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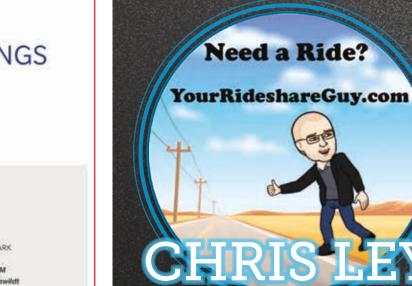
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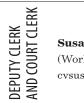
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One of the biggest compliments we can receive as a publication is when a current business partner signs on to continue their support of CVL. Travel Leaders recently did just that! Travel Leaders has proven to be an amazing business partner in the publication and a support to you the residents of Clarkson Valley. Please reach out to them for all your travel needs at (636) 778-1081.

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As we near our third birthday, I'd love to hear any experiences you've had with our Clarkson Valley Living business partners. They have committed to support the publication and your community (most for 36 issues) and to be able to spotlight the great work they are doing for you would go a long way in helping them build their word-of-mouth in the city. Please email me your Rave Review if you have used any of our partners.



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## mayor's corner This Month, We Welcome A Guest Writer:

CHESTERFIELD POLICE SERGEANT CHRIS CONNELLY



Clarkson Valley residents may soon notice a new piece of equipment attached to their neighborhood officer's uniform. Although it appears as a small black plastic square attached to the center of the officers uniform shirt, it is actually among the latest innovations in law enforcement technology. Known as "Body Cameras," these devices record official communication between officers and

those with whom they come into contact. These cameras afford our officers with considerable protection while simultaneously capturing vital information for use in ongoing investigations.

Each officer has been issued their own device for which they are individually responsible. Prior to receiving the cameras, officers attended in-service training where they received instruction on the proper use of the cameras. It is important to note that officers are bound by department directives which outline when, where and under what circumstances the body cameras are to be used. Body cameras are not designed to capture cordial conversation, but are

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At the conclusion of the officer's tour of duty, the body camera is loaded into a docking station. All of the data captured on the camera is then uploaded to a "Cloud" for storage. At that point, video captures are secure and may only be retrieved by officers and supervisors to confirm information relative to an investigation. Body cameras provide supervisors with a tool that allows them to conduct regularly scheduled audits in an attempt to verify that vital safety practices are being adhered to. In addition, should allegations of misconduct be made, supervisors will review body camera data as a part of those supervisory inquiries.

Nationally, body cameras have received strong accolades from various sectors. Clarkson Valley Officers will be utilizing the body cameras at no cost for one year. After l years' time has passed, a review of the program will be conducted. Should the results of the review

> prove favorable, the cameras will be purchased and the program will continue.

> > Please feel free to talk with your neighborhood officer and ask him/her

> > > to show you our newest piece of law enforcement technology.

In a related matter, law enforcement officials in Clarkson Valley will soon be asking residents with existing

video surveillance to voluntarily register with the police department. Law enforcement is seeking to develop a database of residents who have external surveillance systems. The focus of this "Community Camera Program" is to identify those residents who may have captured vital video evidence, recorded either during or immediately following any criminal activity that may occur.

Many communities have experienced successful prosecutions as a result of this program, and we expect no less in Clarkson Valley. More information soon on how you can register.

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Brett's career in hospitality and resort operations moved our family across the US and abroad 8 times in the past 18 years. We agreed it was time to plant roots for our children and decided to do so in Chesterfield, Missouri, about an hour from Joylin's hometown of Marthasville, Missouri. Brett's father was an army officer and therefore, Brett has moved around his entire life. He decided to venture out on his own, and in the last year launched a new marketing agency called Medici Marketplace. Brett serves as the managing partner and chief marketing officer.

After high-rise apartment living in Macau, (Macau is one of the most densely populated cities on the planet), we LOVE the space, beauty, and peace that our neighborhood provides in Clarkson Valley. We love our neighbors, too!

Our younger children, Rhys (grade 3) and Avery (grade 6) attend Kirk Day School in Town and Country. Rhys plays every available team sport offered and LOVES each and every one of them, finding it hard to choose a favorite! He also plays piano and takes Mandarin lessons along with his big sister Avery. Avery also spends her after school hours dancing, with ballet being her favorite genre. She enjoys serving the preschoolers at our church, The Crossing, two weekends every month.

Our oldest son Aidan is a freshman at Westminster Christian Academy where he plays soccer and tennis. He also serves as an Ambassador on Westminster's Leadership team and is able to continue learning the Chinese language in school.

During his first year at the school, Joylin plugged into the Westminster community by volunteering with their Global Education Program. That eventually led to a part-time position in the department working alongside their 30+ international students. These students live with host families throughout the community.

Sam Jun, a senior at Westminster, is one of these students and lives with us full time until he graduates this coming May. He's on the golf team and plays drums for the school Chapel band. Westminster happens to have partner schools on 5 different continents, which is how we came to know and host David Kim (15) and Jason Kwak (13).

They were part of a group of 20+ students from Saemmul Christian Academy in Seoul, South Korea. Students





come annually for a month-long winter camp program where they improve their English skills and immerse themselves in our culture and community.

We've been blessed beyond measure to get to know these students, provide for them and witness them fulfilling the vision of Westminster Christian Academy's international program of "living, serving and working in a global world made up of people from every language, tribe, and nation" (Revelation 7:9).



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# meet Max Hecker





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This month, we'd love to introduce you to 6 1/2-year-old Max Hecker. This busy St. John Lutheran kindergartener was interviewed by his mom, Emily in February for this article. Let's learn all about him!

What are your favorite movies? Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and A Christmas Story

How about your favorite music? The Doodlebops

#### Do you play any sports?

Yep! I take martial arts, and I just finished rock climbing for a few months. I know how to tie a good belay! (that means a knot) I really have been wanting to play basketball, but it's so cold outside.

#### Do you play any musical instruments?

I really like to play the piano. I have been taking piano lessons since before Christmas and played "Up on the rooftop" for my family at Christmas time.

#### Any special interests or hobbies?

Who doesn't like collecting Pokemon cards??? And iPad apps like Roblox?? I also like to rollerblade and referee hockey when my brother Leo plays with our neighbor Keaton. I also like to hike, investigate outside and create things. Yesterday I created a boat out of cardboard boxes and was going to sail it in our neighborhood lake but the lake was frozen over! I can't wait to be a boy scout next year in 1st grade. Oh, and I dressed up as Ralphie from A Christmas Story for our Christmas pics. As long as I got to hold the BB gun, I was happy!

#### What do you want to be when you grow up?

I want to be the President... Oh, wait, no I don't... I want to be a police officer... because I just do.

#### What is something unique about you?

I have four hermit crabs. One died a few months ago, but we went to the pet store and got another one. I really want a pet turtle, but my mom and dad told me they can live to be older than I may ever be ... that's a big commitment. I also love to read the Bible every night before bed. We have already read thru the entire Bible! I really enjoy going to Ninja class for gymnastics too. Say "Obstacle Course!" and I am there.



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.



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- Chocolate eggs were traditionally given as gifts in Europe.
- Ninety million chocolate Easter bunnies and 16 billion jelly beans are produced each year before the commencement of the Easter festivities.
- 76 percent of people eat the ears on chocolate bunnies first.
- According to the Guinness Book of World Records the largest Easter egg ever made was just over 25 feet high and weighed 8,968 lbs.
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## If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant." Anne Bradstreet

Tave you been spending your winter days dreaming of sitting 🔲 outside, glass of wine in hand? The dreary midwestern winters are certainly long, but spring is sure to follow. While you're stuck inside, why not plan a makeover for a less than beautiful outdoor space? No matter what type of outdoor space your home has, the simplest updates can bring an incredible reward!

What's the best approach for this kind of project? It's simple: treat any outdoor space as another room in your home. Creating a cohesive, comfortable space that your family will want to spend time in should be your focus.

When we purchased our St. Louis home, the deck was certainly not what we were hoping for. It felt dark, dreary and dated. Rather than taking on the expense of tearing it down and starting over, we decided to first try a less drastic approach: simply changing the color. We chose a soft, creamy solid stain to set the stage for the Hamptons feel we envisioned. This project helped define the space as a true room. Suddenly the rails felt less obtrusive and more like windows to the world.

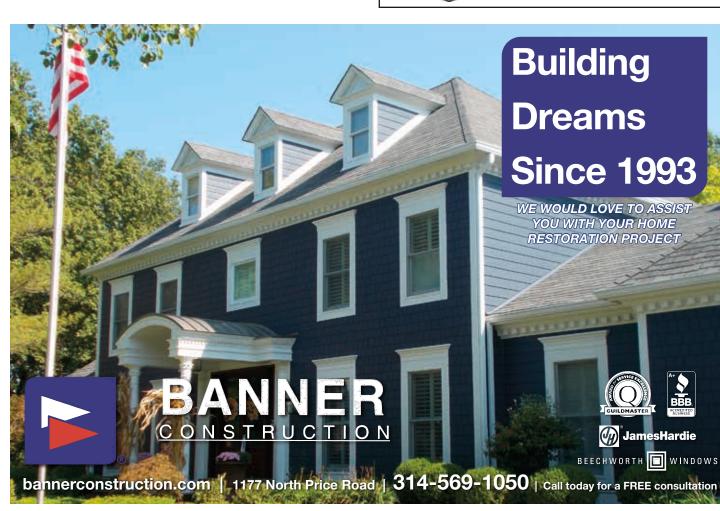
The next step was furniture. In most design situations, avoiding the matching sets of furniture on showroom floors is usually best. However, outdoor spaces tend to need that cohesive effect of a matched set. With young children, we chose a relaxed, stain-resistant wicker set that blended into our new space effortlessly.

To help the space feel interesting and personal, we chose an eclectic variety of accent tables. Pillows, throws, and rugs further soften the space and add a cozy feel to ward off the chilly spring breezes. It's fun to head to the nursery and choose a variety of plants to fill our pretty pots with the new season. What was once the least inviting space in our home is now a fresh, cozy living space that we enjoy six months out of the year!





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i, my name is Sandy Babb, and I am a Cairn Terrier. My humans decided to name me Sandy because of the sandy color of my fur. I have lived in the neighborhood since I was six weeks old, but I'm a big girl now -- I am 4 years old!

could reach I came to live here from far, far away. this hot dog My human daddy drove from his sister's house in Texas to bring me home. Daddy's sister breeds dogs - that's how I was born. Daddy's sister knew my human mom was sad because she had lost her previous pet suddenly and figured that puppy, like me, would cheer mom up.

When I came home from Texas I was in a small box with a blanket, being held on my daddy's brother's lap. When they put me in the back seat by myself I would cry, so I ended up riding all the way home from Texas on my uncle Tom's lap. When I saw mom

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for the first time I was still in the box. I was so small back then that I could fit in the palm of dad's hand.

Sometimes I wish I had puppy brothers and sisters to play with, but mom and dad say they have their hands full with me. They had a hard time potty-training me. I just couldn't figure out why mom and dad can go potty inside the house, but I'm supposed to go outside.

I like to eat "people food" - Everything except celery. I am an excellent dishwasher. I clean mom and dad's plates every day. For some reason, however, mom and dad have never "dishwashered" my doggie bowl.

Mom and dad say I'm extremely spoiled, but I don't know what that means. They say that I'm part of the family. This means me feel special.

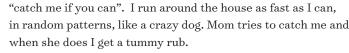
I am very good at begging. I beg near the table and for food with only my back legs on the ground. Dad makes me sit down and wait until he is on his last bite before giving me his food, but mom is a sap. She sneaks me bites when dad isn't looking.

Even though I'm small, only 18 pounds, I like to chase bigger animals, like deer. I guard my castle from all types of intruders, including the mailman who leaves me special treats. Just because I'm small doesn't mean I'm not mighty. What I don't like though is the highpitched sound of the invisible fence, though. I avoid it like the plague.

I wear a special collar and have my own door that opens just for me so I can go in and out of the house by myself - but I prefer going out the "people" door. I like mom or dad to come with me so I can show them that I am potty-trained now. Mom and Dad always give me wonderful praises when I do my business outside. I don't understand all this, but it sure makes mom and dad happy.

The first time it snowed, mom put a pink sweater on me and let me go play in the snow. I had a blast.

I like to play with mom and dad. When they sit by the fireplace and stomp their feet I know that mom and dad want to play



Don't Llook cute?

I travel quietly in the car when mom and dad go for rides, whether it be a short trip or a long trip to Grandma's house in Cleveland. When dad loads up the car and unplugs it, I wag my tail in excitement because I know I'm going for a ride. (Dad drives a Tesla.) On long trips, we stop every few hours at the Superchargers to give me a drink of water, or a bit of food and then I get to go sniff and potty before heading on the road again.

I love mom and dad. I'm sure glad they brought me home from Texas to give me my forever home.









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Here's the good news: Something is being done about it.

As a for-profit company, N2 Publishing stays in business because we're good at generating revenue, but we don't know anything about rescuing victims or bringing traffickers to justice. That's the impactful role of nonprofits - the real heroes in this fight. But they need revenue to be the best at what they do ... and raising funds is where most charities fall short. Therein lies a perfect synergy between for-profit companies with big hearts (and able "wallets") and nonprofits with the passion and know-how to save lives.

In 2016, the leaders of N2 Publishing realized the essential role they could play in the fight against human trafficking, and N2GIVES came to life. Last year, through this philanthropic arm,



For everybody, there's a cause near and dear to the heart; something you hear about and just can't seem to shake. For N2 Publishing, the company behind this publication, it's the epidemic of modern-day slavery.

\$2.5 million was given to help 35 nonprofits continue their work of rescuing and restoring the lives of trafficked victims. N2 also purchased a home now used as the first emergency shelter for trafficked victims on the east coast. This means, to date, N2GIVES' total contribution to fighting modern-day slavery has surpassed \$5 million.

But this issue won't end with N2 or with the 30-plus charities it supports. It takes a greater sense of awareness among business owners and residents in communities nationwide, as well as the giving of funds or volunteer time. Consider joining this effort with N2GIVES. Together, we can bring hope to the hopeless.

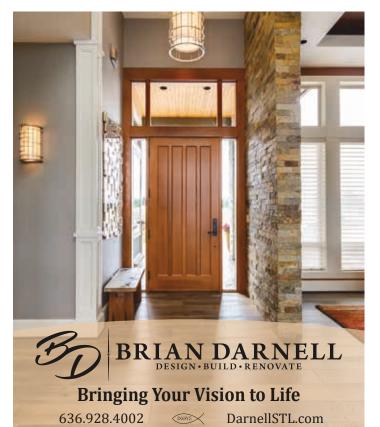
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#### generation conversation

Article written by Sue Jacobsmeyer & Sponsored by Darnell Construction





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ur grandson, Eric Jacobsmeyer, had bought his first house and invited us to come see it. When we arrived, we were greeted by his girlfriend, Megan Taffee and a house full of relatives. Eric had invited his parents and grandmother, along with Megan's parents, grandparents, and sister.

He was barbequing, and when he got done he asked if he could say a prayer before eating. When he finished praying, he plowed through the crowd of tables and walked straight towards Megan, knelt down, opened a ring box and asked if she would marry him.

Megan, in shock, started crying and said, "I feel so bad. When Eric and I were shopping for condiments for today, he wanted the squeeze bottle of miracle whip. I told him he couldn't have that because it was too expensive since he was trying to save money for a ring."

Because we were surprised with the proposal we had no pictures, so we asked if they would reenact this momentous occasion in the backyard.

Dinner waited while I took these wonderful pictures on my phone. It's something I won't ever forget. I am so glad we were there for it.



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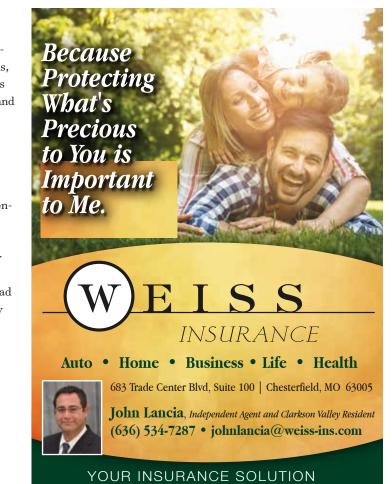
Unfortunately, many people I meet have had bad experiences with contractors in the past. I like to tell people that I am not a contractor, I am a mason. None of the work I do is subbed out. Everything is built by my own two hands. I do have a few apprentices that I am training to do this trade.

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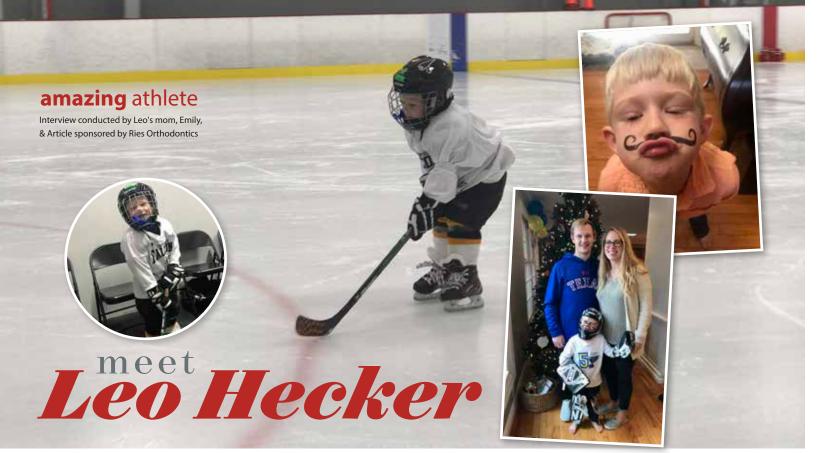






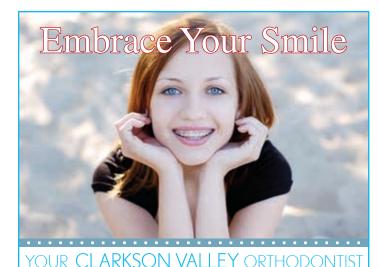






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weniently located between the Daniel Boone library and Crestview Middle School Leo is a genuine hockey enthusiast! He started at age 3 when he REALLY wanted to play hockey while watching his big brother Max ice skate at the old Hardees' Iceplex in Chesterfield Valley. We are not quite sure WHERE his love for hockey came from because we are not a huge sports family (except for some cousins that play). Once he turned 4, he started ice skating lessons. He was so cute, small and fast!! Competitive from day one he continued to ice skate and after 5 months of ice skating, we saw his love for hockey was not just a phase. So we signed our little guy up for Chesterfield Learn to Play which occurs at the Pacific Rink.

Leo loves hockey because, in his words... he is "fast." He also likes to "stop pucks from getting in the net" by playing goalie and "shooting goals." He also likes to tell people he is a "lefty" since he holds his stick a different way than the other players. He doesn't care who he plays; In fact, if he isn't inside in a wrestling match with big brother, he's asking a parent to play, asking guests to play, or heading out the door to our neighbor, 13yo Keaton's house to play with him!

For Leo's 5th birthday his cousin, Tyler Stewart #98, the St. Louis Blues back-up emergency goalie came to his hockey-themed birthday party. Tyler was all over the media because he has been an SLU goalie and he timed his appearance on the ice just perfectly in time for Leo's bday party. Local celebrity and family member we were thrilled for him. (Hutton was unable to get back in time to Scottrade center for that game in December) Leo also has another cousin, Sam Wheeler who plays for Marquette Hockey.

In Leo's spare time he likes to do anything sports related, playing hockey apps on his iPad, or taking Ninja classes at Olympiad or Martial Arts. His favorite color is blue, favorite food is apples and wants to be a ... guess it ... Hockey Player ... when he grows up.

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Kevin was the Executive Chef at Hallbrook from 1991 through 2003. During this time, he had a reputation for serving high-quality food while using only the finest ingredients and offered them at affordable prices. His early years as a Chef took place at prestigious clubs such as the University Club -- Dallas, University Club -- Houston and Club Corporation of America. He has been recognized and awarded World - Chef Apprentice of the year by Walt Disney World, Bocuse d' or --Finalist 1996 & 1997 by the Culinary Institute of America and a Gold Medal recipient in the Canepa Einery Salon. His office is decorated with many culinary awards and accolades and he authored articles in the CMAA Boardroom Magazine.

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Kurt shared with me some information about the Mosby Building Arts different divisions. Currently, there are three divisions of the firm:

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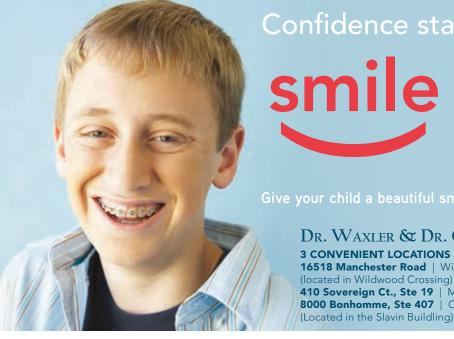


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find the adventure Article written by Resident Article Contributor Nick Tilley & Sponsored by Allen Roofing & Siding

#### People always ask me, "How did you get started as an Adventure Traveler, Nick?"

I grew up in a family that traveled a bit - ski trips to Colorado, summer vacations in South Carolina, visiting relatives in Texas over Christmas, a cruise through the Caribbean, visiting friends in the UK, a high school trip through England, France, Switzerland, and Italy. Those experiences planted the seeds, but my real interest in travel began while on a Study Abroad program in Sydney, Australia.

During that semester, a group of us signed up for a trip along the Queensland Coast- Fraser Island, the Whitsundays, the Great Barrier Reef -- a dream trip through some of Australia's top destinations. What I found interesting was, while most of the group were students from the program, there were a handful of others that weren't; a few Germans, a couple of Dutch guys, some girls from Ireland. They were just traveling through Australia with plans to continue on to New Zealand, Fiji, Thailand, and Malaysia.

"How?", I wondered, "HOW is this possible, this 'traveling the world'? It sounds incredible, but doesn't make ANY sense...?" Little did I know, but this was my first exposure to 'Backpacking', and I was smitten. I knew then and there that I wanted to travel the world. But would I ever get the chance?

Fast-forward six years. It's December 2006, and I've come to a crossroads in my life. I'm 27, have a good job, a great group of friends, am close to my family in St. Louis, but something is pulling me, tugging at my heart. My mind wanders to those conversations in Australia and the dream of exploring the world, meeting new people, and experiencing different cultures.

The Adventure is calling; the wheels begin to turn...

Over the next few months, the stars aligned, and a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity presented itself to pursue that dream. I knew it was now-ornever, and if the dream was going to become reality, I had to jump. I remember it clearly -- I took a deep breath, said a quick prayer, and clicked 'Purchase'.

BOOM! My world changed. I had a one-way ticket to New Zealand, and there was no turning back. Two months later, I boarded a plane bound for Queenstown, the first stop on what would turn into a 2 1/2-year adventure around the world. But, more on that later.



The point is - I JUMPED. I took a chance. I took the risk. The fear of regret, of having to say 'What if...?' years down the road far outweighed any fear of moving to the other side of the world, and so, I jumped. Turns out it was the best decision I've ever made.

I look forward to sharing more of my story with you in next month's issue. In the meantime, chew on this: we are presented with opportunities to Find The Adventure every day - opportunities to take a risk, to grow, to LIVE life- and we have to be ready to jump. Over the next month, I challenge you to take some risks, stretch yourself, get out of your comfort zone -- to JUMP and see what happens. Trust me -- you'll be glad you did.

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MOMMA'S OLD-FASHIONED PEACH PIE

#### Did you know that around the country, March 14 (3.14) is celebrated as National Pi Day?

Now, my husband will tell you that I'm no mathematician, but I do know my 1, 2, 3s about PIE. There are cream pies, fruit pies, ice cream pies, pizza pies...the delicious list is endless!

*My family especially loves the juicy, sweet taste of a peach pie* made with Eckert's peaches. The first pie I made was straight out of my momma's "go to" cookbook. Every time I made another, I tweaked the ingredients until I reached this delectable recipe! A scoop of vanilla ice cream completes it.

Summer, and peaches, please hurry and get here!



#### PIE CRUST PASTRY RECIPE

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• 1 teaspoon salt

• 2 cups all-purpose flour

- <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup shortening, butter, or lard
- 5-6 tablespoon very cold water

Stir flour and salt in medium bowl. Cut in shortening until it resembles pebbles. Sprinkle water, 1 tablespoon at a time, until all flour is moist and almost comes clean from the side of the bowl. Divide into 2 balls. Chill for 30 minutes.

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- Pie crust pastry for two-crust pie
- 6 cups peeled sliced peaches (about 11 medium)
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup flour
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> teaspoon cinnamon
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> teaspoon vanilla
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> teaspoon almond extract
- 2 tablespoons butter, cut into small pieces
- Cinnamon/sugar mixture for garnish

Heat oven to 425. Prepare pastry. Roll ½ of pastry onto a floured surface 2 inches larger than the pie pan. You should still see little pieces of the butter, shortening or lard in the crust. Fold pastry into quarters, unfold and ease into pan.

Mix peaches, vanilla, almond extract and lemon juice. Stir together flour, sugar, and cinnamon; mix with peaches. Turn into the pastry-lined pie pan. Dot with butter.

Cover with top crust. You can cut strips and make a lattice crust or cover with a crust and cut slits in it. Crimp edges using thumb and first finger of one hand and first finger of other. Sprinkle with cinnamon sugar mixture. Cover edge with a 2-inch strip of aluminum foil to prevent uneven browning. Remove foil the last 15 minutes of baking.

Bake 40-45 minutes until crust is light brown and juice begins to bubble through the slits.

Author's Notes: To make peeling peaches easier boil a large pot of water. Cut a notch in one end of the peach. Drop peach into the water for 30 seconds then shock in ice water. Use a paring knife to peel the skin. Allow the pie to cool completely so that it has time to set up and will not be runny.

**Author's Secret:** Sometimes there isn't time to make pie crust. If you buy the refrigerator roll out crust no one will know but you and me. The filling will be so yummy it won't matter!



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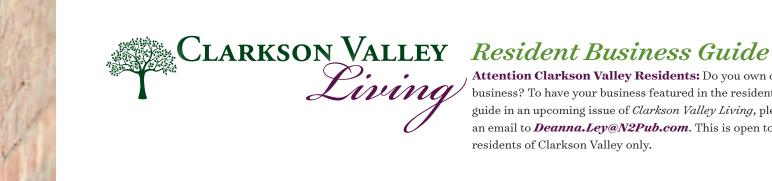
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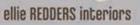


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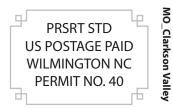
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