

A PLACE TO BE TOGETHER

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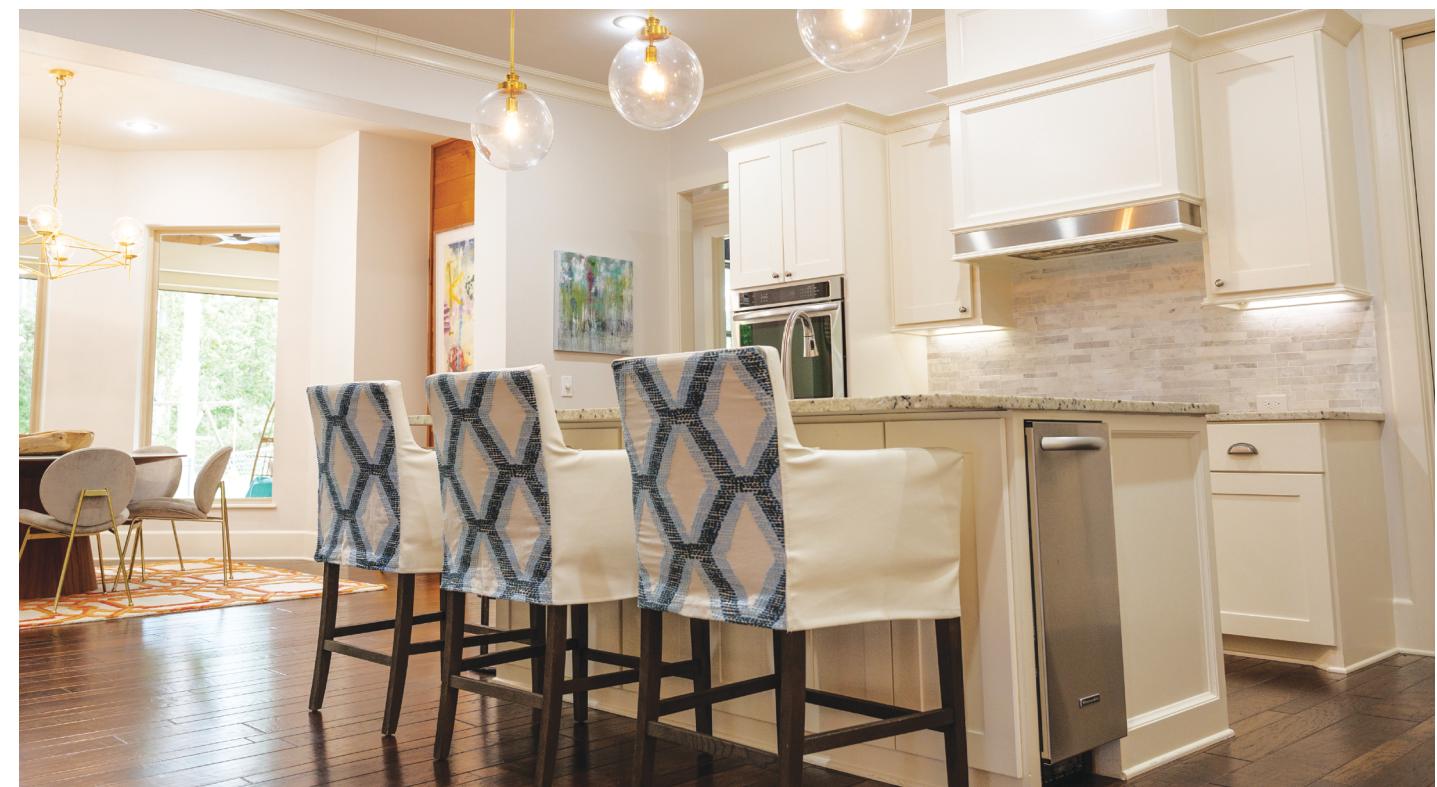
"This is where we live," Jill Flanagan said several times as we walked around her house. She loves that they enjoy spending time together, just living and making everyday memories as a family. Honestly, I'm not sure a higher compliment could be paid to the design or style of a home because ultimately that is the purpose of our houses... to live... to invite us in and make us comfortable.

The Flanagan home is welcoming from the moment you pull into the driveway until the moment you leave. The modern French Country style is composed of brick. Through the use of a heavy mortar smear and an elegant archway, the central section of the house draws your eye straight to the metal front door. The classic lines of the exterior, mixed with a more modern color palette and building techniques, have a way of making the home seem both

brand new and like it could have been there for years. This timeless quality is one of the most charming things about this house.

Inside, you are met by a clean style that is not so contemporary that it's stark. In contrast, the decor is largely neutral with pops of color and just the right use of textures to make you feel at home. Classic, clean lines in the furniture are offset by textured rugs with simple geometric patterns and bold colors. The art on the walls is contemporary, also boasting playful use of color. A favorite piece in the home is an 84 x 60 inch original Tyler Arnold painting of golf champion Tiger Woods. It hangs in the family's oldest son's room in honor of his love for the game.

As in most homes, each family member has a particular part of the house they gravitate toward. Thirteen-year-old Luke gave



a typical teenage shrug, finally adding that his is, "the upstairs." Nine-year-old Nate hit the nail on the head when asked his favorite part of the house, "The people are," he said. Flanagan reiterated this with her own statements, saying they really spend most of their time either hanging out on the couch in the living room or on the outdoor patio. "We spend a lot of time at the ballpark.

But, when we aren't there or traveling, we really like to be home," said Flanagan. "And 90% of our time is spent piled up on the living room sofa. That's really my favorite spot in the house."

The Flanagans built the house eight years ago with their growing boys in mind, and you can really tell it was designed perfectly for their family. The





well-appointed floorplan is open and spacious without feeling cold or too grand. The living and kitchen areas flow seamlessly and create a central hub. The laundry room is smartly accessible from both the master bedroom and the hallway to the kids' bedrooms. The mudroom has space for backpacks and a nearby computer area that gives the kids a convenient spot for schoolwork. Upstairs, they have a media room that would be any boy's dream with plenty of space for gaming, hanging out or even playing a match or two of ping pong. There are also built-in bunk beds for when friends spend the night.

Because they enjoy spending time at home as a family, Flanagan said she works to keep the house current and welcoming. "I really try to do small things around the house to keep it comfortable," Flanagan said. "I never want it to feel outdated. I've actually been working with Lauren Callaway recently on the inside." They've updated simple touches like rugs, art and some of the furniture. A lot of their focus has been on making sure the boys' spaces continue to grow with them and on the living room since that room really serves as the heart of the home.

In the backyard, the Flanagans have a beautiful, covered patio, plus a pool that was added just a few years ago. Flanagan elaborated to say, "Bryan Callaway designed the whole pool area. He came up with the design, picked all the finishes, and then worked with Morehead Pools to see the idea brought to life." The patio and pool area have a lot of family friendly touches like



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slip-covered outdoor sofas so that cleaning is a breeze and electric screens that can drop down on automatic timers or with the touch of a button. "I would say that another one of Greg's and my favorite places is the patio," Jill said. "When the weather is nice, we spend a lot of time out here. We even added heaters for the winter so that we can be outside more." Another smart feature that enhances year-round playtime in the yard is a system of sprayers that continuously treat the yard for mosquitoes.

The Flanagan's house is perfect for everyday living. From the inviting seating style and arrangement of the living room to the beautifully landscaped yard, it's a space where they can truly enjoy time together, inside or out, all year long. ☺



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