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Americans love to travel. Whether by car, plane, train or cruise ship, on average Americans take eight trips a year and 75 percent of the time, they travel for leisure, according to the Travel Industry Association.



I recently returned from a trip to Phoenix, Arizona, with our Director of Magazine Production. One favorite memory was of a certain "three hour tour" (cue: Theme from Gilligan's Island), a trip by small plane over the Grand Canyon. It was one of the most breathtaking experiences I've ever enjoyed.

While there, I enjoyed golfing at Camelback, a championship golf course in Scottsdale, and I ate the kind of great Mexican food you can really only find in the southwest. Later this year, I'll be traveling to Aruba and enjoying all that Caribbean Island has to offer. Among our staff, we have recently traveled to New York, St. Lucia, the Bahamas, North Carolina, Florida and exotic Fayette County. This summer, some of us will travel abroad and some of us will travel across town. Travel is certainly one of those activities that make life more enjoyable.

In this issue of *South Fayette & Neighbors Magazine*, we focus on travel, including journeys both near (to area resorts such as Bedford Springs) and far (to New York City and beyond). We hope you'll enjoy reading these articles and appreciate the great photographs we've gathered to bring even more life to these vicarious trips away from home.

In other articles, we continue to report on some of the fantastic students we have in our district. From our great athletes to student leaders and volunteers, we are happy to recognize these young people's efforts. One such story is the recent Mardi Gras dance for special needs students in our district and beyond. We also have an article on the popular Early Childhood Development Program where many high school students intern with the "Little Lions."

As we think about travels, past and future, I look around my township and I'm happy to be home. "East, west... home is best." For those who live in South Fayette, we know just how true this is. □

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