

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

Ballantyne Has Many Intriguing Personalities

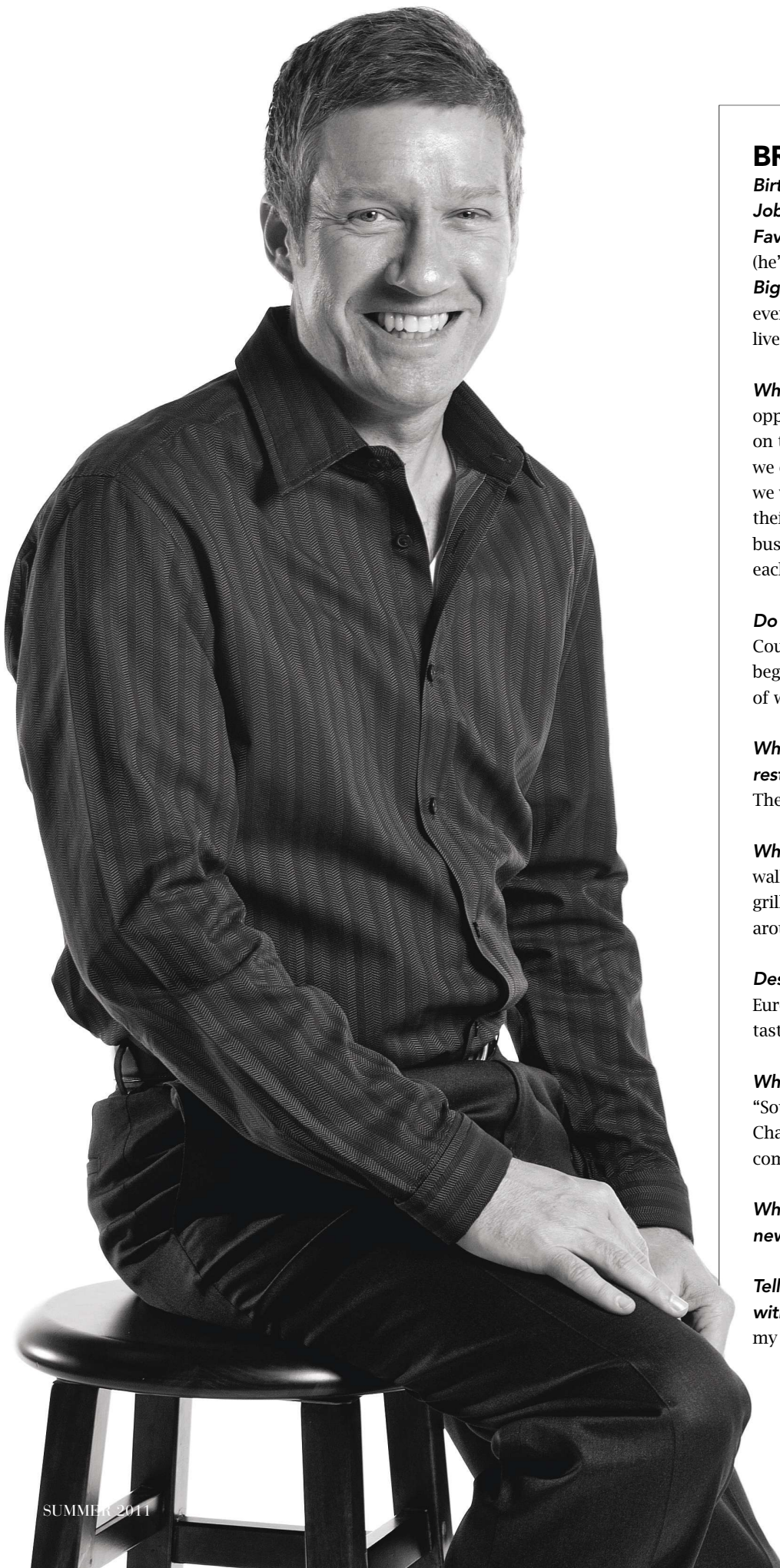
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WHAT LOCAL POLITICIAN HAS LIVED IN THE COMMUNITY SINCE 1991? Whose favorite outdoor activity is taking her dogs Sydney and Pepper for walks? Whose dream vacation is to travel the globe swinging a golf club? You'll find the scoop on this and more in this edition of Faces, a popular recurring feature.

You'll find everyone from retailers and professionals of all stripes to homemakers, retirees and former pro athletes. Typical of Ballantyne itself, "Faces" hail from the Carolinas and all over the world. The main thing they share is they call Ballantyne home, they work here or both.

Meet Ric Killian, Lisa Nicholas, Molly Gomo Tullar and Brock McLendon our latest Ballantyne Faces.



BROCK MCLENDON

Birthplace: Wadesboro, N.C.

Job: President, Brock Moran Home.

Favorite College Team: Wake Forest (he's an alum).

Biggest Pet Peeve: Underachievers. "I believe every life has a purpose; find that purpose and live your life according to your destiny."

What do you like most about your job? The opportunity to consult with wonderful clients on their interior design projects. Also, since we offer an online wedding and gift registry, we work with engaged couples on planning their registry. Every day is different with my business, and it is always exciting to see what each day brings.

Do you live in Ballantyne? Yes, Ballantyne Country Club. In 1998, Ballantyne was just beginning to be developed and I liked the vision of what the area would become.

What is your favorite Ballantyne-area restaurant? My top four are Gallery Restaurant, The Blue Taj, Jade and Firebirds.

What is your favorite outdoor activity? I love walking on the greenway or on a beach and grilling out with friends. I greatly enjoy being around water. I find it relaxing.

Describe your dream vacation. Traveling to Europe and visiting all of the countries while tasting their wonderful food and wine.

What is the title of the last book you read? "South of Broad" by Pat Conroy. I travel to Charleston frequently and enjoy reading Pat's commentary on the city.

What news source provides you the daily news? CNN, Yahoo and The Charlotte Observer.

Tell us what gadget or toy you wouldn't live without. My iPhone. It keeps me connected to my business.