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Mayor Scott Douglass

Mayor's Corner



As I reviewed possible subjects for this month's Mayor's Corner, I was struck by the weather report. Yes, winter is here – the cold wind with cloudy skies and a snow forecast. Now February is here with perhaps more of the same to usher in the wind storms with possible tornados. A few years ago our police officer at the time, Thom Taylor, wrote an article on emergency planning for your home. After reviewing it, with a few minor changes, it reminded me to review our plans. So, for you, here it is.

There are many types of emergencies that would affect you and your family - both natural and man-made. The affect these emergencies have on you and your family members can be minimized by taking the time before an emergency arises to make an emergency plan. Every member of your home should be included in any planning and kept up to date on any changes. The emergency kit that i will be referring to is the same kit taken from the <http://organizedhome.com/winter-preparedness-checklist> website, with adjustments made for the time of year, weather and rotation of perishable items.

The most important part of this article is for you and your family to actually take the time to sit down, talk and make a plan.

Things to consider when formulating your family plan are:

- Deciding to stay or evacuate
- Evacuation separation
- Finding a "safe area" in your home
- Communication/Information
- Pets
- Neighbors

The actual nature of the emergency will be a big part of your family's decision to stay in your home or evacuate. If you decide to evacuate, have a plan in place to gather all of your family members (including your pets!) and have some prearranged destinations. When planning your evacuation route, include alternate routes and alternate forms of transportation. Try to keep vehicles at a minimum of a half tank of gas at all times. Before you leave, contact neighbors to let them know of your decision to evacuate. If you have elderly or disabled neighbors

you may want to include them in your plan. Before you evacuate, turn off all utilities to your home. (Part of your planning should be to learn how to turn off all of the utilities.) If you are driving you should have your emergency to-go kit handy or in your car. Before and during travel, listen to any available news source to stay up to date on events and closures that might affect your evacuation.

Planning for emergency communication should include the portable radio and television and/or cell (smart) phone in your emergency kit. Use these to keep current with the status of the emergency by tuning to local and emergency stations that will be broadcasting regular updates. You should also plan for each member of your household to memorize, or have access to, the phone number of a designated out-of-town contact person. Local phone services will be very busy during an emergency and everyone calling the same contact person will help you to account for all family members.

The information gathered for this article was taken from the [ready.gov website](http://ready.gov). Log on to find this and a lot more information about the different types of disasters and emergency planning for your home, school or workplace.

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We are blessed to bring you Clarkson Valley Living each month. I happen to think that I have the greatest business in the world. I get to meet amazing business owners, I get to know you (the awesome residents of Clarkson Valley), and I get to work each day with my bride and share in the excitement of our business with the one who matters most to me on earth. Yep, I would say that is pretty cool.

2016 is going to be a great year! In fact, we have a couple special announcements to share!

We have the pleasure of having resident Kristy Howard join the *Clarkson Valley Living* Team as our new content manager. Kristy will be helping gather stories for the publication each month. Also, we would like to introduce Nancy Miller as the *Clarkson Valley Living* events coordinator. Nancy has a long history of event planning and will be a great asset to our team!

We are so excited to have both of great ladies as new additions to the CVL team, and we look forward to giving you the chance to meet them at one of our upcoming events.

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MEET CLARKSON VALLEY LIVING'S NEWEST TEAM MEMBERS



Kristy and her family

Hello, Clarkson Valley residents! My name is Kristy Howard, and I reside in the Dunhill neighborhood of Clarkson Valley with my husband Bill, my daughter Morgan (a Senior at Visitation Academy,) and my son Zach (age 10 at St. John Lutheran School). We have also adopted a menagerie of different animals that bless us with their presence! I am a retired R.N. and looking for a change, so I accepted the position of content manager for the *Clarkson Valley Living* publication! I love to meet people and their families and am excited to work with many of you to share your stories in our publication! We look forward to a great 2016 filled with many blessings and adventures!



Nancy and her family

Greetings! My name is Nancy Miller. I live in Wildwood with my husband Brett, my son Jack (in 8th grade at St. John) and my sweet Chiweenie Bella. I have been planning events of all types for fourteen years and I have loved each one of them! Details are my thing! I am so happy to be working with Deanna and Chris on dinners and events for you, the residents of beautiful Clarkson Valley. I look forward to meeting all of you at various functions throughout the year. I wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous 2016!

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SNOW DAY PHOTOS NEEDED FOR MARCH ISSUE!

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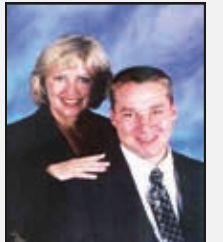
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Answers elsewhere in this issue



meet your NEIGHBORS

Meet The Cantor Family – Mark, Amy, Eric, Samantha And Zachary

Article Written by the Amy Cantor & Sponsored by Kehrs Mill Dental Arts
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Amy and Mark Cantor have been living in Clarkson Valley for over 20 years. The couple met while in law school at Loyola University in New Orleans. Mark is originally from St. Louis and graduated from Parkway Central High School. Amy grew up in Manhattan and Westchester County in New York. Upon graduating from law school the couple decided to move back to St. Louis and start their family. Mark wanted a house that had a lot of land and Amy wanted a newer home. The Dunhill subdivision was perfect for them.

The Cantors are blessed with three children. Eric is 21 years old and attends the University of Arizona in Tucson. Samantha is 19 and is a freshman at the University of Texas in Austin. Both Eric and Samantha attended Crestview Middle School and Marquette High School. Their youngest son is Zachary. Zachary is 11 years old and is in fifth grade at Kehrs Mill Elementary school. Zachary will be going to Crestview Middle School in the fall. The family also has two dogs, Bella and Cash. Bella is a 7-year-old Yorkie and Maltese mix. Cash will be a



year old in January and is a Goldendoodle. While Bella enjoys staying indoors most of the time, Cash has been trained to go hunting with the Cantor men.

As a family, the Cantors enjoy spending time in Cabo San Lucas, where Mark and Amy have vacationed for the last 23 years. Mark, Eric and Zachary love skiing in Breckenridge, Colorado, while Amy and Samantha opt for vacations in warmer climates. The family is often seen walking their dogs around the Dunhill neighborhood and on Kehrs Mill Road. The Chesterfield JCC is a big part of their lives. All the kids have been on basketball teams through the JCC and attended various programs and summer camps there. The Cantors are at the JCC's gym on a daily basis.

Both Amy and Mark have been practicing attorneys for over 20 years. Mark has recently started his own law firm, Cantor Injury Law, LLC. Cantor Injury Law, LLC is focused primarily in personal injury law. Amy has her own firm, The Cantor Law Firm, LLC. Amy's practice is entirely devoted to family law

issues. Although Amy and Mark have separate law firms, they work together in the same office suite in Creve Coeur.

Mark and Amy are very involved in the community. Amy has volunteered at the Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry and is a member of the J Associates. Mark is vice president and is

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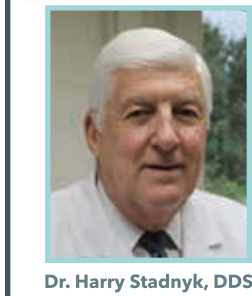
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on the executive board of the Jewish Community Center in St. Louis. Mark was also the former chairman of a non-for-profit camp called Camp Sabra at the Lake of the Ozarks. The family belongs to B'nai Amoona Congregation, where the Cantor side of the family has been members for about 100 years.

The family loves living in Clarkson Valley and can't believe how the area has grown over the last 20 years. When they moved here the stores and shops in Valley didn't exist. They love taking advantage of all the restaurants and shopping the area now offers. Some of their favorite local restaurants are Babbo's, Charlie Gitto's, Anne Gun's and Balabans. The Cantors love

the park and amphitheater in Chesterfield. They often go to the summer concerts and take long walks with Cash and Bella around the park. The best part of living in Clarkson Valley is its central location in a safe peaceful neighborhood with large lots and access to great restaurants and shopping.



Get to know your neighbors better by having your family featured in the next available issue! With the Meet Your Neighbors article comes a free professional photo shoot with Clarkson Valley Living's Meet Your Neighbors photographer, Cyndi Palmer of Cyndi Palmer Photography. Email Deanna at Deanna.Ley@N2Pub.com to be a future featured family.

SAVE *the* Date

LADIES' NIGHT OUT at SALON JOLI & SPA



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If you would like to attend, please email Nancy Miller (CVL's new event planner) at nancymillerevents@gmail.com. After you RSVP, Nancy will confirm if we are able to fit you in or if you're on the wait list.

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Submitted by her mom, Julie Blanner, & Sponsored by Chesterfield Montessori School

Name: Aniston "Ani" Blanner

Age: 4

School/Grade: Preschool at Lord of Life. She loves learning computers there.

Favorite Movies: *Finding Nemo, Madagascar*

Favorite Music: Kidz Bop

Special Interests/Hobbies: Ani likes doing crafts and playing outside with her friends.



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Favorite Vacation: Ani loves going to Big Cedar Lodge near Branson. She likes visiting Silver Dollar City and going on boat rides there, too.

Something Unique About Her: Ani has a zest for life! She has a bubbly personality that makes everyone smile. She skips her way through the day and loves making her friends and family laugh.

When She Grows Up She Want to Be: A nurse so she can take care people

Other Things She Wanted to Share: Ani is a good friend and an excellent sister. She always puts others first. She fell down the stairs two years ago and lost a tooth, but that just adds more "cheese" to her smile.

Hey kids – do you want to be the superstar of the neighborhood? Do you want to share with the neighborhood any and all things that are important to kids your age? All you have to do is ask your parents to email Deanna at Deanna.Ley@N2Pub.com to have your article featured in a future issue.

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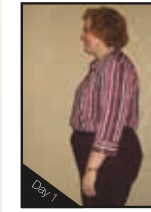
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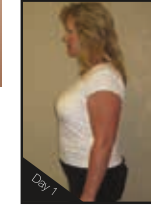
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Delicious Chicken Piccata



Sweet Potato Cheesecake, Key Lime Cheesecake and Chocolate Raspberry Cake

The owners of Parkside Grille invited the residents of Clarkson Valley to come and enjoy their delicious food on Wednesday, January 6th. Everyone had a great time and the food was truly wonderful.

Parkside Grille was created as a true neighborhood restaurant in Wildwood. Jean Ann Mantia's passion for creating great food is evident when sampling items on the menu. Together with Chef Mark Wentz, she has kept developed a fresh American menu that has something for everyone. There is even a great kid's menu for the younger visitors. Regulars at Parkside Grille are accustomed to being treated to an excellent meal with every visit. Parkside boasts a diverse rotation of craft beers and a wine list that is sure to please. You can catch live trivia on Tuesday evenings, and live music on the weekends. Rocky Mantia plays every Sunday 3-6p.m. Parkside serves lunch and dinner during the week and has a great breakfast on weekends.

Here is what the attendees of the restaurant review had to say:

"I would recommend Parkside for good food and a great location. The dessert was great!" – Bill H.

"The lobster roll fries rocked!" – Brett M.

"The onion rings and the dessert sampler were perfect!" – Gina H.

"Friendly, pleasant casual atmosphere. A good neighborhood choice" – Gary P.

"The calamari was awesome. I love the stone archway. Has a very home-like feel." – Bill H.

"The chicken piccata and orzo was excellent! Nice staff." – Carol P.

"Great place to go with friends." – Kristy H.

"I would absolutely recommend! Great food and service. So happy they're just around the corner!" – Julie B.

Everyone had a great night, and we hope that you will stop by and enjoy a great meal with the fine folks at Parkside Grille.



Disclaimer: The business reviewed in this section provided products and/or services free of charge in exchange for this review.

Do you have a favorite restaurant that would be fun to review? Please email Deanna.Ley@N2Pub.com if you do!



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I enjoy experimenting with different herbs and spices. Several years back I began using Fines herbes in my omelets, soups, sauces and stews. I loved the full flavor it provided and became curious as to what makes up Fines herbes. Used in French cooking, Fines herbes is typically comprised of a blend of parsley, tarragon, chervil and chives. Chervil? I had never heard of it! Through my research, I discovered Chervil (SHER-vuhl) was carried throughout Europe by the Romans where it is now naturalized. It is found in many French recipes including Béarnaise sauce and of course one of the main ingredients in Fines herbes. A member of the parsley family, Chervil is a delicate culinary herb which embodies its hosting food with very mild hints of aniseed.

I have not seen fresh Chervil in markets around the St. Louis area and dried is difficult to find in local grocery stores. I have found the best place to buy Chervil locally is at spice stores.



Though French recipes are the primary host for the use of Chervil, I truly enjoy its soft flavors in tomato based dishes and sauces. I flavor my chili, vegetable soup and a variety of sauces with dried Chervil. Below is a twist on an old family recipe which is simple, kid friendly and quick. I hope you take time to experiment with this versatile delicate herb and enjoy the sauce.

TWISTED MARINARA

- 2 - 14.5 oz. cans of diced tomatoes with garlic and onion
- 2 tsp. brown sugar
- 2 tsp. dried chervil
- ½ tsp. dried basil
- ¼ tsp. black pepper
- ½ cup sweet Marsala
- Salt to taste
- 2 tbsp. unsalted butter (optional: add for a richer flavor)

Combine the first five ingredients in a saucepan and bring to boil, turn to low heat and simmer five minutes. Add sweet Marsala and simmer an additional four minutes. Remove from heat and add the butter for a rich flavored sauce.

I serve this over pasta. Other serving ideas include serving over grilled chicken or sautéed shrimp or sliced smoked sausage links.



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* new Delicious Dish Contributor, resident Valerie Denton, at gavadenton@sbcglobal.net, to have your recipe featured in the next available issue!

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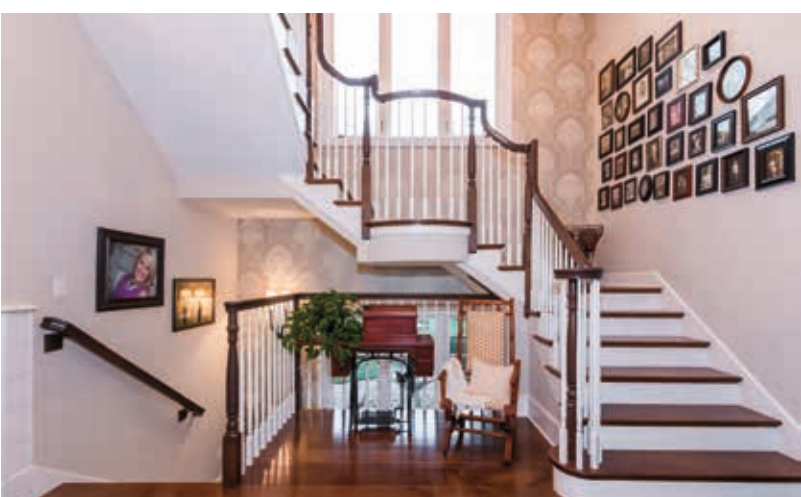


Hello Clarkson Valley! We are Tim and Linda Trost. We have two children, Kaylee (age 20) and Mollie (age 15). We have lived on Jennycliffe Lane in Forest Hills for five years. Our favorite room is the kitchen. We are a family that loves to cook and entertain.

We custom built this house, designing it ourselves with an architect in Chicago (which is where we were living at the time we purchased the property). When we were beginning the design process, I collected pictures and ideas from magazines of kitchens that had the features I loved. Then, I combined those ideas with my desire to have a two story, wood planked ceiling with beams.

I collaborated with my good friend and interior designer, Kristin Petro from Kristin Petro Interiors located in Elmhurst, IL during the entire building process. Our intent with the house was to make our design choices timeless in character. Our goal was to have our home not feel like new construction. We used a lot of marble throughout, cut glass doorknobs, classic light fixtures, cove crown moldings, and horizontal wainscoting.

We are so thrilled with the outcome of our home; it has the features of a modern home yet the character of a classic farmhouse.



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 Deanna at Deanna.Ley@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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TAKING BACK YOUR FAMILY MEALTIME

How would you like to strengthen your family? Protect your children from the dangers of drug use and tobacco? Or strengthen the communication with your son or daughter by genuine "face time." Family mealtime could be the unexpected answer.

According to Miriam Weinstein, author of *The Surprising Power of Family Meals*, "Sitting down to a meal together draws a line around us. It encloses us and strengthens the bonds that connect us with other members of our self-defined clan, shutting out the rest of the world." Communication is established without texting, Facebook, or phone calls. Parents can connect with their children with ease.

Simply eating together as a family can safeguard your teens from the pitfalls of drugs and alcohol. According to The



By N2 Staff Writer, Elizabeth McCabe

National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University, teens who have less than three family dinners a week are twice as likely to use alcohol, four times more likely to use tobacco, two-and-a-half times more likely to use marijuana, and four times more likely to say they expect to try drugs in the future.

Making dinner at home can also result in healthier meals, making a dent in the rise of childhood obesity. Kids consume 12% of their calories from fast food. One-third of kids chow down fast food on any given day. Although fast food is convenient, the added calories and fat can take a toll on children's health and pave the way for unhealthy eating.

By making dinner at home, you have the ability to control all the ingredients. Preservatives, trans fat, saturated fat, and use of sodium can be eliminated or greatly reduced. Herbs and spices can act as a savory substitute for salt. Whole foods can be utilized and fruits and vegetables can added (or cleverly disguised in creative culinary creations).

If cooking is new to you (or you are pressed for time), have no fear – delivery meal options are here! Consider the Blue Apron or Plated websites, where you are provided pre-portioned ingredients for a particular recipe. Delivery meal options are growing in popularity as more families find themselves on the go.

Another option is to take cooking classes as a family; show Johnny and Jill the joy of cooking. Put their energetic hands to work by sprinkling cheese atop vegetables, snapping tips off asparagus, or kneading pizza dough together as a family.

In an age of hustle and bustle, family mealtime often becomes an exception rather than a priority. But the act of eating together can create stronger families. A few simple changes today could create a healthier tomorrow for your family. Take back your family mealtime







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Chocolate Business Cards

own, but we do keep getting new customers from people who have seen our chocolate elsewhere and want to do something custom for themselves.

I've lived in the neighborhood for 11-1/2 years with Chuck, my husband of almost 30 years. We have three sons, Seth, Nate, and Ty. Seth and Nate are independent now and live on the east coast. Ty is a sophomore in college at George Washington University. I am also a geriatric physician assistant and I work as a Director of Client Relations for Home Care Assistance, a premier home care company in St. Louis.

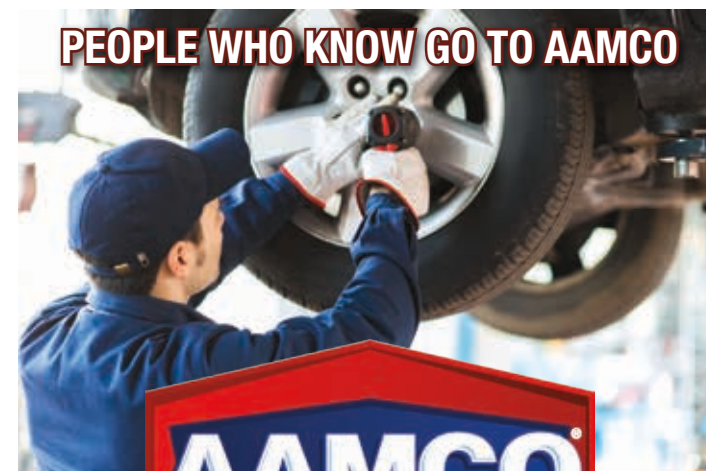
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Chris and I had an awesome time driving around Clarkson Valley looking at all of the amazing lights residents had put on their houses during the holidays. We wanted to share some of them with you!

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Cub Scout Pack 782, sponsored by St. John Church, and Summer Winds Nursery in Ellisville are gearing up for their Community family event to educate families on how to help the environment through native backyard gardening.

This event will be held on Saturday, April 16th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, April 17th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

We are happy to announce that the American Heritage Girls, Troop Mo1345, also sponsored by St. John Church, are excited to join the cub scouts in helping with the event!

Your children can make fun nature crafts at the event and food and beverages will be served. The cub scouts will be selling the native common milkweed and swamp milkweed host plants for the monarch butterflies to lay their eggs on. The fee for these plants will be nominal but will help cover the cost of running the event.

Summer Winds Nursery has chosen 10 beautiful types of native blooming species that will provide pollen and nectar for bees, hummingbirds, and butterflies as seen in the photos. The cost will depend on the size of the plant. We will also have pre-made patio pots for those of you who would like nature in your backyard but don't like getting your hands dirty! We would love to know if you are interested in purchasing any of these plants so we will have an idea of how many to pre-order.

Please e-mail Kristy Howard at khoward778@gmail.com if you would like to be included in pre-order! Thank you and can't wait to see you in April!



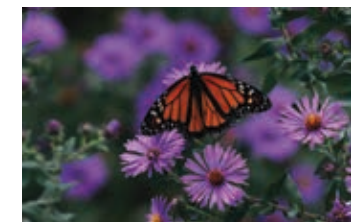
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Young ACHIEVERS

Meet Lydia Ellen Wiley Of Clarkson Valley – Multi-Sport Athlete

Interview Conducted by her mom, Kate Wiley, & Sponsored by KinderCare Chesterfield



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Met Lydia Ellen Wiley, a soon-to-be 9-year old who lives with her family (Dad Brent, Mom Kate and little sister Molly) in Forest Hills. We caught up with this very busy 3rd grader to find out more about her love for several different sports. We hope you enjoy Kate's interview of her daughter's multi-sport achievements!

What are your plans after grade school?

After St. Clare, I want to go to high school and play basketball, golf and soccer. I hope I go to St. Joe like my mom!

What sports do you participate in?

During the school year I play basketball, volleyball and I'm on two soccer teams; St. Clare and St. Louis Scott Gallagher. In the summer I love swim team, junior golf and tennis.

How did you get started with your sport?

I've always had so much energy! My parents signed me up for soccer when I was two!

What do you enjoy about your sport?

I love playing sports because they are fun and it's exciting to have my dad as my assistant basketball coach.

Tell us something you achieved or some highlights of your experience so far in your sport?

I love scoring goals and when my team wins, but I'm really proud of my second place finish in this past summer's Juniors Golf Tournament and my dad and I getting First Place in the Parent/Child Golf Tournament.

Is there something that makes you unique in your sport (a specific strength or quality you bring)?

I'm pretty good at scoring goals in soccer and it has helped my team win some games!

How do you keep a balance between sports, school, and other activities in your life?

On school nights when I have practice my mom makes me do my homework as soon as I get home from school. I know if I'm going to play sports in high school I have to get good grades too.

Name someone you admire. What makes them special and how have they motivated you?

I also really like writing songs, singing and performing so I think it's really cool that Taylor Swift started writing songs when she was in grade school and she kept trying until she was a superstar. I'm not sure which sport or activity I want to focus on but I'll keep trying my best and having fun until I find out!



If you know of an outstanding youth (or you are one yourself!) who has had an accomplishing of some sort that should be featured, please email Deanna at Deanna.Ley@N2Pub.com.

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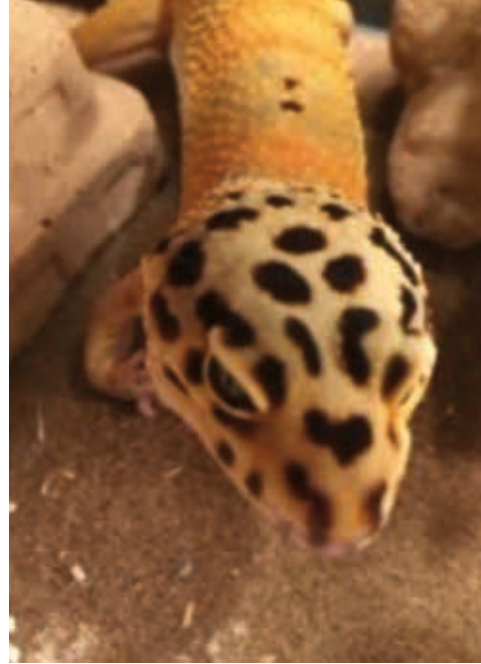
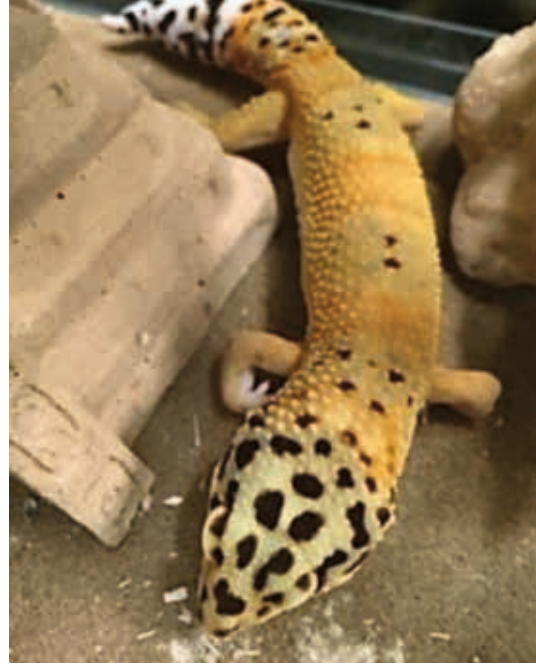
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precious pets

Meet Lizzy

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Hey Clarkson Valley residents! My name is Lizzy and I am a fat tailed leopard gecko. I am so blessed to have landed in a home in Clarkson Valley because, if not, I think I would have been facing the guillotine! My life story began at a pet store where I was "purchased" (I would love to think I was adopted) for a science classroom. The students named me Lizzy (how original and they don't even know if I am a boy or girl!) Actually I don't know either. You know, I would have loved to have a cool name like Geico (he's the lizard on TV and is so cute and has so much personality,) or Crikey (loved Steve Irwin!) or Picasso, because, not to brag, but I am quite the looker!



Let me tell you, school was terrifying! Kids were picking me up constantly, dropping me, and not always respecting my personal space! I have a really cool Egyptian pyramid in my cage that I can hide in, but the students were always lifting it up to look at me. One student unknowingly placed the pyramid on my front arms which broke them and they are now deformed. I have a terrible time walking and was unable to catch the crickets in my cage at school. I was literally starving to death and no one even noticed! I finally got the break I needed when the kids went on a two week trip to the Grand Canyon.

A lady came in to take care of all of us terrified pets in the classroom and noticed how I kept trying to catch crickets with no success. She even saw that I had sores on my tongue. I saw her pick up a leopard gecko book, look at the gecko on the cover, and then look back at me. I think she was shocked because I am a "fat" tailed gecko and I had no fat on my tale. This sent her into a tailspin.

She ran to the pet store and got me some mealworms and waxworms that I could actually catch! I started to get better quickly and started to shed my skin as I grew. When the students came back it was the end of the year and nobody wanted to take me home (which actually was a blessing in disguise!) Talk about adding insult to injury! I actually think the lady had a soft spot for me agreed to take me home! I really do think she loves me because she holds me and pets me, which makes fall asleep. She keeps my cage clean and warm and my tummy full. Oh, what a life!

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 Clarkson Valley Living's Publisher Deanna at Deanna.Ley@N2Pub.com to have them featured in the next available issue. Dogs, cats, horses, fish, and any other type of animals are welcome!

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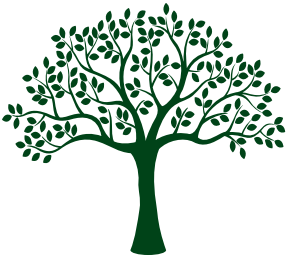
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