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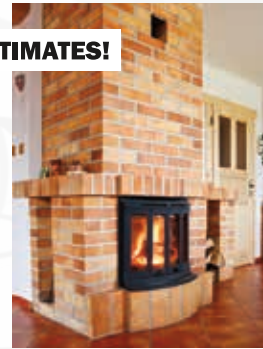
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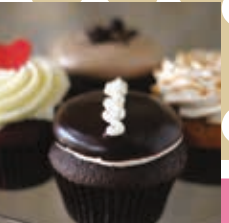
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Mayor Scott Douglass



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It's one year after Ferguson. You have heard or read about the aftermath – perhaps participated in activities to promote and embrace healing. The Missouri State Legislature has been involved in addressing issues they feel are appropriate going forward resolving matters that contributed to the problem, thus preventing future occurrences. The Legislation known as Senate Bill 5 was signed into law by Governor Nixon in August. It establishes minimum standards for operations of municipal governments. As with most laws, the language is broad with the details being in clarification now. Your City administration believes you should know how your city is doing in relation to these standards. Briefly they are:

- A balanced annual budget listing revenues and expenditures including a budget summary
- Annual audit by CPA including internal controls
- Cash management and accounting system for all revenues
- Adequate levels of insurance to minimize risk
- Public access to complete set of ordinances within 10 days of written request – online version sufficient
- Written policies for Police Department
- Police policies for collecting and reporting crime, i.e. racial profiling and reports
- Constitution and code review procedure

By August 28, 2018, cities in St. Louis County must “adequately” and “materially” provide the above information to the State, i.e. an annual posting on the City’s website of compliances. More specifics will need to be developed for each, but based on what we know; your City is/will meet all of these standards. Item 6 above deals more specifically with Police and Municipal Court.

By August 28, 2021, all St. Louis County cities must have an accredited/certified police department. As you know, we employ St. Louis County and they are certified.

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Minor traffic is defined, but basically it is speeding (less than 19 mph over). The law sets new laws for Municipal Courts – some are:

- No sentence of confinement unless it ‘involves’ alcohol, controlled substance, danger to others, eluding or lying to police
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- No detention to coerce payment of fines and costs
- Must evaluate indigence when determining fines and costs and related payment requires
- Must use alternative payment arrangements
- Must use electronic payment system or payment by mail for minor traffic matters

We are in the process of evaluating all of these standards and, thus far, we find our operations to be in compliance. You will be hearing more from us as we proceed. And you may hear from others with, perhaps, different opinions. There are many ‘reforms’ being proposed, i.e. consolidation of Cities into one metroplex, etc. A subject for another time.

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August Recyclables = 31.87

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Note FROM YOUR Publishers

Happy October! Who doesn't love this time of year? Jeans and hoodies, post-season baseball, football, falling leaves and bonfires. We think it's the best time of the year here in the Ley house! How about you?

Have you noticed how *Clarkson Valley Living* is growing? We have added 5 new business partners to the publication this month and have a lot of fantastic articles from your fellow neighbors in this issue. The events are catching on (check out the pics from our NNO at BWV) and we have new and exciting things right around the corner...stay tuned! Check your email soon for the latest *CVL* news!

We decided to have a little fun with our picture this month – Halloween has become such a fun time for all ages that we wanted to share our favorite costumes from our favorite Halloween with you. In all reality, Chris looks like this every morning before he has his coffee! Make sure to email us Halloween pics of your kiddos (or you) all dressed up!

Have a safe and fun Halloween!

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Time: 5:30-7:00 p.m.

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Halloween Costumes & Parties!

Trick or Treat! We want to see all the pictures of crazy costumes and parties from around the neighborhood.

GIVING THANKS! What are you thankful for? Your kids, parents, grandparents? Veterans? Teachers? The beautiful weather? We want to feature a whole section of everything Clarkson Valley is thankful for!

Are You Ready for some Football?...or Hockey!?!

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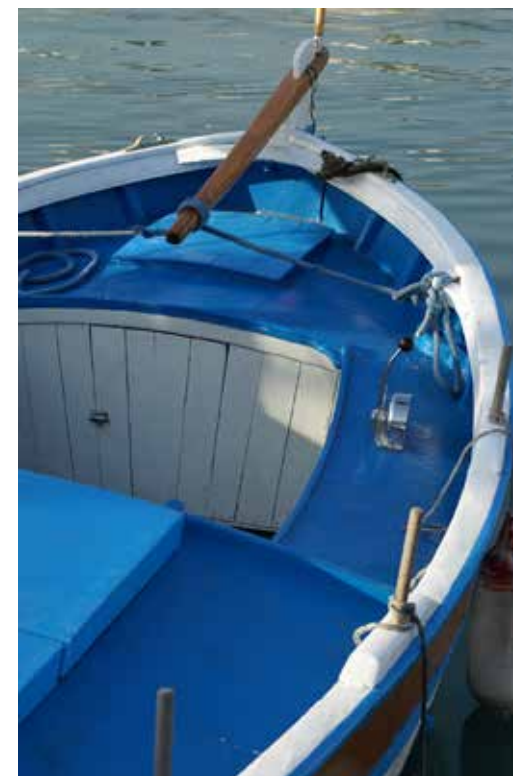
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Autumn Trivia

1. Because the days are shorter what is there less of in autumn?
2. In the Northern Hemisphere, autumn begin in September, when does it begin in the Southern Hemisphere?
3. What language does the word autumn come from?
4. In poetry, what emotion is autumn associated with?
5. Prior to the 16th century, what was autumn referred to as?
6. Why do leaves change color in autumn?
7. What do people refer to the moon as in the fall?
8. When is the autumn equinox in the northern hemisphere?

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusive.



Fun on the Lake!

Spot the difference!

There are 8 differences between these photos. Can you spot them?

Answers elsewhere in this issue

meet your NEIGHBORS



Meet The Borello Family BLAKE, CLARE, BROOKLYN AND BEAU

Article Written by the Clare Borello and Sponsored by Kehrs Mill Dental Arts
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Hello from Clarkson Farm! We are the Borello family: Blake, Clare, Brooklyn and Beau. Brooklyn is 2 years old and Beau just turned six months. We moved to Clarkson Farm 3 years ago from downtown St. Louis, as we were expecting the birth of Brooklyn. It was a breath of fresh air, literally, after living downtown for 2 years.

We fell in love with the neighborhood immediately. We have always wanted to live on the water and we have a beautiful pond out front where you are nearly guaranteed to catch a fish. Our neighbors are amazing and are there for us at the drop of a hat. Our family loves dogs but Blake is not yet ready for the responsibility of having our own dog. The good news is the dogs in our area are extremely kid friendly, which means Blake can hold off a little longer before we have to get one of our own.

Blake grew up in Joplin, MO where he attended Joplin High School. I grew up in South County, St. Louis where I attended Cor Jesu Academy. We met in undergrad at the University of Missouri Columbia. We then both were accepted into dental school at the University of Missouri Kansas City (UMKC). I moved back to St. Louis in 2008 where I practiced general dentistry in my family practice, Rieser and Bryant Dental in St. Charles and Wentzville. Blake went on to specialize in orthodontics at UMKC. After graduating residency he opened



his practice, Borello Orthodontics, in Lake St. Louis, and has recently acquired another office, Kirkwood Braces, which is catty-corner from the Magic House.

We feel like now life cannot get any better after settling in and having our two children. We love spending time at home swimming, going for family walks, and entertaining friends and family. We also love going to the lake, visiting Blake's parents in Joplin, and taking the kids on a trip to Florida once a year. In the summer, we go to cheer on the Cardinals, and in the winter we enjoy going to Blues games. Since

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the kids have been born, we haven't made it back to Columbia for many MU games, but we are hoping to change that soon... MIZ...ZOU. If I have a "mommy" day, I am usually spending it with my girlfriends going out to lunch or dinner. If Blake is not at home or at work, you can probably find him on the golf course (in the sand trap most likely).

With all the hustle and bustle of life, it is important to enjoy relaxing activities as a family. We love the opportunity to have such great restaurants in our backyard such as Veritas and The Corner Pub. We recently tried Woodsmoke BBQ for brunch and it was fabulous. In the evenings, we enjoy walking to Fro-Yo. Blake and I share a favorite movie, *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*, and watch it several times every holiday season. Brooklyn loves *Dora the Explorer*, *Team Umizoomi*, and *The Little Mermaid*. Our entire family, although not musically inclined, enjoys all kinds of music and dances together in our living room. It's not graceful...but fun. Last but not least, we love when our families come over to relax and hang out. Brooklyn recently got to go with my brother and sister-in-law to pick out their new puppy, Javi. He has been Brooklyn's favorite pastime these days.

Growing up, Blake and I have very fond memories of our family traditions. We have kept many of them alive and have made

a few new ones with our own family. We try to attend church every Sunday at St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church. Although it has been a bit difficult with the newborn, we are getting back in the swing of it. We just had our yearly Borello Orthodontics swim party at Alligator Creek that our family attends along with Blake's patients and their families. We have pumpkin carving/painting parties around Halloween time. On Christmas morning, we have a cake for Baby Jesus, light candles, decorate, and sing Happy Birthday to him. For the kids' birthdays as well as Easter, we always have a large piñata hung in the front yard and all the kids get a turn to take a swing at it. It is quite the scene. In addition to the piñata on Easter, we have an enormous Easter egg hunt with goodies, and everyone also gets their own "fortune" egg with their fortune or words of wisdom for the year. We feel very fortunate to live in such a great neighborhood.

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

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Meet Molly The Dog!

Article Written by Molly (with a little help from her human, Holly) and Sponsored by Oxi Fresh Carpet Cleaning
Photography by Resident Maddi Manheimer, Clarkson Valley Living's Precious Pets Photographer

I am Molly the dog, and I live in the Kehrs Mill Estates East subdivision. I am part Australian Shepherd, and part something else red, which now a lot is white. My mom got me at Bark in the Park 14 summers ago because a friend of hers was working there for the St. Louis City pound, and it was going to be my last day on earth if I didn't find a family. Mom's friend begged her to take me (and I put on my cutest face!), and my family is very glad they brought me home!

I have served as a faithful watchdog, and kept my house free from invading humans, dogs and geese, squirrels and chipmunks. I am not such a success with the moles, however. My favorite toy is a lamb that squeaks. I love being a sheepdog! Although I love humans, I don't really like other dogs (they might get some of the petting that is intended for me!). I did let my friend Max live with us until he went to heaven last year, mostly because he was living here first!

Max used to be troublesome because of our subdivision's fence ordinance. He did not care about the electric fence boundaries

one little bit! So my job was to keep him entertained, and bark hysterically whenever he shot across the fenceline. I am very good at barking, and I usually stay in the yard, because I am not a scofflaw!

That's not to say I have not had any adventures. Once, Max pushed out one of the window screens at the front of the house and we both headed out for a jaunt. The neighbor at the top of the street called to say we were in the middle of Kehrs Mill Road. My dad went up to get me and found me underneath the wheels of a car. The nice lady who was driving had stopped for me, but was afraid to move her car because she knew I was under the car somewhere. I really had traffic tied up for a while! Dad said he was really scared when he saw me there, but he pulled me out from under the car. I was unhurt thanks to the kindness of that driver - and then Dad had to carry me all the way home because I had gone stiff from fright. That's why I wouldn't come out from under that car, either!



Another time, I got out with Max (did I mention he was a bad influence?) and we got all the way to Dunhill subdivision before a policeman saw us. I got to ride home in the back of the squad car that morning. The policeman was going to give my mom a ticket for having dogs running loose, but when he heard about the trials and tribulations we had with our little fence-runner, after he tested our electric collars, he just laughed and let us off with a warning. I've pretty much kept to the straight and narrow ever since - plus I'm not as fast a runner as I used to be!

Life is not so busy now that I don't have Max to watch, but I keep busy with my sheep and other squeaky toys and I'm always on the lookout for those pesky squirrels! I love my big yard and I love living in Clarkson Valley.

Love and Woof!

Molly the Dog Mathis

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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resident BUSINESS beat

MASTERPIECE MASONRY

Article Submitted by Resident and Business Owner Jonathan Naddaf

Hello Clarkson Valley! I'm Jonathan Naddaf, owner of Masterpiece Masonry. I have lived in Forest Hills for 16 years. I come from a wonderful family of hardworking, honest people. My father, Amine, has owned Bradford's Pub in Westport Plaza for 25 years. Before that, he had the Crest House and The Boardroom. He and my mom Lindsey are the hardest working people I know. My little sister Leah is living in NYC and has an internship with Enterprise. I have an amazing fiancé named Kristi. She has 3 children who I love like my own. Blake is 9, Naomi is 4, and Kayleigh is 2. They have learned a ton and grown so much since I came into their lives. I am very proud of their good manners, and I love to see them smile.

I have always worked hard to excel in everything I have ever pursued, from sports, chess, and music to mechanics and masonry. After hearing customers tell me that I was an artist at my masonry craft and possessed great talent, it fueled me to master my craft and set out on my own. I started Masterpiece Masonry six years ago, and it has been a passion of mine ever since.

What sets me apart is that I do all the masonry myself; paying special attention to small details. I color coordinate the pallets of stone and leave the job sites spotless. I have an A + rating with the BBB. Instead of pushing fake stone and pavers, I prefer to build from full veneer natural stone that I have to hand chisel. It takes longer to create, but it lasts forever.

Rather than doing many jobs at once, I would rather take my time and build higher quality, very detailed projects - one masterpiece at a time. I want Masterpiece Masonry's work to be legendary. I also guarantee my full veneer stone masonry for my lifetime. No other construction company out there does that. After every job, I leave behind my legacy for future generations to enjoy.

I am very proud that in six years I have owned Masterpiece Masonry, I haven't had a single unhappy client. Once, after stoning a landscaping company's building, I asked the owner if



John, hard at work



Kristi, lending John a helping hand

there was anything I could have done better. He replied, "I think you spent too much time making sure each stone was perfect." I took that as a compliment! I had laid each stone on his entire building by myself without any other laborer in only two weeks. It was hard work, but end product and his satisfaction with it made it all worth it.

I would be honored to chat with you more about any masonry project you are planning or have questions about - Feel free to give me a call.

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outdoor oasis

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Our outdoor oasis truly happened by accident. When we bought our home, we had always loved it, and joked with the previous owners that we would love to vacation in their home while they were away! We never looked at another house—we LOVED this home. Unfortunately, it needed more work than we anticipated, but it gave us the reason to renovate and make the house, and the outside part (some would say the most important part) our own. It is now one of the most solidly built homes in the neighborhood. We live a very indoor/outdoor style, with it being very customary to have the patio door open, and we live as much outside as inside. We are incredibly lucky to have such beautiful vistas. We did not want anything obstructing our views, whether we were having a meal in the kitchen table inside, or on the outside dining room. So we flew in the glass railing from the West Coast, and had

the screens stretch full across the walls of our outside dining space, so it feels like you are in a tree house looking over the golf course.



Our outdoor oasis is so precious to me for the following two reasons. First, it is my favorite, most relaxing place I could imagine. It is my private oasis. Although I rarely have time to lie by or in the pool, when I do, I cannot imagine anywhere else I would want to be. But it is also the place where I am able to get my over-scheduled kids together, and we can have a family hour or two in our pool. All concerns and stresses go out the window, and we can completely focus and enjoy our children and being together. And they have the freedom to act like kids, which is a true rarity at their age! They might not admit it, but having this private area gives them the freedom to be playful, where they typically don't get that safety zone in other places. It has also become a favorite hangout for their friends, especially in the summers. I love having a full house!

Creating and maintaining this space has been a very important outlet for me. Each year I try to tackle another area....a secret garden, or passage way, that I want to make enchanting and inviting to anyone walking its stone path. My goal is for anyone visiting us to feel as if they have been on a mini vacation; recharging their batteries and souls; ready to go tackle the world. Or at least feel more relaxed than when they walked in.

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



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From The Kitchen Of Carrie Burggraf, Westhampton resident

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INGREDIENTS:

- ½ cup olive oil
- ½ cup white wine vinegar
- 3 tbsp. chopped fresh parsley
- 3 tbsp. minced green onions
- 1 tsp. sugar
- ¾ tsp. dried basil
- ½ tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. fresh ground pepper
- 1-2 oz. jar diced pimiento, drained
- 1 block of sharp cheddar cheese (about 8 oz.)
- 1-8 oz. pkg. cream cheese

Prep - About 20 minutes to assemble. Marinate at least 2 hours (preferably overnight).

DIRECTIONS:

Combine first 9 ingredients in food processor and set aside. Cut block of cheddar in half, lengthwise, then into ¼-1/2 inch patties (like pats of butter). Repeat procedure with creamed cheese. Arrange cheese slices alternately in a shallow baking or serving dish, with slices standing on edge. Pour marinade over cheese slices. Cover and marinate in refrigerator. When ready to serve, drain off liquid from plate and tidy plate. Arrange cracker and or crispy baguette slices around cheese.

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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Written By Blake With A Little Help From Mom Kristi
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Name: Blake S.

Age: 9

School/Grade: Kennard Classical Junior Academy/4th Grade with Ms. Meyers

Favorite Movies: *Transformers, Iron Man, the original Tron, and The Avengers*

Favorite Music: I like rock and some Dubstep. I think the band



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Fun is my favorite. I like Muse too. I do not like my mom's music. She listens to country.

Sports I Play: I'm not on a team yet but like playing baseball and football with my stepdad and sisters in the park. My sisters are still learning though.

Musical Instrument I Want to Learn: I really want to learn how to play guitar.

Special Interests/Hobbies: I love to build Legos. I can build anything out of Legos.

I'm currently learning how to design houses and landscaping on my stepdad's programs on the computer for work. I love fishing and camping. Helping in the yard and earning "video game credits" to get new Playstation and Xbox games. *(It's an allowance, of sorts.)*

Your Favorite Vacation: This past Labor Day weekend we went camping on the Meramec River, just my two sisters, mom, stepdad and me. We had so much fun catching crawdads and using them as bait to fish. We caught a lot of bass and sunfish, and almost caught an alligator! The best was the s'mores. The worst was when I lost the truck keys. Then when we found them, my mom got the truck stuck. A group of people had to come help dig us out. It was kind of funny watching them though.

Something Unique About Me: I go to Kennard CJA for gifted children. I am in fourth grade, but I do all fifth grade work. I am a very quick learner and retain a lot of information. I actually like going to school, most of the time.

When I Grow Up I'm Going to Be: I want to be a volunteer firefighter, and get into the masonry business with my stepdad. I want to design the plans on the computer and help him build castles and one day teach my son how to do the same.

Other Things I Want to Share: I have two little sisters. Naomi is 4 and Kayleigh is 2. They can be a real pain sometimes but I love them and help take care of them. My mom says I am the best big brother they could ever have. I want kids one day because I know I will be an awesome dad.

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Greg was recently married to his wife, Cami, and together they have four children, Stephen (33, lives in St. Louis), Erica (30, lives in Boston), Nathan (19, at Mizzou) and Lauren (17, Parkway South). He has been involved in Scouting for almost 45 years, loves to fish, bowls, competitive barbecuing and is heavily involved with leadership development to improve his business, as well as help others improve their leadership skills.



When asked what message he really wanted to drive home to the residents of Clarkson Valley, he shared this:

“Your fireplace is one of two things that can damage your house by introducing fire to the inside of your home and should be maintained on a regular basis. Even gas log units should be checked because, again, if not maintained properly can be a major cause of carbon monoxide poisoning. Gas logs must be installed in a wood approved chimney and sometimes they are not. Homeowners should be looking for leaks around their chimneys and before calling a roofer or a tuckpointer it makes sense to call English Sweep to have them inspect the chimney first before spending dollars that may not be necessary.”

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Gardeners And Volunteers Bill And Gina Hammerschmidt

Interview Conducted By Chris Ley

You may have seen Bill and Gina Hammerschmidt working out in their beautiful yard in Dunhill. I had the chance to catch up with them recently and learn more about them and their passion for volunteerism. The Hammerschmidts work together in a number of organizations that support the military and service members as well as local organizations.

Bill and Gina own Packaging by Design, Inc. which provides packing and bracing systems for industrial and commercial enterprises. Bill worked in this field for many years before starting his own company. Gina was a registered nurse working in several medical facilities.

However, their real passion of giving back has been a theme throughout their lives. Colonel Bill Hammerschmidt, USA (Ret), and Lieutenant Colonel Gina Hammerschmidt, USA (Ret), have served our country for years before joining the private business sector. Bill spent many years as an enlisted soldier before becoming an officer. He served in a variety of command positions in the Army Reserve. Gina was an Army Nurse who served in medical units and various staff positions. Service for the nation in the military was a large part of the lives and continues through volunteering after they retired from military service.

Both Bill and Gina are members of the Citizens Recruiting Team for the USAREC Midwest Recruiting Battalion. The purpose is to use select Centers of Influence (COI) to assist in recruiting for the US Army and the US Army reserve. Through this they have helped open doors for the US Army Recruiters at several local high schools.

They also take a very active role with the Missouri Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) Committee to serve with the annual "St. Louis Job Fair" each April. They have also volunteered to support Yellow Ribbon events for deploying and returning service members as needed, including award



presentations to local businesses. Bill is also a member of ESGR National Outreach Committee.

Bill serves as an Army Reserve Ambassador. He reaches out to local and state civic leaders to further give exposure to the various Army Programs. He is the representative of the Chief, Army Reserve to Eastern Missouri.

In the St. Louis Gateway Chapter of AUSA, Bill is in charge of the annual Soldier of the Year event where soldiers from the chapter area are honored at the Annual Leadership Ceremony. Bill's responsibility consisted of contacting the commanders of units commanded by a Colonel or Lieutenant Colonels from throughout the area. The commands send in the name of their Soldier of the Year and these soldiers are invited to attend the banquet ceremony. The Unit is also invited to send command representatives as well as other unit soldiers, family members and friends. Gina is instrumental in many of the details of this program. As a result, in 2015, 28 Soldiers of the Year from Active Army, Army Reserve and Army National Guard commands were presented with an award at the event.

In their church, Bill serves as Chairman of the Food Committee for the St. Clare Oktoberfest. He is responsible for staffing the annual event with 30 volunteers to serve the food to the 900-1000 attendees.

Bill and Gina recently shared all this with me to help spread awareness about the organizations that could use additional support. They have a reputation of giving generously of their time and talent whenever it is needed. They have also tried to be there "to support the program" of whatever organization reaches out to them. They are "true philanthropic volunteers" who seek out opportunities to aid and assist those in need.

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Young ACHIEVER

ELLIE BURGER | COMPETITIVE TENNIS PLAYER

Article Is In Ellie's Own Words And Sponsored By KinderCare Chesterfield

This month's Young Achiever is Ellie Burger. Ellie is 16 and attends St. Joseph's Academy. She plays tennis for St. Joe's as well as playing competitively outside of school.

Sports are a big part of the Burger family lifestyle:

"My mom works in Parkway School District as a librarian and played college tennis so she's a second coach to me. My dad is a State Farm Insurance agent and played college baseball and my brother Jake plays baseball at Missouri State."

It seems that tennis has always been a part of Ellie's life:

"When I was 4 or 5 my mom started me in a little kid group tennis clinic and I've stuck with and worked on it ever since." Being involved with tennis has helped Ellie to learn to balance life at a young age. "I've done it so long that I think it is just natural now. I work out with my trainer before school, so I only have to hit and do homework after school. I like having my afternoon and night busy, it keeps me on my feet and keeps me moving."

Ellie has had to deal with a few setbacks:

"I had hip surgery end of my freshman and wasn't back in time for sophomore high school season." But even with these setbacks she has managed to push through. "I think it's the heart I play with, I've dealt with two hip surgeries and a few shin issues, so I don't take for granted opportunity to play tennis. I go out and play with everything I have every time I step on the court."

Ellie shared some of her favorite moments:

"My partner and I came in seventh in state doubles as a freshman, which was pretty cool considering I was a freshman. I also made second team all-state and first team all-metro as a freshman. Although I like playing doubles, I love the individuality of tennis. I like to rely on myself and no one else. It takes a lot mental toughness and I really like that about it."



Shannon, Ellie's mom, has really been a great inspiration and supporter for her:

"My mom played college tennis so I look up to her and aspire to get to where she was. She always believes in and supports me through anything, whether it's tennis, school or individual stuff. She travels to tournaments and will always be there cheering me on. I'm extremely lucky to have her to look up to."

Ellie's future plans are to play D1 College tennis and eventually work in Major League Baseball (MLB) after college. We wish her the best in her quest. Thanks for sharing with us all, Ellie!

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2. March
3. French
4. Sadness
5. Harvest
6. There is less light
7. Harvest moon
8. September 23rd



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284 Herworth Dr.	Forest Hills Club Estates	\$770,000	\$770,000	08/29/15	4	5	3,296	3
16688 Kehrsgrrove Dr.	Dunhill Farm	\$775,000	\$740,000	07/15/15	4	5	4,593	3
16476 Horseshoe Ridge Rd.	Kehrs Mill Trails	\$689,000	\$657,750	06/29/15	5	4	2,483	2
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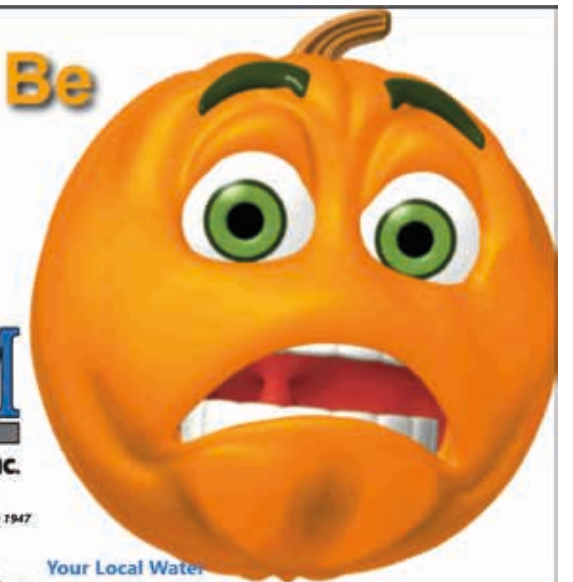


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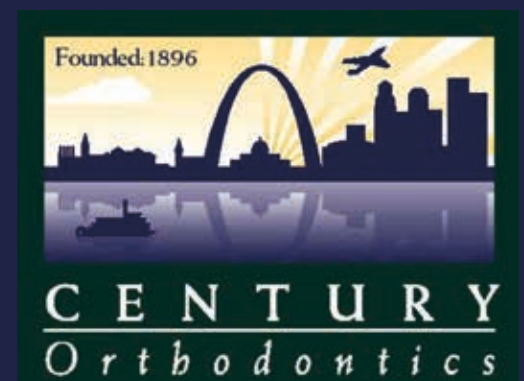
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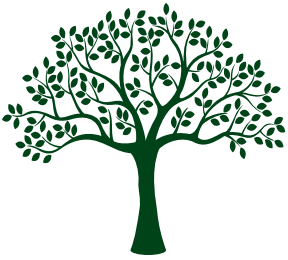
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