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February recycling tonnage: **26.62**  
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Mayor Scott Douglass

**It's Spring!!**

The out-of-doors beckons. When does the swimming pool open? It's time to dust off the barbecue, clean the lawn furniture, restore the deck and, oh yes, make the lawn look beautiful again. I'm sure most of you are into this already. As we watch the landscapes come to life, flowers, budding trees, squirrels and other critters running to and fro, we realize one of the reasons we live in this City (neighborhood) is the beauty of our surroundings. Add that to good neighbors, excellent police protection and 'voila' - a great place to call home!

There are City ordinances to help sustain many of these characteristics. For example: the requirement for residential lots of a minimum of one acre, giving you the opportunity to enhance your own surroundings. What about everyday appearances. There are ordinances directed toward the outward appearance of our homes and streets, including safety provisions. Sign regulations are an important part. Many of us will have a garage sale/estate sale this year - what are the regulations? Why does the City care? Second question first; we care for two reasons: 1) the most important is safety, 2) maintaining a clean and attractive neighborhood. First safety, you will need a permit for the sale. There is no charge - with the permit, the police are alerted to the activity and the possible additional traffic. When you receive your permit, we will explain the need for signs, give you temporary "no parking" signs to be placed across the street from your residence with specifics about placement, removal, etc. If your subdivision wishes to have a subdivision garage sale, we have provisions for that, too.

Talking about safety on our streets - speed limits are posted (side bar: if you are having problems with speeders, talk to us and your Trustees and our police will address it). Over the last several years, an increase in types of vehicles on the street has occurred. Most of these vehicles can best be described as 'Golf Carts'. They are designed for off-highway use and modified to accommodate more than two passengers. City ordinances require the operator to have a valid Missouri driver's license. This requirement is based on historical use of these vehicles and our police's recommendation.

Other safety tips: Don't forget, when you are out taking your walk with Fido or not - walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic. We still see people walking at dusk or even after dark in dark clothes. If you are walking late, be sure you wear white clothing or better-still.... reflective clothing or reflective strips.

Spring and summer is also a time for many of us to do renovations to our dwelling, add-ons, etc. Keep in mind, when making additions, the standard setbacks for a residential lot are front 75 feet, back 50 feet and side 25 feet. A City permit is required for most building changes - consult our web site for details. We suggest notifying your subdivision Trustees before requesting a City building permit. We do not enforce the subdivision indentures, but we do ask if you have forwarded the request to your Trustees - if not, we will do so.

If this article raises your concerns about the ordinances mentioned, call me at **636-392-8916**.

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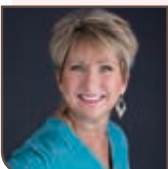


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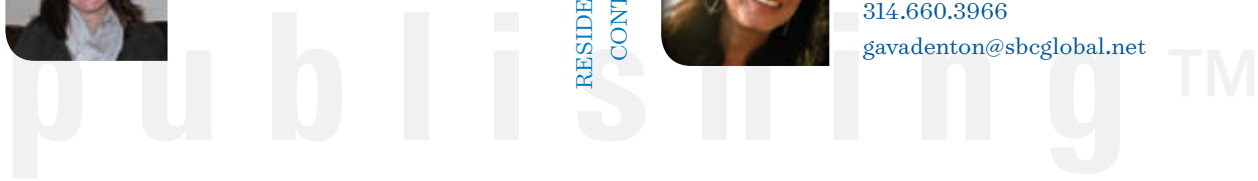


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Even though we had a pretty mild winter, we had enough of the gray skies and cold temps. Now that it is behind us, we can't wait to see all the plants coming alive. Clarkson Valley is so beautiful in the spring!

We would love to feature some of your springtime trips and activities here in your Clarkson Valley Living publication. Did you go on a trip for spring break? Have you done any projects are you doing around your home? Are you creating an awesome new Outdoor Oasis? Let us know! We'd love to feature it!

As always, please be sure and reach out to our amazing business partners for assistance on any home projects or services they offer. They would love to show you the kind of quality business they truly are - we're sure they would be happy to help.



**CHEERS TO A GREAT SPRING!**

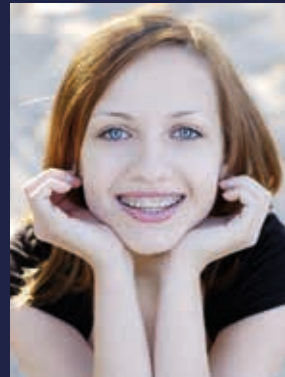
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## Calling All Graduates!

### June's Graduate Issue Is Getting Closer & Needs Your Help!

The June issue will be devoted to Clarkson Valley residents who are graduating from kindergarten, elementary school, middle school, high school and college. This issue is quite an undertaking, so we are getting started on it early. If you have a kiddo who fits into the "graduate" category, we'd love to hear from you! Please email

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## New Clarkson Valley Book Club Is Set To Start On April 20th!

From resident Shannon Burger, facilitator of the brand new Clarkson Valley Book Club:

"I am so excited to kick off the Clarkson Valley Book Club! Meet us on April 20th at 7p.m. at Lucky's Market upstairs. We can grab a glass of wine, some snacks or a coffee. Our first book will be *The Nightingale* by **Kristin Hannah**. Here is a link to the Goodreads Review: <http://goo.gl/7vQ4B4>."

Want more info or to join us on April 20th? Contact Deanna at [Deanna.Ley@N2Pub.com](mailto:Deanna.Ley@N2Pub.com)



## Got Drugs?



### April 30th Is National RX Drug Take Back Initiative Is Coming Back To Clarkson Valley!

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- Bank robber John Dillinger played professional baseball.
- The sting from a killer bee contains less venom than the sting from a regular bee!
- Due to gravitational effects, you weigh slightly less when the moon is directly overhead.
- Almost 40% of the top tennis pros are left-handed.
- Mars is red because it is rusty. There is a lot of iron in the soil, and the air on Mars has made it turn red-just like rusty iron on Earth.
- A toothpick is the object most often choked on by Americans!
- Although dinosaurs were reptiles, much of their behavior, such as agile running, has more in common with mammals.
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## meet your neighbors



**H**i! We're the Stiff family: Grant, Leslie and our three girls: Ryan, almost 8, Reese, 6, and Emerson, 3. We are relatively new to Clarkson Valley! In December of 2014, as I was randomly playing on Zillow, I came across a house that immediately provoked a crazy thought: "Let's leave our beloved Kirkwood - nobody leaves Kirkwood - (right?) and head west." We weren't looking to move but all the pieces seemed to fall in place. We bunked up with my folks (who are less than a mile away, another bonus for living out here) and after a lengthy closing period, we were finally able to call Forest Hills our home last July. In fact, the first night in our new home was July 4th. Talk about pinching yourself that this is real! We had already met some fabulous neighbors by this point so we went to a neighborhood party, watched the fireworks show from 30 yards away and walked home with full hearts and happy kiddos. We truly feel like we stumbled upon this special place in St. Louis and we've never looked back.

Our family joined Forest Hills Country Club shortly after we knew we'd be living in the neighborhood. That decision single handedly made our move as easy as it could be on our young girls. They made lots of friends over the summer at the pool and

when school started in the fall, they went in knowing more kids than they probably did at their old school. And speaking of school, we couldn't be happier with Ellisville Elementary! Our eldest daughter Ryan transferred last February; she didn't know a soul but the teachers, principal and front office staff made us feel so welcome and took such great care of her. Her younger sister Reese has since joined her and both girls are really taking the "Leader In Me" program that the school touts to heart. It's such an impressive program and it has been amazing to watch!

Life with three girls is chaotic, fun, hilarious, dramatic; exactly what you would think it would be! The girls really took to swimming, tennis and golf last summer and through the fall and spring they've played soccer, done some tumbling and are currently taking weekly Spanish lessons.

The greatest aspect of living in Clarkson Valley is our bubble. Our girls are

at that age where we love having them close. Grandparents, cousins, friends, and school are all within about a mile of each other. Days would go by last summer where we never even had to leave the neighborhood. Grant and I met at Maritz Travel Company and Grant is currently the Senior Vice President of Sales at Fusion Marketing which focuses on national and global incentive travel. So between the two of us we have travelled the globe, yet at this point in our lives, staying close to home has been key. When the girls get a bit older we plan to travel quite a bit with them, but for now our little 'bubble' is perfect!

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• **Saturday, April 16th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, April 17th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Summer Winds Nursery**  
• Article Written by Resident **Kristy Howard**

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Club Scout Pack 782 and American Heritage Girls Troop mo1345, sponsored by St. John Lutheran Church in Ellisville, are teaming up with Summer Winds Nursery to educate the public on native backyard gardening to help monarch butterflies, other butterfly species, pollinators, and hummingbirds.

The event will take place Saturday, April 16th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, April 17th from 9 a.m. to five p.m., rain or shine as Summer Winds has lots of tents! This is a family friendly event and your children will

get to see a live bee hive in action (enclosed in glass, of course!) make lots of different crafts, sample honey that is produced within one mile of Summer Winds, and lots of other fun things! The local honey will be available for purchase as well.

The Department of Conservation will hold brief classes at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 16th to help educate people on starting their own backyard habitat for these environmentally important species. Another class will be held on Sunday, April 17th, at 1 p.m. as well.

The Scouts and American Heritage Girls will be selling common milkweed and swamp milkweed, (milkweed plants are the only species of plants that the monarch can lay their eggs on) at a nominal fee to get your garden started. Summer Winds will be selling plants that support the monarchs once they emerge from their chrysalis, as well as plants that will also attract pollinators and hummingbirds. An educator will be present to talk about beekeeping and also about making beehives from kits to attract non-stinging pollinator bees! We can't wait to see you at this fun, exciting, and educational event!

For further information please feel free to e-mail **Kristy Howard** at [khoward778@gmail.com](mailto:khoward778@gmail.com) or call **636-248-4538**.

kids will be kids

## MEET The Gregory Girls

Article written by **Riley and Charley**, with a little help from their mom and resident Kristy Howard & Sponsored by **Chesterfield Montessori School**



Charley



Riley

*This month we get to meet the children of the Gregory family!*

### In Charley's Own Words

"My name is Charley Gregory and I am 6 years old. I am in kindergarten at Kehrs Mill Elementary. I take gymnastics, dance class and I played indoor soccer this year. I told my parents that I wanted to learn how to play the piano. I just got a keyboard for my birthday and I am going to start piano lessons soon! My favorite food is candy! One of my favorite things to do is turn on music at home and have a dance party with my family. I also love going to Hilton Head, South Carolina to visit my Nana and Papa and to play on the beach. When I grow up I want to be a singer, a horse rider and a cheerleader!"

### In Riley's Own Words

"My name is Riley Gregory. I am 8 1/2 years old and I am in 3rd grade at Kehrs Mill Elementary. My favorite colors are yellow, white, and blue because they look good together. I play guitar, violin, and harmonica. My hobbies are Hip-Hop, singing, art, acting, and musical theater. I love singing because I'm great at it and it's fun. This year I was in my school's talent show and I sang a song with a few other girls. I had a solo. I love art because I'm awesome at it and I really like it. I have some projects in my school district's art show. I like musical theater and acting because I get to be in the spotlight! I like Hip-Hop because it's fun. Thank you for reading! I hope you liked it!"



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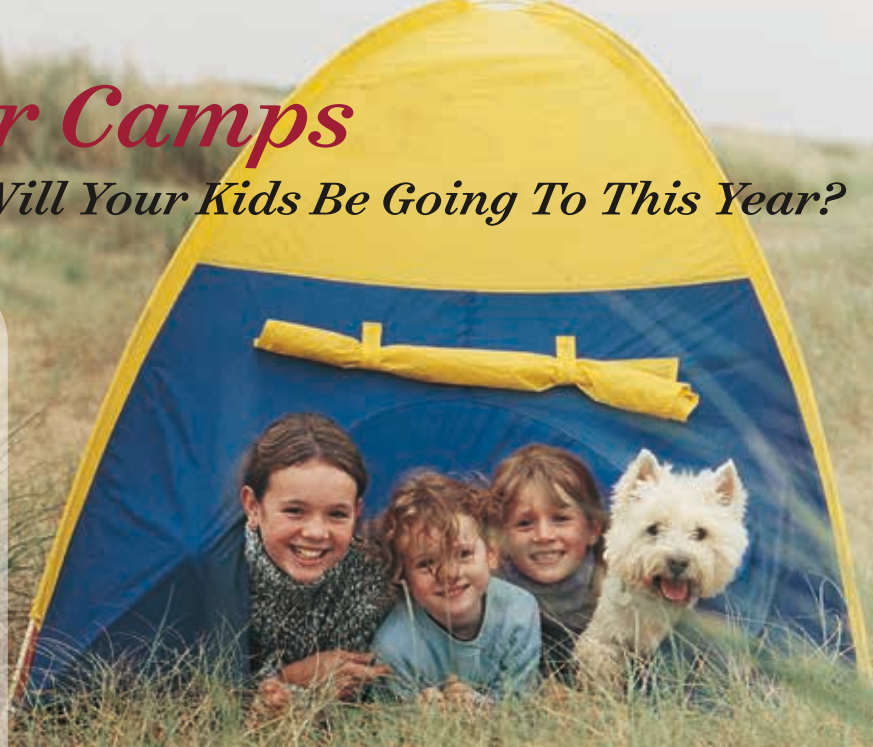
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# Meet Jim Carey

Article written by Jim Carey & Sponsored by Ries Orthodontics

## Please tell us about yourself.

Hi. My name is Jim Carey, and no, I'm not the famous comedian! I am 17 years old and live in Clarkson Valley. Lacrosse is my passion. I first started playing Lacrosse in fifth grade and continued playing when I entered Priory in the seventh grade. I love the sport and play defense. I also play football for Priory as a defensive and offensive lineman. I prefer Lacrosse due to its fast pace and the fact that you are always in the plays. It is such a



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fun and aggressive sport and I have made so many great friends along the way.

## What honor and awards have you received?

We are division 2 in lacrosse and I earned second team all-conference for defense my freshman year. I was chosen my sophomore year as first team all-conference for defense and first team all-state for defense. Academically I work very hard and have maintained straight A's at Priory. My goal has always been to maintain an unweighted GPA of 4.0 and over. I have been awarded 1st Honors every year at Priory. I achieved Form Prize Winner my freshman year which is awarded to the top 2-3 students in the class.

## What was your favorite lacrosse memory?

I would have to say it was when we beat Clayton in the semi-finals my sophomore year. I had a "rivalry" going against one of their senior players for a while and since I am very competitive, it felt so good to beat them!

## Do you have other hobbies or interests?

I really like to hunt and fish at our farm. Watching the Rams game with my family, Uncles, and cousins has always been a favorite pastime of mine and I am very disappointed that the Rams are moving.

## What kind of advice would you give other children in Clarkson Valley?

As for sports, always listen to your coaches. Be coachable. Do what they say! As for academics, do not procrastinate, study and do all of your homework!

## What are your plans after graduating from Priory?

I plan on attending an academically challenging college with a traditional college feel. I haven't decided yet if I want to pursue playing Lacrosse in college. Business and finance will be my focus of studies.

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Austin Neukirch, a senior at CBC High School and Clarkson Valley resident, has a great job. He has been busy performing at local venues and festivals for the past year as the bass player for The Miles. Austin began playing piano in second grade and saxophone in fifth grade at Holy Infant School. Two years ago he switched to bass with local bands. All of his hard work, great teachers and practice have resulted in being accepted next year to Belmont University and Berklee School of Music, a tough decision he will make soon.

The Miles are a local band including Kaylynn Dunn on drums, Alexander Scheman on lead guitar, and Daniel Young, lead vocals, guitar and keys, ranging in age from 14-17. All four are students at School of Rock St. Louis located in Ballwin and Kirkwood. They formed The Miles a year ago and have been playing covers ranging including The Rolling Stones, Pink Floyd, Jimi Hendrix, The Doors, Black Keys, Violent Femmes, Stray Cats and many more. As they are filling local venues, they have been catching the attention of local promoters and can be seen throughout the St. Louis region this spring and summer. Check out [www.themilesband.com](http://www.themilesband.com).

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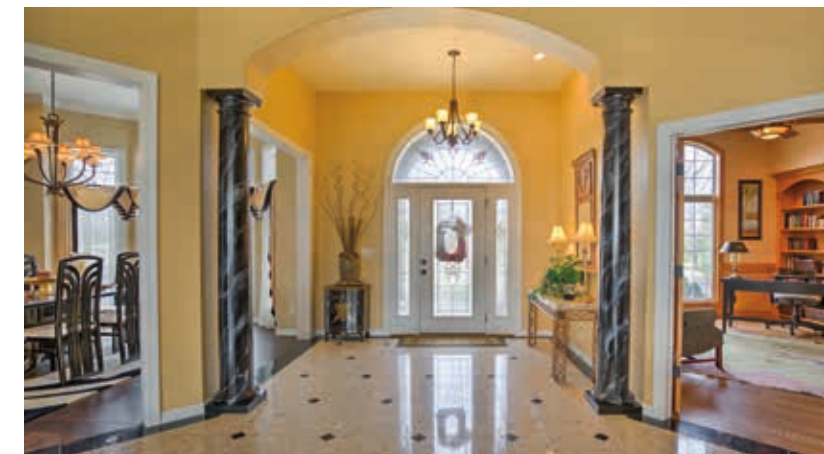
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**H**ill We are Anne and Dave and have lived in Clarkson Valley for the past six years. We have three girls, Amanda, 24, Andrea, 19, and Abby, 18. We moved here from the east coast and while house hunting, came across a beautiful atrium ranch home, a style which we had never seen before. Dave and I love the floor plan and knew that with some updates and color on the walls we could make this a warm and inviting home.

The amount of light that comes into the house through the two story windows at the back makes it feel warm and inviting. The whole lower level feels like a first floor with high ceilings and a walkout to the patio/pool area. We have a fabulous theater room which has had much use with all of the high school students that have frequented our house! My favorite room is on the main level which is the hearth room because it has such a cozy feeling.



I did all of the decorating in the home and was able to use a good deal of furniture from our previous home, which we have gradually been replacing since moving here. The great room has a music theme which I carried over from our formal living room at our previous residence. Years ago my style was more contemporary but over time I started appreciating the more traditional styles and have managed to blend both styles in this home, making it more transitional. Recently, Showcase Hardwood LLC installed hardwood flooring in our great room, dining room, and hallways which was purchased from The Floor Project. We are so pleased at the finished results.

If I did it all over again, I wouldn't change a thing. For those of you wanting to spruce up your living space I personally would advise you to decorate in the style and colors that you feel comfortable with, not with just what is "on trend."



We have featured some great homes in Clarkson Valley and would love to share yours, as well. Have you recently remodeled, redecorated or built on an addition? Have you created a man cave or built a new wine cellar? Simply contact Kristy at [Kristy.Howard@N2Pub.com](mailto:Kristy.Howard@N2Pub.com) and we will coordinate a professional photo shoot by widephoto to highlight your home in an upcoming issue of Clarkson Valley Living.

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with a new interest. During this time, his fascination with reading books about the intelligent and loyal German shepherd grew. He read a true story about a military dog named Sergeant Rex and the movie Maxx, about a retired military German shepherd, was released. We decided, with the recent events in his life, that our son needed a boyhood dog!

Perhaps a nice loyal and intelligent golden retriever! The German shepherd dog named Demi came to us in the most winding and crazy way. That is a long story for another day.

Demi is not aggressive or hard to handle. She has quickly and brilliantly learned what is expected of her at our house: No crate, off leash walks, no upstairs, downstairs ok, couch if invited, lots of kids, doorbells, cars in, cars out, sit on the blanket at soccer, sit in the bleachers at football, no alpha dog behavior, off leash dog park a must, and all dogs are our friends. She already loved all humans and it is obvious when you meet her, everyone is her best friend. However, none of this is much like the years of structured training she was used to as a working dog or breeding female. Demi is remarkable; quickly figuring out the alpha "handler" in our family (even a dog knows who is the real boss of the household).

She has learned that, though I am the lady of the house, she need not guard me. The first week we brought Demi home, she became fascinated with me and our red footed South American Tortoise. She would watch the tortoise in its cage and obsessively guard it. That first week, we had to keep her out of the basement (and spend time away from me) to give her an "off duty" break. Early one morning my husband said, "Demi, did you find the turtle?" accidentally using Schutzhund command word for tracking.... "Find!" Demi immediately ran downstairs and barked and acknowledged that the turtle was in his cage. In one week she had identified the word 'turtle' with the object. Wow! Let me forward to the next week, when I lost the turtle from its outside pen. With Demi on the leash, I went over to the turtle's outside cage and said, "Demi! Find the turtle!" She sniffed and went into a tracking mode with her face on the ground. I guess the turtle went down the hill and back up because that's where my dog led me. Demi quickly and easily found the turtle under bushes along the foundation of the house. I didn't train her, so I cannot take any credit for her abilities, though I would like to say I did. Wow, we had no idea what an amazing dog she is! We are amazed by her training, ability to learn, and desire to please!

Her vet told us that a German shepherd could understand up to 300 words. I believe it to be true after spending time with Demi. This girl has never taken an aggressive stance toward any person! The breeder assured me that Demi is brilliant in that she can understand the difference between normal life and a real threat. She also added, if someone breaks into your house in the middle of the night ...

watch out! Demi came with a list of commands. The trainer told me she understands the commands in German and English. No way, but she really does! Demi seems to be relieved that she is off duty at our house and loves it when we tell her to "Platz," which means to "lie down" in German.

She gives several barks when a car comes in the drive, even my own. Demi greets me at the door with her ears floppy and tail wagging. I know she knows it's my car, but I guess she feels the need to warn the household. Mom's home! In the 6 months that we have had Demi, I have learned to trust her implicitly to always be appropriate; we have found no situation where she is not confident and she never misjudges a situation. She is bomb proof, literally! We are so happy to have her at our home retired as a family dog in Clarkson Valley, and a bonus for our family is that she has taught us some German words! I notice that she clears the sidewalks and people are generally cautious with the breed. Once you meet Demi, you know you have a friend. She will always be happy to see you!

*Noch einen schonen Tag!  
(Have a great day!)*

*The Hardwick Family*



Do you have a pet and would like to share his/her story and have a professional photo shoot by resident Maddi Manheimer, Clarkson Valley Living's Precious Pets official photographer? Simply email **Kristy** at [Kristy.Howard@N2Pub.com](mailto:Kristy.Howard@N2Pub.com) to have them featured in the next available issue. Dogs, cats, horses, fish, and any other type of animals are welcome!

## Guten Tag!

*Meet Demi, A German Shepard*

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Everyone loves a story of a pedigreed lady with a history and a commanding personality...Princess Leia, Scarlet O'Hara, Rose from The Titanic. The pedigreed lady of our story happens to be an 8-year-old German shepherd dog named Demi. Demi just might be the most accomplished member of our family! Demi once possessed a passport and was flown to Germany to be titled in a dog training style called Schutzhund, the German word for "protection dog."

Developed in Germany in the 1900's, Schutzhund was a sport that helped develop and evaluate such characteristics as courage, intelligence, trainability and work ethic. Demi is a retired titled Schutzhund dog. These dogs are often ideal for police, military and rescue work. German Shepherds trained and titled in the Schutzhund style are competent in three areas, protection, tracking, and obedience. Demi was a proven dog that became a valuable breeding dog for a Chicago breeder who breeds working German Shepherds.

We never, in our wildest dreams, needed this much dog! When our son suffered a concussion in hockey and had symptoms for 6 months, we realized that this kiddo needed to replace hockey

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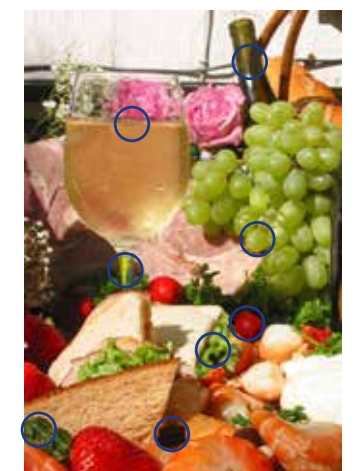
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*The Flavors Of Spring:  
Chili Lime Butter & Sautéed Fish*

From The Kitchen Of: Clarkson Valley Resident, Valerie Denton  
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Spring brings green grass, fragrant flowers and crisp bright flavors to the table. I would like to introduce you to a dish that provides hints of fresh citrus with an occasional blast of

heat. It is not only delicious; it follows current food trends with the use of Thai peppers. I found this recipe a few years ago on epicurious.com, one of my preferred web sites. Now a family and friends' favorite, I have expanded the use of the chili lime butter. I have served it on grilled fish and shrimp in addition to cornmeal fried tilapia. The crisp flavors make an exceptional taco!

**CHILI LIME BUTTER**

This is better made a day ahead. I freeze what I don't use by placing the mixture on wax paper, rolling into a log shape, placing into a freezer bag and freezing.

- 1/2 stick (1/4 cup) unsalted butter, softened\*
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped shallot
- 1 teaspoon finely grated fresh lime zest
- 2 teaspoons fresh lime juice
- 1 teaspoon minced fresh Thai or serrano chile (preferably red), including seeds for more heat, exclude seed for less heat
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

\*I have also made this with light olive oil for a healthy choice.

**PREPARATION**

Stir together butter, shallot, zest, lime juice, chile, and salt in a bowl.

**NOTE:** The key is making sure you have softened butter (not melted) which allows the lime juice to incorporate into the mixture.



Would you like to have your favorite family recipe featured in the neighborhood publication? We are looking for anyone who has a good recipe to share! Simply email Clarkson Valley Living's Delicious Dish Contributor, resident Valerie Denton, at [gavadenton@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gavadenton@sbcglobal.net), to have your recipe featured in the next available issue!

**SAUTÉED FISH**

- 6 (5- to 6-oz) pieces skinless tilapia fillet or farm-raised striped bass fillets with skin
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil

**PREPARATION**

If using striped bass, score skin in 3 or 4 places with a thin sharp knife to prevent fish from curling (do not cut through flesh). Pat fish dry and sprinkle with salt. Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a 12-inch nonstick skillet over moderately high heat until just smoking, then sauté 3 pieces of fish, turning over once with a spatula, until golden and just cooked through, 4 to 5 minutes, and transfer to a plate. Sauté remaining fish in remaining tablespoon oil in same manner. Place a dollop of chile lime butter on each piece of hot fish.

Serve plated as a main entree or in a taco shell with shredded cabbage, chopped tomatoes, avocado, cilantro and lime wedges.

**NOTE:** This was also excellent on sea bass.

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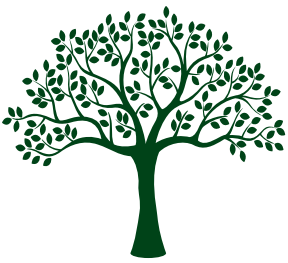
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