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Local Businessman Raises Winning Racehorse



By Carolyn Wilson

ooks like Mike Anderson has beat the odds. Friends told the Meadowview auctioneer and cattle farmer there was

no way he could raise a racehorse--especially a winner.

But, just watch me, said the local businessman.

In a heart-pounding moment on Sept. 8, Anderson and his wife Angie locked their eyes on their Thoroughbred filly, coming from

behind on the Colonial Downs Racetrack and pulling off one of the largest races run for the three-yearold racehorse.

Taking the lead about 50 yards before the finish line, Mollie Tapper, a blackish grev 16 hand racehorse, has won first place in the 5/8 milerace in New Kent, Virginia, between Richmond and Williamsburg.

"We suspected she'd do good. We just didn't know how good,"

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said the owner with excitement in his voice. "A good racehorse will run just good enough to win."

The horse with the green number 5 saddle cloth had overcome nearly hundred degree temperatures to take the winner's cup on the fifth race of the day.

Competing with as many as ten other horses, Mollie Tapper won by approximately three fourths of a length, said Anderson, recounting the exhilarating moments of the race after returning to his Southwest Virginia home.

"I looked at the guy standing next to me at the racetrack and told him I was going to get a check," laughed Anderson, who confessed he doesn't do this for the money. "I just like raising the horses. My goal is to win enough to pay the training bills."

'There's not much that can stop you' "If you have a fast horse, a good jockey and a good trainer, there's not much that can stop you," said the racehorse owner.

And, there's not much that stops Anderson either.

In just a few years, Anderson has become one of the farthest Southwest Virginia Thoroughbred breeders in Virginia.



Six years ago at age 55, Anderson decided to raise race horses. His farm already included a few Arabian horses, shown throughout the country by his wife.

"I've always liked horseracing and it became a challenge for me," said the businessman who owns Anderson Auctioneers, Abingdon Auto Auction, Dominion Auto Auction, and two stockyards in Wytheville, Virginia,

and Mount Airy, North Carolina, along with two business partners.

If that's not enough, he runs a thousand steers and heifers on his Washington County, Virginia farms.

Anderson's first investment in the racing world was a Thoroughbred brood mare from Kentucky by the name of Mollie's Bull, a daughter of Holy Bull, a race horse with an impressive pedigree.



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Unfortunately, the mare died unexpected shortly after delivering her filly, leaving Anderson and his wife to finish raising the 30-day old baby, Mollie Tapper, who is sired by Tapiture, a Tapit grandson.

The personality and stamina of the young filly were good indications for the new owner that a racehorse was in the making.

After brushing up on training skills in Elloree Training Center in

South Carolina, the filly ran races in Delaware and Maryland before hitting the track at Colonial Downs Racetrack.

According to Anderson, the horse's first place win garnered the owner with \$67,500 in prize money. At the end of the year, the Virginia Thoroughbred Association will contribute twenty percent of the earnings, giving him another \$12 to 15,000.

The horse has won nearly \$100,000 in prize money for four races in the past two months.

"She loves to run. It took four men to saddle her before the race started last week," said Anderson.

In three weeks, Mollie Tapper will run another race and probably another one after that, all of which are organized by her Maryland trainer. Most of the races happen on weekends, allowing Anderson and his wife to travel to see

their favorite horse run the track again.

Other racehorses raised or purchased by Anderson have come and gone, but he anticipates after several more races Mollie Tapper will retire on the farm as a brood mare and grow old with him.

"Horse racing is an expensive game, but it only takes one racehorse to make a difference. Once you get a good one, it will pay for all of the rest of them," he said.

"That's the case with Mollie Tapper."



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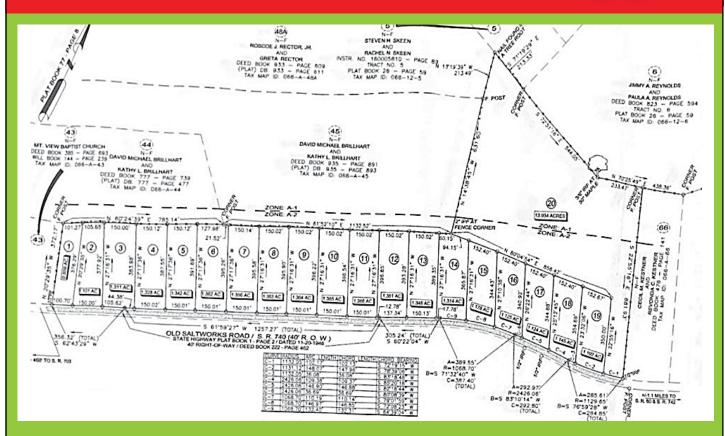
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Air conditioning maintenance tips

here is no denying the relief cool air provides when the temperatures outdoors are particularly steamy. In fact, having a place to cool off is a necessity for those who have succumbed to heat exhaustion or have difficulty regulating their body temperatures.

Even though air conditioning can provide relief, some people are reluctant to turn it on because of the drain on electricity and the subsequent high energy bills that come with it. Certainly running the air conditioning can be costly, but regular maintenance helps a system to work more efficiently. It also enables homeowners to recognize issues that can lead to expensive repairs if left unchecked.

Here are some air conditioning maintenance tips to keep a system in top condition.

Change the filters. Dirty, clogged filters can cause a system to work harder to cool down rooms, compromising efficiency. Check the HVAC system's manufacturer recommendation for how frequently to change the filters. Some may benefit from monthly replacement if the air is running constantly.

Consider the MERV rating.
The filter will have a minimum efficiency reporting value, or MERV, according to This Old House. The



higher the number, the better the filtration. But a higher MERV rating requires more energy to pull air through the filter. Therefore, choose a balance of filtration and energy cost requirements.

Maintain the outdoor unit.
Clean the AC unit with a soft-bristle brush and vacuum the fins at the start of the season and if the unit becomes dirty from weather, pollen and other elements. Bent condenser or evaporator fins can restrict air flow that would normally pass through the air conditioning system. Gently straighten them to improve air flow.

Check and repair leaks.

Airflow leaks through ductwork and with window AC units can reduce efficiency. Hold an incense stick or

another smoldering item to check for leaks. If the smoke blows around, there is leakage. Use foil tape to seal small gaps and duct mastic for large ones. Stuff foam around a window unit and use taping as necessary.

Supplement with a whole-house fan. The Family Handyman says an attic-mounted fan pushes hot air out through the attic vents and draws cooler, outside air through open windows and doors. The whole-house fan can be used to draw out most of the hot air before turning on the AC, or as a substitute on cooler days when having the AC on may not be crucial.

Schedule annual maintenance. Homeowners may be able to handle various maintenance tasks, or they may want to have an HVAC technician come out and do the following: clean and inspect coils; adjust and replace fan belts; lubricate motors and bearings; inspect controls and safeties, check refrigerant; and determine if the unit is large enough for the home.

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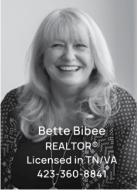
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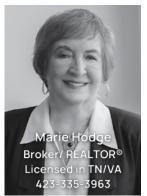










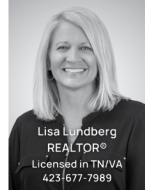




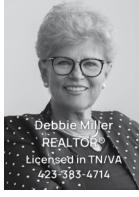


















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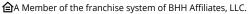






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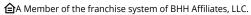
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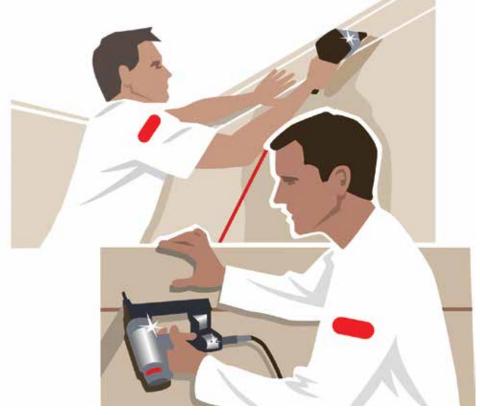
Small renovations that make a big difference

ome renovation projects were high on homeowners' priority lists during the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic. Throughout much of 2020, people across the globe were forced to spend much of their time at home as leaders and governments across the globe sought to prevent the spread of COVID-19. More time at home compelled millions of homeowners to invest more in their properties, thus sparking a renovation boom.

By early 2023, the renovation boom that marked the initial days of the pandemic appeared to have burst. In May 2023, the popular home improvement retailer Home Depot reported its sales had fallen by 4.5 percent in the first quarter of the year and that its income had fallen by more than 6 percent from the same period a year earlier. That marked the end of what Home Depot CEO Ted Decker characterized as "a three-year period of unprecedented growth" in the home improvement sector.

Home Depot's decline in sales was attributed to a number of factors, including a pivot among homeowners from large projects to smaller renovations. Inflation and the looming threat of a recession have led many homeowners to emphasize smaller projects. With that in mind, the following are some small renovations that can have a big impact.

- **Storage addition:** Regardless of where storage is added, be it the kitchen or a home office or a laundry room, extra space to keep items out of view can dramatically alter the look of a home. Unused kitchen walls can be transformed with some inexpensive, easily hanged shelves, while some laundry pedestals with storage drawers can help keep washrooms clear of clutter.
 - **Polish floors:** Elbow grease



might be the biggest expenditure when cleaning hardwood floors. The wood flooring experts at Bona® advise homeowners to polish their floors once every two to four months depending on how much foot traffic the floors get. A fresh polishing can make floors look brand new and ensures dirt and dust are not hanging around as uninvited houseguests.

• Paint: Painting is another inexpensive option for budget-conscious homeowners who want to update their homes. There's no shortage of places in a home, both inside and out, where a fresh coat of paint can make a statement without breaking the bank. Fading paint on bedroom walls and kitchen cabinets can be painted over with a fresh coat of the same color or even something more vibrant. Outside, apply a fresh coat to a wooden deck or paint over brick siding to create a whole new

look.

• Molding: Crown molding can add a touch of elegance to any room. Rooms can be transformed in a single weekend with the installation of new or replacement crown molding. A simple molding installation is a task many do-it-yourselfers can handle on their own, while homeowners with less DIY experience may benefit from hiring a contractor to create a layered molding look.

Homeowners are pivoting away from costly renovations to more budget-conscious projects. Various less expensive undertakings can transform spaces at a fraction of the cost of more extensive renovations.



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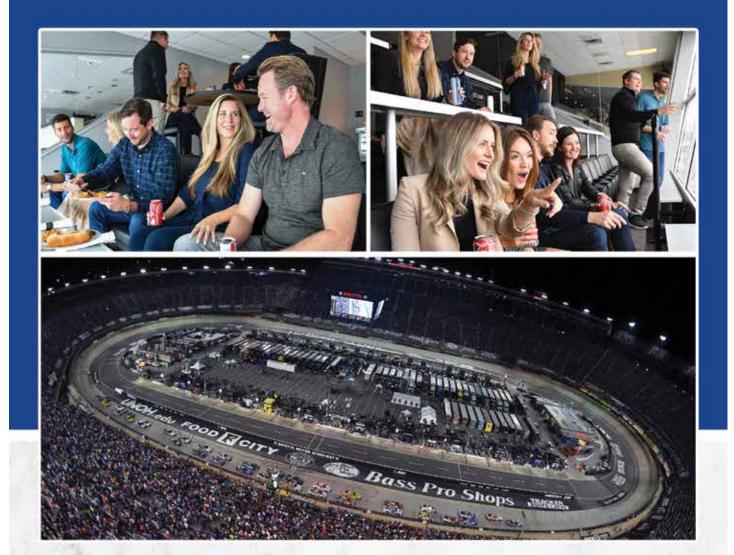
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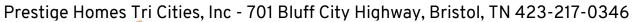
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