we wanted the inside scoop on what the trending fashions of this year will be for prom goers. So of course, we headed to 'Prom Headquarters' in town, Marlene's Dress shop. The always friendly staff at Marlene's showed us a few of the most popular choices they have seen so far. We even ran into one local senior, Angelina who was accompanied by her mom, trying to narrow down her selection to that one special dress!

So, without further ado, here are



some of our picks for the Top 2021 prom dress trends:

Illusion gowns and dresses are one of this year's most popular looks. These designs let you show off a hint of skin while maintaining a super glamorous and sophisticated style. Add a high slit for an ultra-daring aesthetic.

You may want to go with a with a little "sparkle and shine" this prom season with a bright, glittery dress. This chic accent will take any classic prom dress and bring it to a whole new level. Glittery ball gowns, form-fitting

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By MAYOR JAMES MALEY, JR.

DEAR NEIGHBORS,
I am happy to share with you a new initiative as we move toward a post-pandemic era. Over the last year, we've come together in many ways as a community to support each other through COVID-19 and as we navigate the impacts the pandemic will have on our town, we have formed the **COVID-19 Recovery Committee** to provide guidance in rebuilding Collingswood's neighborhoods, schools, and businesses.

The Recovery Committee's team of leadership consists of residents, public health experts, small business owners, school representatives and social services advocates who are all dedicated Collingswood residents and we hope their feedback will provide expert advice in supporting the needs of our community as we transition and return to normal. We built this diverse team with the complicated issues we faced as a community during the pandemic in mind. This group of individuals collectively hold a wealth of knowledge and each with their own area of expertise to share with the Borough.

Through this committee, we'll create a new line of communication for residents to stay up to date on available assistance programs, receive updates on vaccines, social services, housing and workforce development. Committee experts can help small businesses develop strategies and business plans that sustain the business and encourage future growth. The ideas and policies that begin with the Recovery Committee aim to benefit the community as a whole, improving the way the Borough responds, heals and rebuilds as we step into a post-pandemic world that is vastly different, yet in many ways the same from where we started all those months ago.

Most importantly, the Recovery Committee can listen to residents' concerns as much as it crafts expert advice. They'll act as a sounding board to learn about what is affecting residents most as we recover. We'll have another update soon as we begin to work closely with Recovery Committee members. As always, email me with your questions and concerns at jmaley@collingswood.com. Until then, stay healthy, stay safe and stay tuned, folks. ■

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dresses with glitter overlays, and a touch of glitter around the hem are all great choices. The best thing about glitter is that you can find dresses with this feature in a wide range of colors. Choose something in a sweet and subtle metallic champagne or a dusty pink if you are going for a classic look.



Mermaid Dresses are a style that is back by popular demand. This slimming silhouette is tight until right at the knee, then it flares out dramatically. Mermaid gowns look great from every angle and in every color. Choose a dress with embellishments on the top and a solid skirt to make the most of this look.

In 2021, you can also dress like the stars with a wide selection of prom dresses featuring an array of glamorous looks. Think 'Old Hollywood' glamour with feathers, or black and white colors. Choose a tailored solid black or solid white dress or select something in a two-tone look featuring black and white together in one piece. Finish the entire look with a matching clutch, heels, and some red lipstick and you are ready to walk the red carpet.

While at Marlene's, we also discovered that there seemed to be a few colors that were trending in popularity this year as well. Marlene and her staff mentioned that the top trending colors for her shop this season have been light blue, light pink, purple hues and perhaps unexpectedly, emerald green. With racks and racks of options, shopping for a dress at Marlene's Dress Shop is easy and sort of like being in a candy store of formal fashion.



So, if you have not selected your dress just yet, keep these trends in mind when shopping for your 2021 prom dress and you will not go wrong. For the best selection of the latest styles, with amazing customer service, check out Marlene's Dress Shop at 707 Haddon Avenue, Collingswood, New Jersey. ■



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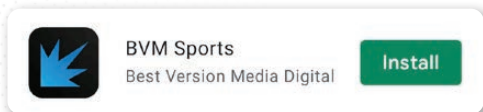
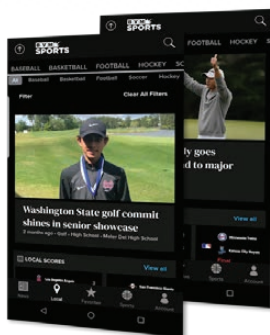
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