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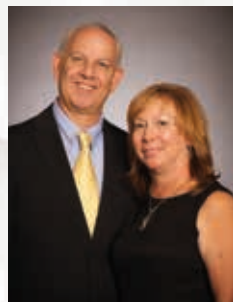
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As your *Clarkson Valley Living* publishers, we will be working hard to bring you the best publication possible. We hope you enjoyed the inaugural issue of *Clarkson Valley Living* that arrived last month. The involvement of so many residents to provide stories and pictures of their families, pets, kids, homes and more was overwhelming and made for a great inaugural issue. You see, this is *your* publication – a chance to really connect with your neighbors and build a strong sense of community in such a lovely city.

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OTHER TYPES OF ARTICLES – We enjoy printing a variety of unique articles that may or may not be monthly. Examples of these articles are: Volunteer Spotlight (do you or anyone you know do volunteer work?), Travel Tales (If you or anyone you know has gone on a vacation and would like to share their experience, then this is the place to be), and Amazing Athletes (Whether you are 4 or 40, a ballerina or a football player, this section is for you!).

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**SCOTT DOUGLASS
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WIFE JUNE**

Article Written By Chris Ley and Sponsored By Kehrs Mill Dental Arts
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I had the privilege of sitting down with Mayor Scott Douglass and his bride of 57 years, June, at their lovely home in Forest Hills to get to know them better and to share their story with all the residents of Clarkson Valley.

As we were talking, they were preparing to leave the next day to travel to North Carolina to attend their grandson's graduation. They have raised three daughters, Denise and Debi (twins) and Pam. They have 10 grandkids.

Denise, her husband Steve, and their boys Travis and Trevor live in Salem, North Carolina. Debi, her husband Bennie, and their two sets of twins (yep, you read that right) Shelby and Shawn and Derek and Dylan live in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Pam, her husband Kevin, and their four kids Alexis, Abbey, Charlie and Alyson live here in the Chesterfield area.

The Douglass family has made their home in Clarkson Valley since 1983. They reside in a beautiful home with the Forest Hills golf course in their backyard. Prior to moving to Clarkson Valley, the family had spent time moving quite a bit back in the early days due to Scott's employment with Bell. In fact, when they finally landed in Clarkson Valley, Scott was here in St. Louis while June was still in Edmond, Oklahoma, and they knew that they wanted to live in a golf community or on a lake. They felt Forest Hills offered the best of both worlds, and so it is here that they stayed.

The lifestyle in Forest Hills really fits well with their hobbies. Both Scott and June enjoyed golf. In fact, Scott still plays and was sure to point out that June was a better golfer than him in her time – she even has a hole-in-one on Hole 16 at Forest Hills, and he never has had one. Together, they also enjoyed



bowling. Scott again points out that June was the star of the team, their anchor. June enjoys needlepoint and knitting, and she has volunteered with Meals on Wheels as the treasurer for 20+ years.

Scott worked many years for Bell, and upon retirement there went on to work with IDS Financial as a financial advisor, ultimately retiring from that career in 2003. June just retired last year from a 30 year career with H&R Block. This free time allows them to travel a bit more and to spend time at some of their grandchildren's sporting events.

I turned the focus of our interview to Scott's tenure as mayor. He shared that in 1987, Clarkson Valley was a village, and he was the chairman of the trustees. In 1988, Clarkson Valley was voted to become its own city. At that time, since he was the chairman of the trustees, he was placed as the interim mayor. In 1989, Scott ran for mayor in the very first ever election in Clarkson Valley. He won, and has been mayor ever since.


Scott shared with me the three reasons why the city is in existence is that, "It boils down to The Three P's. The city provides: *Protection of Individuals* through the police department, *Protection of Property* through the city ordinances, and *Protection of the Environment* through the trash and recycling program."

Scott takes these as a very serious mission and is proud of the results. Since 2000, due to police presence and enforced speed limits, there has not been one fatal accident on Clarkson Road in the Clarkson Valley jurisdiction. The city ordinances have allowed for property values to increase and make for clear communication amongst citizens and the city council. Last, the



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As we wrapped up our time together, it was great to see first-hand the passion that Mayor Douglass has for Clarkson Valley. In addition, seeing the love that Scott and June have for each other is encouraging and impressive. Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Douglass, for your time and for sharing your story with all of us!

The Douglass family photos were taken by professional photographer, Cyndi Palmer, of wideipphoto ~ www.wideipphoto.com ~ 636.222.8754

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What do you enjoy most about your neighborhood? Forest Hills is known for their large lots and beautiful, mature trees. The rolling hills and great views make you feel like you are on vacation all the time. We love the peaceful nature of the subdivision and are so happy to be able to call Forest Hills home.

Tell about how your outdoor oasis came to be: We bought the house because of the close proximity to Forest Hills Country Club. We especially liked the large level lot and always dreamed of adding a pool. Over the years the plans grew to include an outdoor kitchen and fireplace. The Pool Specialists designed and installed pool and really helped bring our vision to life.

Why is your outdoor oasis such a special place to you and your family? This is where our family hangs out during the spring, summer and fall. We love casual BBQs with friends and family, late night swims, and loads of great conversation around the



fireplace. The pool is usually where the kids hang out after swim practice, a round of golf, or on a lazy Saturday afternoon.

What does each person in the family love most about your outdoor space? Definitely the fireplace. We have spent many years perfecting our s'mores recipes and wine pairings!

Do you have an amazing outdoor oasis, or do you know someone in your neighborhood who does? Share your outdoor space or nominate a neighbor's yard for spotlighting by emailing Deanna at Deanna.Ley@N2Pub.com.

Young ACHIEVER

TRIUMPH AT THE FDA GRACIE NYE, MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Article Submitted by Residents Jennifer and Gracie Nye and Sponsored by KinderCare Chesterfield

Gracie Nye is 17 and is finishing her junior year at Westminster Christian Academy, where she is a scholar athlete and copy editor for the school yearbook. In March, Gracie was given the opportunity to make a difference in the world by giving her testimony to the Federal Drug Administration in Washington DC. Gracie was chosen as one of the two representatives out of the entire country to do this. Her testimony helped make a difference in children's lives nationwide.



On behalf of the National Eczema Association, Gracie spoke to the committee board regarding the need for clinical trials for children suffering from severe atopic dermatitis. Gracie shared the battles she faced living with constant severe eczema and how it has affected her today.

“As I come close to turning 18, I realize that a door will be opened that will offer more options for my skin. That does not mean that I do not have empathy for the little girl sitting in the doctor’s office with red blotches and dry skin on her face, who does not have many options for treatment. She will have to muddle through as I have and carry the same insecurities. It would be life changing for her to receive treatment that works and takes her pain away.” (Gracie Nye, FDA testimony)

Committee chairperson, Lynn A. Drake of Harvard Medical School, referred to the testimony as spectacular. The National Eczema Association called the testimonies a home run. Several doctors said that Gracie’s story helped push through 10 years of red tape by highlighting the extreme need for the clinical trials. At the end of the meeting, there was a unanimous agreement that there was an unmet need in the treatment of severe to moderate pediatric atopic dermatitis, and it was time to move forward with a sense of urgency.

Gracie saw something special happen that day in Washington DC and she can now say she helped pave the way for children everywhere to receive new medications for this illness.



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The College Program

Article Submitted by Resident & Business Owner Tim Twellman



work with individual families and their kids so they fully understand their college options so they make the best decision for their future.

What is unique about your business?

What sets you apart?

Our "Live From The End" approach helps students see their future. This is a simple exercise to prevent students and student athletes from borrowing too much for college. It asks you to use your imagination and envision what your financial outlook could be on graduation day. Ultimately, this is the reason for The College Program and our College Game Report. We believe that if students can see their future financial responsibility, they will understand the magnitude of this decision and make a more educated choice.

Given your business expertise and the nature of what you do, what advice can you offer to the residents of Clarkson Valley?

Students (student athletes) need to take ownership of this very personal decision. We make sure families and all students understand the process and are doing what is necessary to find the "right" school for them.

What else should we know about you or your business?

As a family, and as a company, we are fully committed to help all students and all student athletes. Our services are very affordable. We want all families to be able to use our services.

How long have you lived in the neighborhood? Tell us about your family. We have been living the Clarkson Valley Westhampton neighborhood for over 26 years. My wife Moochie and I have three kids - Taylor, James and Alexandra.

We have been extremely blessed over the years. All three of our kids' college success has been from their hard work and ours as their parents. We want to share our expertise. We want to help. As a family, we want to give back to families and their kids. Over the years we have worked with hundreds of families helping them reach their dreams.

What is your business? How and/or why did you start your business?

Our business, The College Program, has been helping students and their parents with their academic and athletic journey for the last 12 years. The college process for all students, not just the student athletes, can be quite overwhelming. We



Tim with son James and daughter Alexandra

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If you are a business owner, and you live in Clarkson Valley and would like to have your business featured, please contact Chris at Chris.Ley@N2Pub.com. This is a free one-page article that will run for one month and is only available to residents.

delicious dish of the month

A REFRESHING MOJITO

From The Kitchen Of Resident Mark Forst

Article Sponsored by West County Home Services

Summer is upon us. The temperatures are rising and it's time to relax by the pool with one of our favorite summer cocktails, the mojito. This rum based, Cuban drink is the perfect complement to a hot humid night in Clarkson Valley. However, finding this great mojito recipe did not come easily.

It all started when our daughter asked to put a little garden in the backyard. This seemed like a very reasonable request so after five years of research, planning and um...stalling, we put in a small garden. It was absolutely beautiful; I could almost taste the fresh tomatoes and basil that would soon grace my homemade bruschetta. Alas, after a month of relative neglect and apparent late night parties with the deer and rabbit, we were presented with what can only be optimistically described as an overgrown mint garden. Rather than wallow in self-pity, we embraced our superior mint gardening abilities and moved steadfastly to find the perfect recipe to exhibit our new found talent.

The mojito appeared to be the perfect recipe. Rum, lime juice, sugar, club soda and mint...what could be easier? Unfortunately, most recipes called for the mint to be "muddled" and when I did this, small mint leaf particles dominated the glass and generated a resounding "Ew!" from my wife. After much research and testing, however, I found a better method. By steeping the mint sprigs in the simple sugar, I could more effectively extract the mint flavor and reduce the particle problem. Here is the recipe:

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup water
- 2 handfuls of mint leaves
- 2 ounces of light rum
- 1/2 lime + garnish lime
- Club soda



DIRECTIONS FOR MINT INFUSED SIMPLE SYRUP

Boil water and sugar in saucepan. Stir until sugar dissolves and then turn off heat. Toss in the handful of mint leaves and let it steep for an hour. Strain leaves and store until needed. (I often prepare this ahead of time.)

MIXING THE MOJITO

Pour 1 ounce of mint-infused simple syrup into tall glass. Add mint leaves (can muddle slightly for added flavor). Add ice and 2 ounces of light rum. Squeeze in the juice from half a lime. Add club soda or sparkling water to taste. Garnish with mint sprig and lime wedge.

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! For more information please email Deanna at Deanna.Ley@N2Pub.com

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living spaces

A Beautifully Remodeled Home In Dunhill

Article Written by Dave and Kathey T.
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How long have you lived in this house? 14 years

What rooms did you decorate/remodel? We did a large remodel seven years ago where we enlarged the kitchen and put in the wine cellar and the sun porch.

What room is your favorite and why? The kitchen. It is where we all gather and we can enlarge our table at the holidays to have enough room for everyone. We also spend a lot of time on the sun porch in the summer. It has a heated tile floor so we can enjoy it in fall and spring too.

Did you design or decorate it yourself? We used Lauren Strutman as our architect, Steve Patton as our decorator, and Kenny Terbrock was our contractor. We loved working with all of these professionals. It was a great experience.

What was your inspiration? We wanted a livable house where we would use each room with our family and friends.

Did you decorate/remodel one room at a time or all at once? Yes, we did it all at once. It was easier to just get it all torn up and put back together one time. It took about 9 months.

If you could do it all over again, would you change anything? No, we love everything we did.

What advice would you give to others looking to spruce up their living space? Find a good contractor! Your contractor is so important on those bad days when the worst happens. Ours was great to work with. Also, bring in the interior designer during the planning phase to make sure the rooms will work and the furniture will work in that sized room.

If you would like to have your home featured, or know someone whose home would be perfect for Living Spaces, contact Deanna at Deanna.Ley@N2Pub.com. Spotlighted houses will receive a free photo Living Spaces photo shoot from Clarkson Valley Living's official photographer Mark Schmitz, owner of wideiphoto.

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On Thursday, April 23, the first ever St. Louis N2 Publishing B2B event was held at Amini's (17377 Chesterfield Airport Road, Chesterfield, MO 63005 / www.aminis.com).

Many of our business sponsors, as well as our neighborhoods' resident business owners, gathered for a fun evening of networking, socializing and some awesome door prizes. The night was filled with great drinks, great food, and great games. Business owners were able to mix and mingle, and enjoy all that Amini's had to offer. It was awesome to see connections being made, and business being conducted.

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I'm Uno! You don't happen to have a snack on you do you?



Ruger is the name. It's nice to meet you!

precious pets :: Meet Ruger And Uno Howard

Article Written by Ruger and Uno (with help from their human, Mandi) and Sponsored by Oxi Fresh Carpet Cleaning

Ruger: Hey Uno, there are some people here that want to meet us. What do you say? Feel like sharing some stories?

Uno: Of course, but I have to run at least five more laps around Mom's desk before I can talk.

Ruger: Well, then while she is still working on her "puppy zoomies" as my family likes to call it, let me introduce myself. I am a 4-year-old male Rhodesian ridgeback and my formal show name is Champion Hunters Ridge Ruger (I am retired now), but everyone just calls me Ruger. I arrived here from Chicago after traveling on some extremely loud flying contraption when I was just a pup. Man, did that trip...

Uno: Ok, I think I have caught my breath now. Wow that was fun! Ruger you should try that; just go run and stretch your legs out and have... Sorry, where are my manners? I am Uno and I am a 2-and-a-half-year-old female Rhodesian ridgeback. I arrived in Clarkson Valley to be with my forever family just over a year ago. I was not sure about that trip, but my new family made me feel extremely welcome. Hey Ruger, are you scared of anything?

Ruger: Ha! Me scared? Nope, I am not scared of anything, except for that annual vet visit. The vet is awesome, but I sure don't like those shots. Uno, you were quite the scaredy-cat when you moved in.

Uno: That is true. I was scared of almost everything: loud noises, baths, walks, stairs, etc. You name it and it probably made me nervous. The only thing that didn't scare me was you, but I think I actually scared you a little when I first showed up. You didn't know what to think of me. That was funny!

Ruger: That was a little silly, but we get along great now. So, I have a question for you. What is your favorite time of the day?

Uno: Breakfast time. And dinner time. And snack time. And treat time. And scraps on the ground time. Did I mention that I like food? If you offer it to me, I will eat it. What about you?

Ruger: My favorite time is when Dad gets home. I am just so happy to see him. I think Mom and Dad both like that we get "flying nun" ears when we are super happy.

Uno: Yes, our "flying nun" ears are pretty cute! Ooh, Ooh. Mom's going to get the leashes. You know what that means.



We are best buddies!

Ruger/Uno: WALK!!!

Ruger: Wave at us when you see us out walking in the neighborhood.

Uno: But beware, if you stop to talk we will probably jump on you and give you lots of licks and love.

Do you have a pet and would like to share his/her story? 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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Meet Anita Chastain

Founder And Head Of School Of Chesterfield Montessori School



Greetings to everyone in Clarkson Valley! I would like to introduce myself and share a bit about my background and the history of our school.

Prior to coming to the United States, I was a pediatric nurse in Germany. After emigrating I became interested in Montessori education, and received Montessori training from a woman who studied with Maria Montessori herself. I started Chesterfield Montessori School (formerly Montessori Children's House) in 1981 – in an old 2-room brick school building on Olive at Hog Hollow. From our first year with 23 preschool students, we quickly expanded with an elementary program in rented space at Fernridge School. We then had the opportunity to purchase our own building – the former Green Trails Country Club clubhouse – where we moved in 1988. We are still in

that location, and have remodeled and expanded the building several times.

Chesterfield Montessori School now serves children ages 16 months through ninth grade. We are an independent, non-profit school, accredited by the Independent Schools Association of the Central States. We are members of Independent School St. Louis and the National Association of Independent Schools and we are recognized by the Association Montessori International as an authentic Montessori school. Our students do very well, and go on to the secondary schools of their choice.

What distinguishes our school from other schools is the degree to which we provide an authentic Montessori education. Our teachers at all levels are degreed and have received a full academic

year of graduate level, rigorous training in the Montessori method of education. Our classrooms are fully equipped with the scientifically-developed Montessori materials. Students in our mixed-age classrooms receive individual or small group lessons and then are given long, uninterrupted work periods during which their natural curiosity and love of learning are fostered. The result is students who are both happy and accomplished, who are boundlessly curious and love learning, and who are respectful and collaborative with each other.

One of the most important tasks of every parent is the selection of a school. Especially at a young, formative age the choice can influence the rest of a child's life. My advice to parents in facing this responsibility is to take the time to become

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familiar with the schools you are considering. Learn about the background of the teachers, the educational philosophy, and the school's credentials. Most importantly, though, take time to observe the school and especially to observe in a classroom. Take note of the level of engagement that the students have with their work, and whether the teachers interact with the children with dignity and respect. Try to see the school from your child's perspective, and determine to what extent the school is a place that you would like to spend your day.

I am delighted to have been a part of this great community for so many years, and I encourage any of you who have young children to consider taking a tour of Chesterfield Montessori School!

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- Scranton is home to Iowa's oldest water tower still in service.
- Dubuque is the state's oldest city.
- Crystal Lake is home to a statue of the world's largest bullhead fish.
- Rathbun Dam and Reservoir is the largest body of water in the state.
- Spirit Lake is the largest glacier-made lake in the state.

Sudoku

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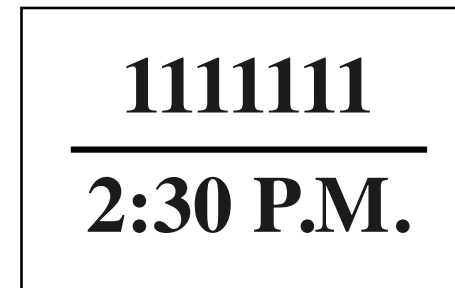
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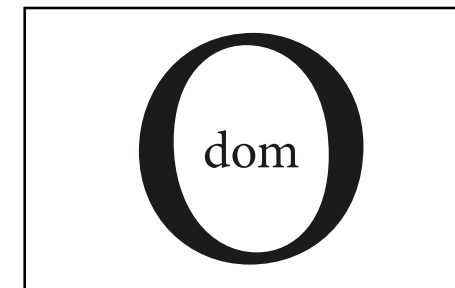
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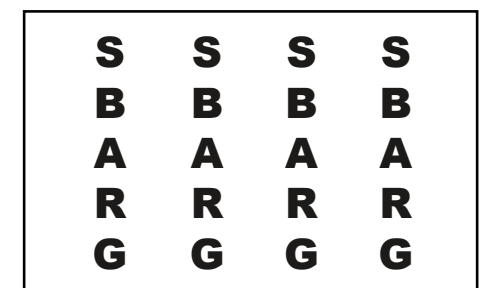
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herb GARDENING *basics*

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Over 15 million households in the United States grow herbs -- in vegetable and perennials gardens, in containers, or on windowsills. And with good reason! In addition to their obvious role in cooking, herbs are also attractive and add color, interesting textures and forms, and rich or subtle fragrances to the home and garden.

WHERE TO PLANT

Plant herbs where you can get to them easily for frequent harvesting, especially if you plan to use them in cooking. Consider planting a special kitchen garden near the house, so you can



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readily harvest herbs, greens, and other frequently-used crops. You can also grow herbs in containers or even window boxes. Most herbs prefer full sun -- at least six hours per day. Herbs that will tolerate some light shade include chives, cilantro, dill and mint. Remember that if you plant perennial herbs in the vegetable garden, keep them in a separate section so you'll be sure to avoid them during spring and fall tilling.

TYPES OF HERBS

Like all garden plants, herbs can be categorized as annual, perennial or biennial. Annual plants grow for only one season and so must be planted each spring. Perennials live for several years. Their foliage dies back in the fall, but the roots overwinter and resume growth the following spring. And biennials grow for two years, growing foliage the first season, overwintering, then forming seeds and dying back at the end of the second season.

SOIL REQUIREMENTS

In general, herbs prefer a moderately rich soil. An overly rich soil (or excessive fertilizing) can lead to vigorous growth. However, many people find that the flavor of over-fertilized herbs is bland, probably due to reduced essential oil content. The soil in your herb garden should have excellent drainage. If yours doesn't, consider growing your herbs in raised beds or containers.

CARING FOR HERB PLANTS

Most herbs will thrive with about an inch of water a week, similar to other vegetable plants. Herbs in raised beds and containers will dry out more quickly than those planted directly in the garden and may need more frequent watering. Keep garden beds weeded, especially early in the season as plants are getting established. Once established, most herb plants are remarkably resistant to insect and disease attack. The oils that give them their aroma and flavor likely evolve to repel pests. However, keep an eye out for insects such as aphids, and diseases such as powdery mildew.

HARVESTING HERBS

Harvest herbs by cutting back a shoot to just above a leaf. This will both provide you with a harvest and encourage nice, bushy growth. In general, an herb's flavor is most pronounced when it is harvested just before the plant begins to flower.

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Music is from 7:00-9:00p.m. at Faust Park

Each season, the Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce hosts a Summer Concert Series in Faust Park. For ten weeks beginning in June, thousands of spectators come out to the park to enjoy live music and entertainment under the stars. Faust Park opens at 5:30p.m. for seating and concessions open at that time, too. All concerts are from 7:00-9:00p.m. Beer, wine, soda, water, popcorn, and candy are available for purchase along with area restaurants offering food at affordable prices, so no need to bring your own! Food trucks will be at all the summer concerts.

June 16 - Rockin' Chair | June 23 - Volcanic Ash

June 30 - Spectrum Band | July 7 - No Concert | July 14 - Yessir!

Wildwood Concert Series

Music is from 6:45-8:00p.m.

at Town Center Plaza, 221 Plaza Drive, Wildwood

June 19- Fabulous Motown Review

July 17- Dr. Zhivegas

Clarkson Valley Living Event!

Special Night! Thursday, June 18 - Naked Vine's Monthly Wine Tasting Event

5:00-7:00p.m. at Naked Vine (1624 Clarkson Rd. by Barnes & Noble)

Join your neighbors at this month's Wine Tasting on a special night usually reserved for Wine Club Members only. Experience a "members' tasting" and relax in the awesome atmosphere that is Naked Vine. RSVP to Deanna.Ley@N2Pub.com.

Saturday, June 27 - Chesterfield Wine & Jazz Fest

3:00-10:00p.m. at Chesterfield Amphitheater

The Midwest's finest outdoor jazz festival features saxophone legend Butch Thomas (Sting, Lenny Kravitz) and chart-topping classical/jazz artists Bach to the Future. Enjoy a variety of wine and great food, and fireworks. Admission is free! There's family fun for everyone at the beautiful Chesterfield Amphitheater near Chesterfield Mall. Feel free to bring your lawn chairs or blanket, and enjoy the second annual Chesterfield Wine and Jazz Festival!

Clarkson Valley Living Event!

Tuesday, July 7 - RESTAURANT REVIEW at WALNUT GRILL

Arrive at 6:00p.m. Event is from 6:30-8:30p.m.

Walnut Grill (1386 Clarkson Clayton Center, Ellisville, MO 63011)

Join us for the first Clarkson Valley Living Restaurant Review at the locally-owned Walnut Grill. The restaurant is treating 20 Clarkson Valley Residents to a FREE dinner. It's a fun evening of mixing and mingling, eating some amazing food, and getting to know your neighbors at this popular restaurant. We do pay for our own drinks and leave a tip for the servers, but the food is FREE! Seats are limited, so please email Deanna at Deanna.Ley@N2Pub.com to RSVP today!

Local 4th Of July Fireworks Celebrations

Chesterfield - Saturday, July 4 at 7:00p.m. at Chesterfield Mall

Manchester - Saturday, July 4 at 9:00p.m. at Schroeder Park

Ellisville - Saturday, July 4, at 9:30p.m. at Bluebird Park

Ballwin Days - Sunday and Monday, June 5 & 6. Fireworks at 9:15p.m. at Vlasik Park

Clarkson Valley Living Event!

Saturday, July 18 - "BEAT THE HEAT" FAMILY FUN EVENT

10:00-12:00p.m. at Rainbow Play Systems (In Chesterfield Valley - 601 Trade Center Blvd, Chesterfield, MO 63005)

Don't let the hot and humid St. Louis weather keep you from doing fun things with your kids this summer! Join us at Rainbow Play Systems and **Beat the Heat** at our **Family Fun Event**. Bring the kiddos to play in Rainbow's Play Systems indoor play area. This is a FREE event! We will provide drinks and snacks, and give the kids a chance to wear themselves out while us parents chat it up while we watch them have a blast. RSVP to Deanna at Deanna.Ley@N2Pub.com to reserve your spot. (a parent/guardian-signed waiver is required for kids to play on the equipment)

Solutions to our

Coffee Break



Sudoku Solution

2	8	5	1	3	4	9	7	6
3	9	1	8	6	7	5	4	2
7	6	4	5	9	2	8	1	3
1	2	7	9	4	8	6	3	5
5	4	8	6	1	3	2	9	7
9	3	6	7	2	5	1	8	4
6	1	3	4	5	9	7	2	8
8	5	2	3	7	1	4	6	9
4	7	9	2	8	6	3	5	1

Rebus Solutions:

- A. Get Up and Go
- B. Painless Operation
- C. Long Time No See
- D. Once Upon a Time
- E. Domino
- F. Robin Hood
- G. Alphabetical Line Up
- H. Backache
- I. Up for Grabs

St. Louis Cardinals 2015 SCHEDULE

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
JUNE		1 FS MIL 7:10	2 FS MIL 7:15	3 FS MIL 12:45	4 FS LAD 9:10	5 FS LAD 9:10	6 FS LAD 9:10
	7 FS LAD TBD	8 FS COL 7:40	9 FS COL 7:40	10 FS COL 2:10	11	12 FS KC 7:15	13 FS KC 3:10
	14 FS KC 1:15	15 FS MIN 7:15	16 FS MIN 12:45	17 FS MIN 7:10	18 FS MIN 12:10	19 FS PHI 6:05	20 FS PHI 2:05
	21 FS PHI 12:35	22	23 FS1 MIA 6:10	24 FS MIA 6:10	25 FS MIA 6:10	26 FS CHI 7:15	27 F CHI 6:15
	28 FS CHI 1:15	29	30 FS CWS 7:10				
JULY				1 FS CWS 7:15	2 FS SD 6:15	3 FS SD 7:15	4 FS SD 1:15
	5 FS SD 1:15	6 FS/E CHI 7:05	7 FS CHI 7:05	8 FS CHI 7:05	9 FS PIT 6:05	10 FS PIT 6:05	11 F PIT 6:15
	12 E PIT 7:05	13	14	15	16	17 FS NYM 7:15	18 FS NYM 6:15
	19 FS NYM 1:15	20	21 FS CWS 7:10	22 FS CWS 7:10	23	24 FS ATL 7:15	25 FS1 ATL 6:15
	26 FS ATL 1:15	27 FS CIN 7:15	28 FS CIN 7:15	29 FS CIN 7:15	30 FS COL 6:15	31 FS COL 7:15	

HOME AWAY Game times subject to change All Game Times are St. Louis time All games broadcast on KMOX 1120 AM and the Cardinals Radio Network

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Get To Know Zach | A Clarkson Valley Kid

Interview Written up by Morgan, resident of Clarkson Valley (and Zach's big sister) and Sponsored by Chesterfield Montessori School



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Hi! My name is Zach Howard, and I'm 9 years old. I am in third grade and go to an awesome school, St. John Lutheran School. I have a 17-year-old sister and we are very close. I am very busy and love to do lots of things. I play soccer, swim for Forest Hills Swim Team, golf at Forest Hills, ski in Colorado, and run track on the Ascension School team. This year I started playing the guitar and I am really hoping to get a drum set for Christmas. I love to listen to hip-hop music and love the song, "Uptown Funk" by Bruno Mars.

My favorite movies are *X-Men*, *Mall Cop*, and Marvel's *Avengers*. I keep very busy with lots of activities and hobbies. I love technology and engineering and am in a robotics club. I am learning new tricks on my skateboard and love to bike as well. I go sailing once a year and go skiing in Colorado as often as I can with my family.

I am going to become a Webelos 1 in Cub Scouts in May. My mom is the Cubmaster and my den leader. I want to learn mountain biking and will be taking a scuba diving class this summer. I also want to become an Eagle Scout someday. I love to draw and am told I am funny! Someday, I hope to be an inventor!

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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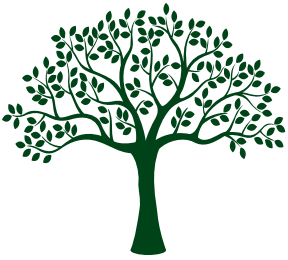
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