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Master of Ceremonies | Mark Gideon
Keynote Speaker | Lucas Grindley
Live Auction | Ron Hill

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Music to Celebrate the Evening Provided by
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Springfield Black Tie 2018

Dear guests,

Thank you for attending the sixteenth annual Springfield Black Tie. It is an honor to serve as the second President of Black Tie after fifteen years of leadership and guidance from our founding President, Randy Doennig. As we enter the next era of this event, you may notice a few changes around you, however, our mission remains the same: to bring together resources to support local and statewide charities benefiting the LGBT+ community.

Beyond supporting our beneficiaries, one of the most important purposes of Black Tie is creating visibility.

Visibility matters.

Visibility is critical to raising awareness of causes, boosting organizations, preserving progress, establishing solidarity, and building coalitions for collaboration.

By sponsoring or advertising with Black Tie, many businesses and individuals lend us their name to help bring visibility to the event and our causes. I hope you will use your Black Tie program throughout the year to support those who support us while making your purchasing decisions.

We are honored that you have chosen to participate in the vision of this event and are truly grateful for your contributions and support. On behalf of the entire planning committee, I welcome you to this year's Springfield Black Tie.

Sincerely,

Jason Ray, President
Springfield Black Tie, Inc.

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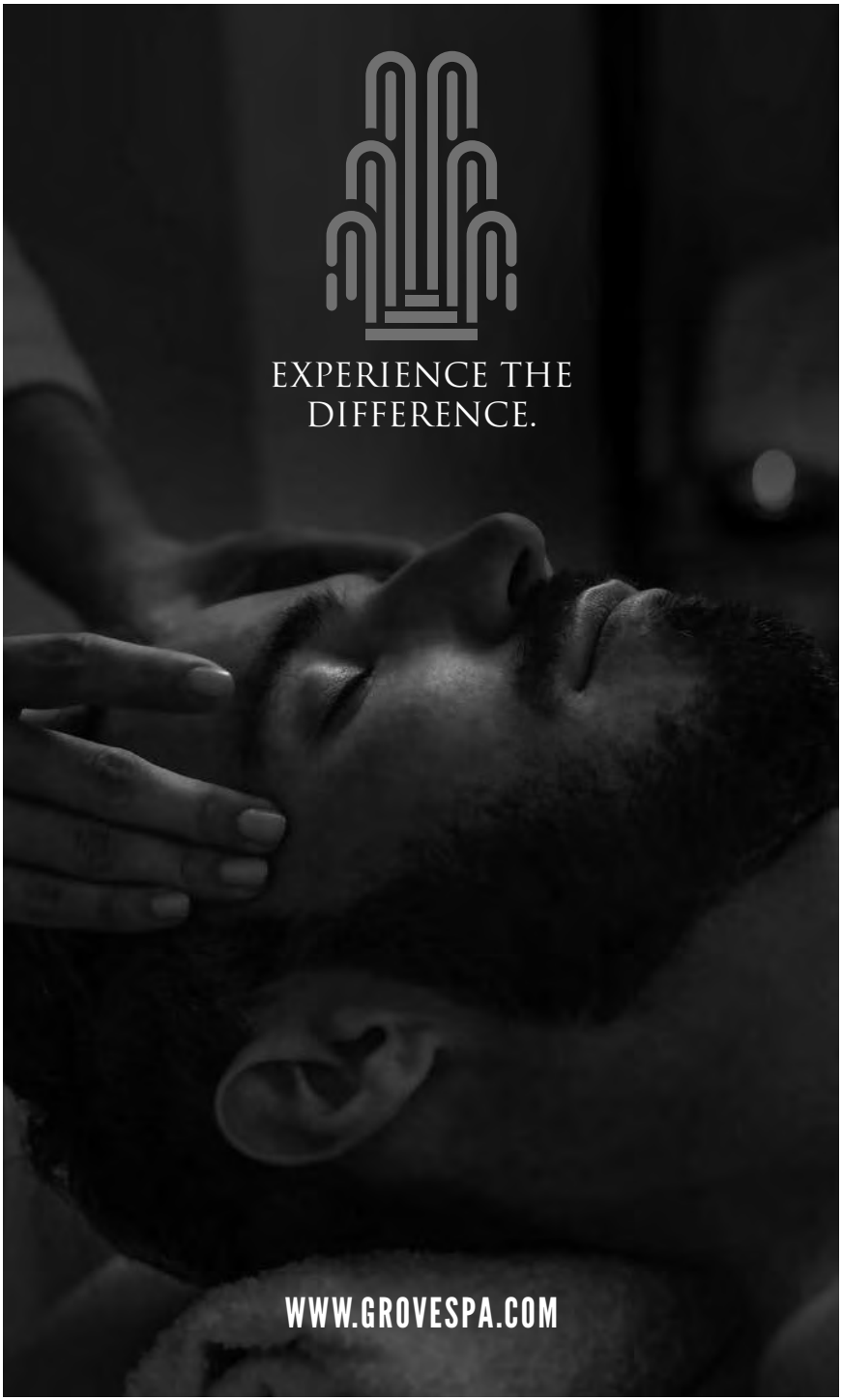
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R. Clancy Parks, Attorney at Law

I believe that like a grain of sand for the oyster can result in a pearl, adversity can be the catalyst of goodness. Being adopted, having my parents divorce, enduring an abusive step-parent, and reconciling my faith with my sexuality are some of the adversities I believe have made me a better man and a better attorney. I am so grateful to this community for having people and organizations that helped me and many others deal with their adversity in ways that lead to positive, permanent change. I am proud to support Black Tie and the charities it so generously supports.

Sincerely,
Clancy Parks

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- Silent auction checkout will begin immediately.
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- Extended silent auction checkout and pick-up will be available Sunday after Black Tie Noon – 2:00 PM.
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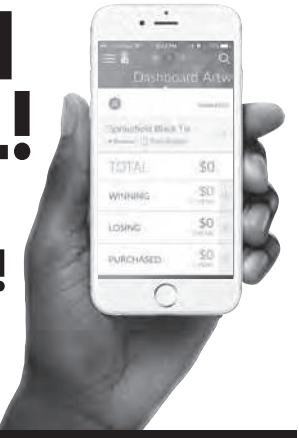

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Keynote Speaker

Lucas Grindley

Lucas Grindley is executive director for Next City, a nonprofit journalism organization that reports on solutions for the problems facing our cities. He is the former President of Pride Media and oversaw leading LGBTQ brands Out magazine, The Advocate, PRIDE, Out Traveler, Chill magazine, and Plus magazine. Grindley was also editor in chief of The Advocate, the longest running LGBTQ magazine in the country. In 2016, NLGJA named Grindley as "LGBT Journalist of the Year."

Master of Ceremonies

Mark Gideon

Mark Gideon is a familiar face to many in the Springfield community. He works for Springfield Public Schools where he teaches speech and drama at Hillcrest High School. When he is not in the classroom, Mark is both actor and director for Springfield Little Theatre.

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participate in a curated chat about the tough issues facing our community
7-9PM 11/1, 11/7, 11/15
STORY TIME
have a snack, listen to a story, and do an activity, hosted by Greene County Libraries
4-5:30PM 10/25, 1/24, 2/28, 3/28, 4/25, 5/23
CRAFTIVISM
learn a new craft and a new way to make the world a better place
6:30PM 11/8, 6PM 12/7, 7:30PM 2/7, 6:30PM 4/11
MOVIE NIGHT
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7PM 11/16, 12/1, 1/18, 2/15, 3/15, 4/19, 5/17

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The Evolution of Springfield Black Tie

The Black Tie Affair planning committee held its first meeting in October of 2002 and began development and planning of a Black Tie fundraiser to benefit charitable organizations serving Springfield's LGBT community. The first five Black Tie Affairs were hosted by FOCUS, Inc. and the 6th by the Gay & Lesbian Community Center of the Ozarks. In March of 2009, Springfield Black Tie incorporated and received its own designation as a qualified 501(c)(3) charity. The vision of bringing community members and allies together for a night of entertainment, empowerment and philanthropy continues to grow with each installment of this event:

2003

Black Tie Affair 2003 – "Steppin' OUT"

Saturday, October 25, 2003 - Grand Ballroom of the Vandivort Center
112 Attendees raised $10,000
Event Beneficiaries: APO, GLO, PROMO Fund and the FOCUS Grant.

2004

Black Tie Affair 2004 – "Midnight at the Oasis"

Saturday, October 16, 2004 - In the Newberry's Building
142 Attendees raised $15,000
Event Beneficiaries: APO, GLO, PROMO Fund and the FOCUS Grant.

2005

Black Tie Affair 2005 – "Copacabana"

Saturday, November 12, 2005 - In the Newberry's Building
184 Attendees raised $16,000
Event Beneficiaries: APO, GLO, PROMO Fund and the FOCUS Grant.

2006

Black Tie Affair 2006 – "Abracadabra"

Saturday, September 23, 2006 - In the Newberry's Building
144 Attendees raised $17,000
Event Beneficiaries: APO, GLO, PROMO Fund, the FOCUS Grant and OLGA.

2007

Black Tie Affair 2007 – "Time for Change"

Saturday, November 17, 2007 - Wellington Place
166 Attendees raised over $21,000
Keynote Speaker - Rev. Michael S. Piazza
Event Beneficiaries: APO, GLO, PROMO Fund, the FOCUS Grant and OLGA.

2008

Black Tie Affair 2008 – "An Affair to Remember"

Saturday, November 15, 2008 - Wellington Place
185 Attendees raised over $22,000
Entertainer: Sabrina Matthews
Event Beneficiaries: APO, GLO, PROMO Fund, the FOCUS Grant and OLGA.

2009

Springfield Black Tie 2009

Saturday, November 14, 2009 - Grand Ballroom – University Plaza Hotel
250 Attendees raised over $32,000
Entertainer: Eddie Sarfaty
Event Beneficiaries: APO, GLO, PROMO Fund, the FOCUS Grant and OLGA.

2010

Springfield Black Tie 2010

Saturday, November 13, 2010 - Grand Ballroom – University Plaza Hotel
265 Attendees raised over $32,500
Entertainer: Jason Stuart
Event Beneficiaries: APO, GLO, PROMO Fund, the FOCUS Grant and OLGA.

2011

Springfield Black Tie 2011

Saturday, November 12, 2011 - Grand Ballroom - University Plaza Hotel
305 Attendees raised over $43,000
Entertainer: Molly Pope
Event Beneficiaries: APO, GLO, PROMO Fund, the FOCUS Grant and OLGA.

2012

Springfield Black Tie 2012

Saturday, November 10, 2012 - University Plaza Convention Center
371 Attendees raised over $60,000
Entertainer: Kim Crosby
Event Beneficiaries: APO, GLO, PROMO Fund, FOCUS Foundation, Men's Chorus of the Ozarks and PFlag.

2013

Springfield Black Tie 2013

Saturday, November 9, 2013 - University Plaza Convention Center
486 Attendees raised over $75,000
Keynote Speaker: Hon. Mark S. Cady
Event Beneficiaries: APO, FOCUS Foundation, GLO Center, Men's Chorus, OLGA, PFLAG and Promo Fund.

2014

Springfield Black Tie 2014

Saturday, November 8, 2014 - University Plaza Convention Center
493 Attendees raised over $85,000
Event Beneficiaries: APO, FOCUS Foundation, GLO Center, GLSEN, Men's Chorus, OLGA, PFLAG, Promo Fund, and Rare Breed.

2015

Springfield Black Tie 2015

Saturday, November 14, 2015 - University Plaza Convention Center
606 Attendees raised over $110,000
Keynote: Eric D. Shaw
Event Beneficaries: APO, FOCUS Foundation, GLSEN, GLO Center, Men's Chorus, OLGA, Promo Fund, Queen City Voices, Rare Breed.

2016

Springfield Black Tie 2016

Saturday, November 12, 2016 - University Plaza Convention Center
626 Attendees raised over $110,000
Keynote: Erin O'Flaherty
Event Beneficaries: APO, Empower Missouri, FOCUS Foundation, GLSEN, GLO Center, Men's Chorus, PFLAG, PROMO Fund, Queen City Voices, Rare Breed

2017

Springfield Black Tie 2017

Saturday, November 11, 2017 - University Plaza
631 attendees raised over $119,000.
Keynote: Kristin Beck
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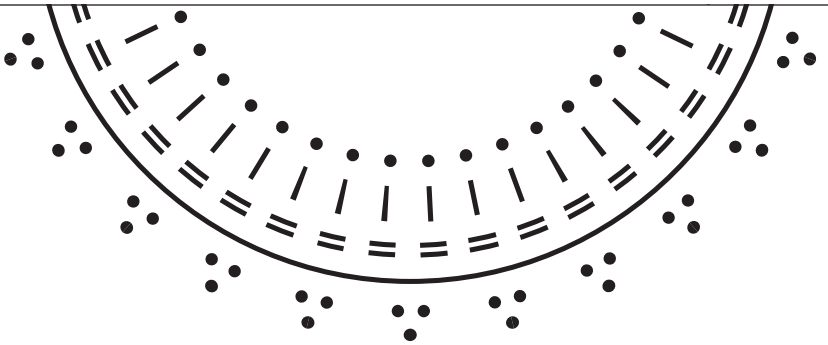

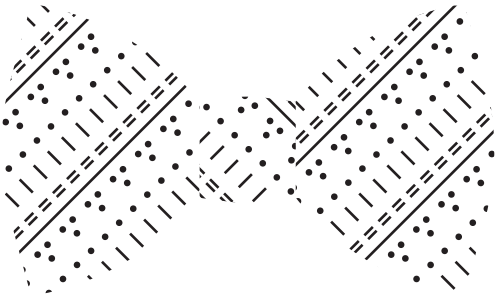

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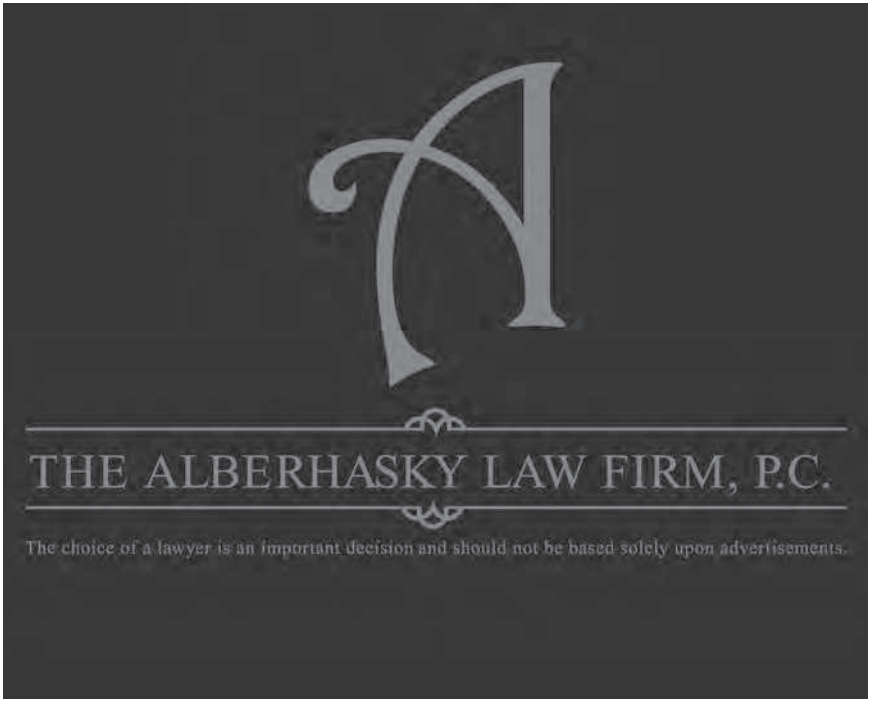
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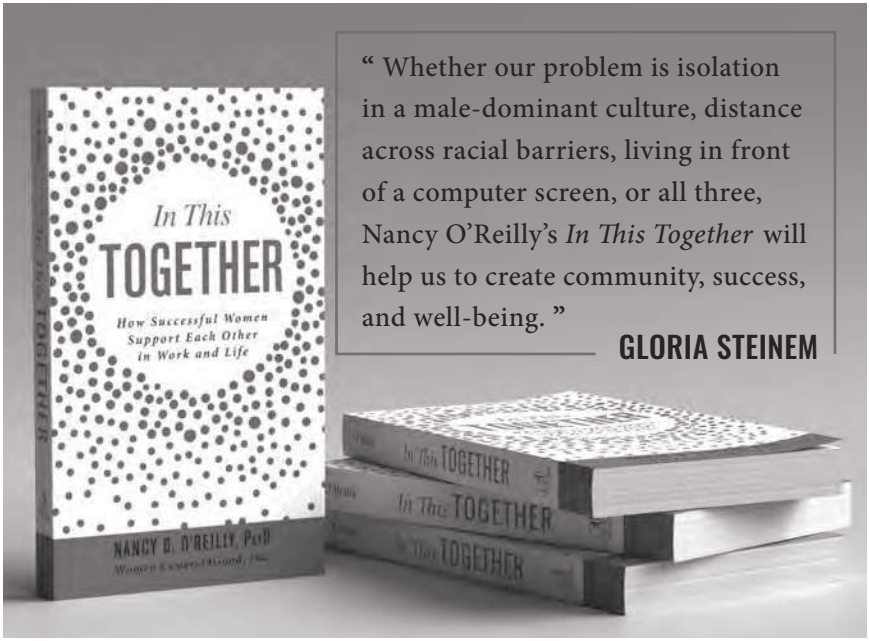

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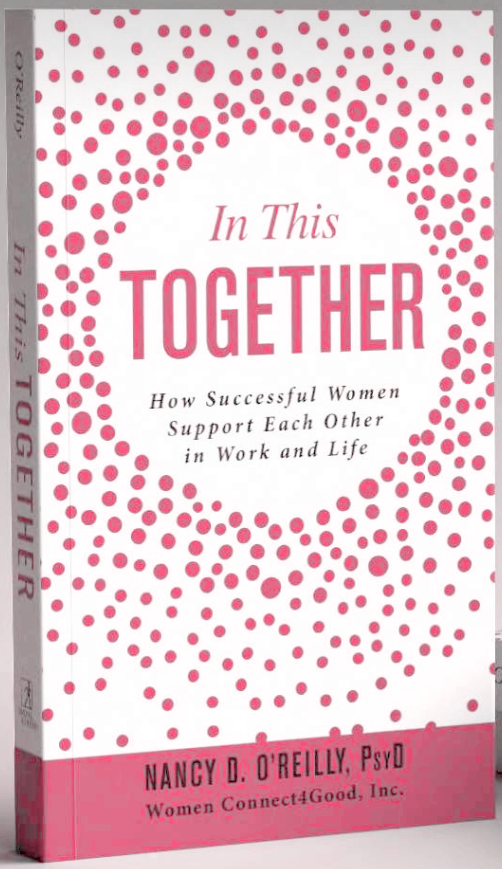

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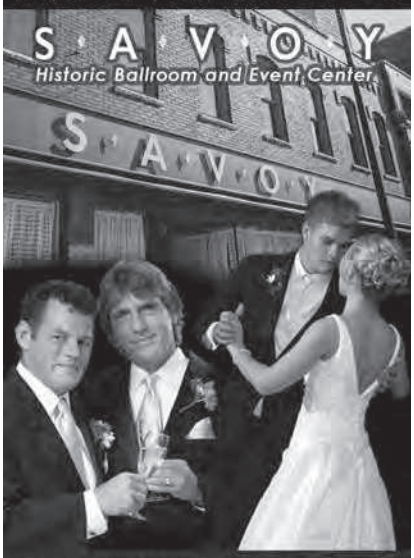

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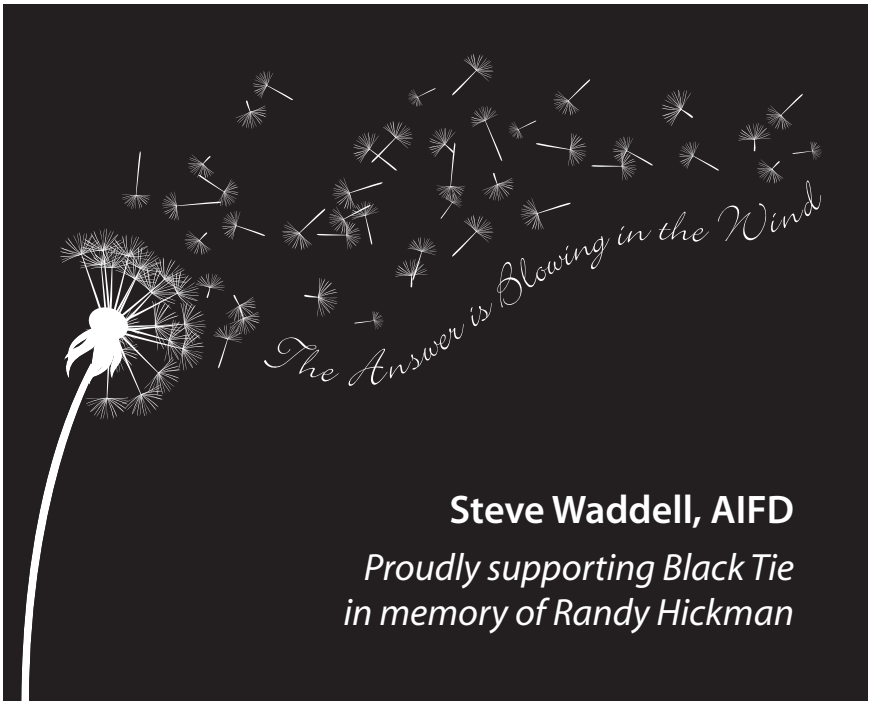
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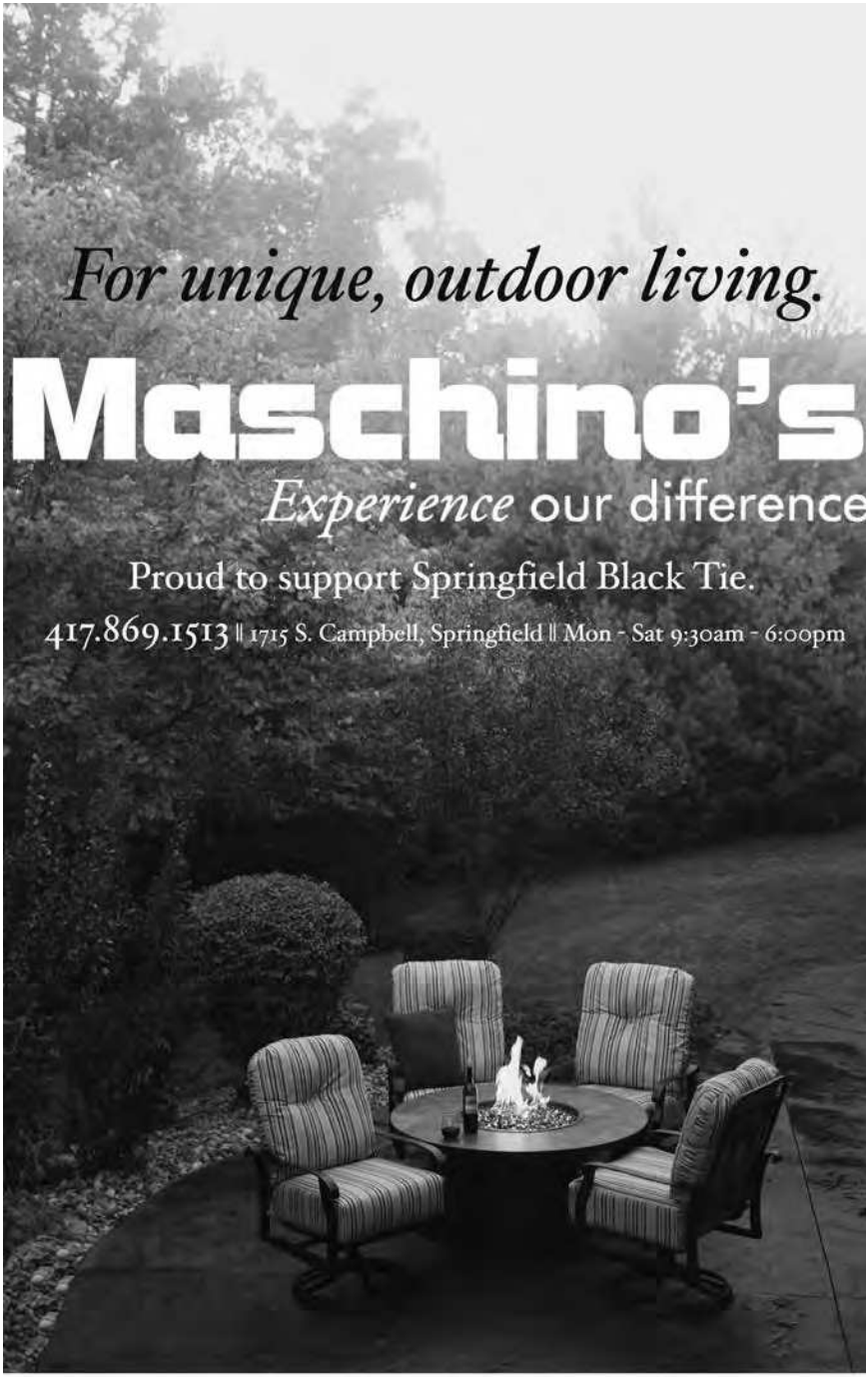

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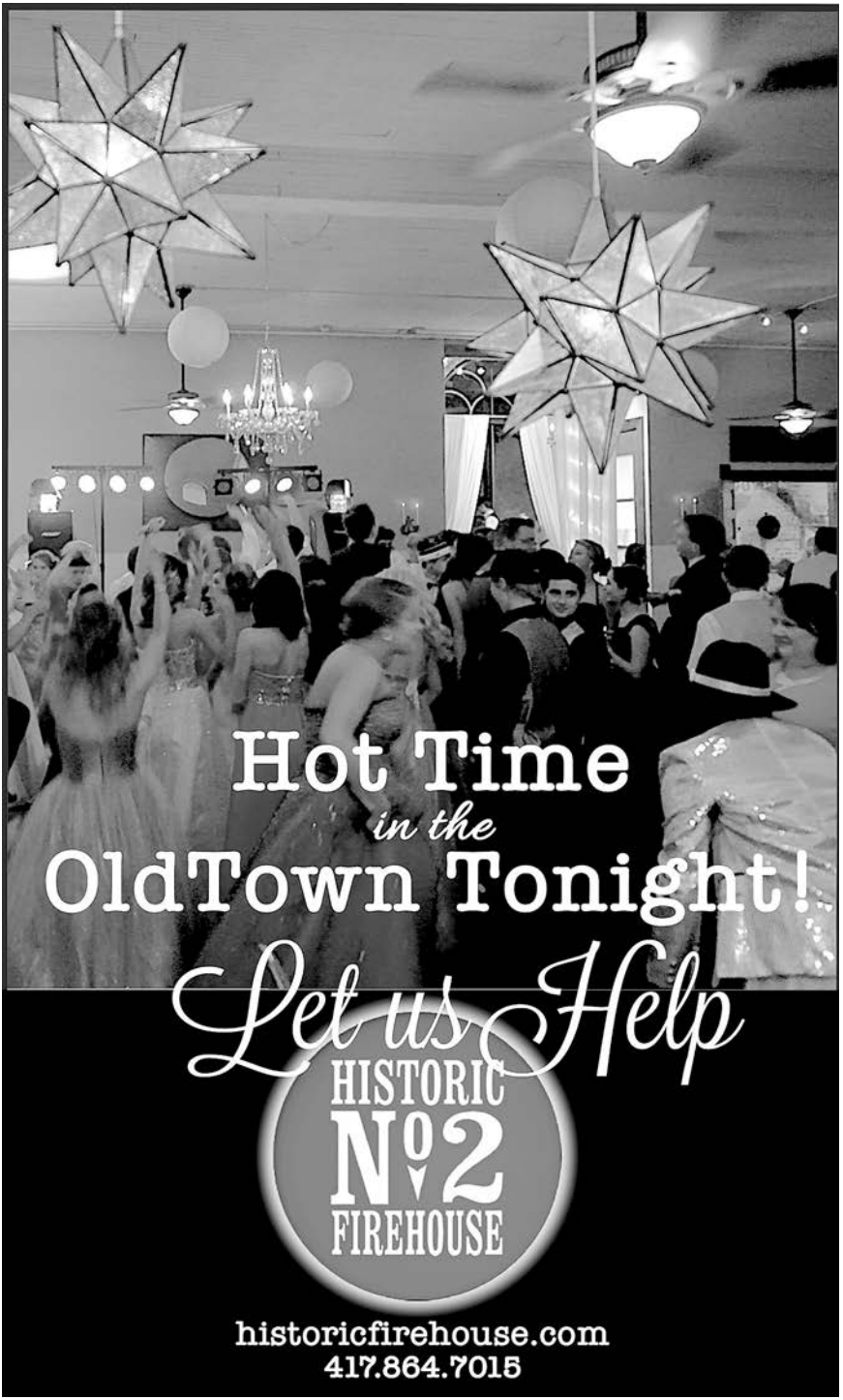
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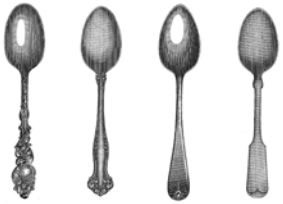

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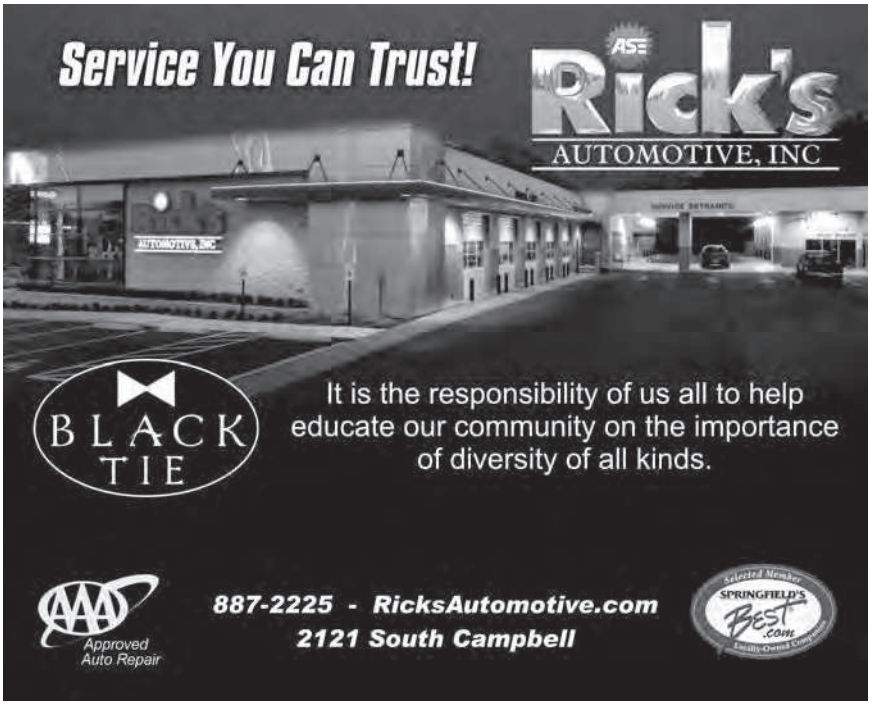

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