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The warmer days of summer have dwindled and school is in full swing. So a little time to reflect on this summer's activities seems appropriate. You may wish to log in some new ideas for next year. As I was reflecting, a look at my new landscaped front yard was not inspiring. The bare stalks that once held blooms were not a beautiful sight. My fellow

outdoor inhabitants had feasted - deer. I'm sure you have seen and or had similar experiences with our deer population.

Deer in neighborhoods can be a problem -- they are a beautiful animal and besides, they were here first! For Clarkson Valley, living with our deer population has its plusses and minuses. Most of us, over the years, have enjoyed the excitement of sighting a fawn or buck with a big rack.

The population continues to be a problem; however, it's not at the panic level. The problem with high numbers of deer are: road safety, over-eating of forested areas, damage to landscaping and gardens, Lyme disease and the sheer number makes it difficult to maintain a healthy population.

We have been addressing this population problem for some 14 years. Working with the Missouri Department of Conservation, St. Louis County, and a committee of west county cities formed in 2003, we were the first St. Louis County municipality to allow a citizen to authorize a hunt on their property. To refresh the rules:

A homeowner may authorize a hunt on his or her property.

The authorized hunt must be during the archery hunting season as defined by the State of Missouri.

Archery devices are the only hunting device allowed.

All hunters must have completed the Missouri Department of Conservation archery device hunter safety course.

The authorized hunt must conform to the city ordinance allowing a deer archery hunt as well as all of the appropriate Missouri State Laws.

The city ordinance requires liability insurance of two million dollars, by the homeowner and/or the hunter.

The city ordinance specifies safety measures to be followed by the hunter, i.e. minimum heights for shooting stands, where arrows can be shot, etc.

The homeowner takes responsibility for all aspects of the hunt, including notification of all neighbors.

The city does not authorize hunting, only the homeowner can do that. The city does not issue a license or a hunting permit.

The City's permit is to allow the homeowner to have a hunt with the appropriate safeguards as specified by law. What the City does with its permit, is to ensure the citizen authorizing the hunt and the surrounding neighbors that it will be conducted in compliance with State Law and City Ordinance.

We are not suggesting these hunts will be a cure-all, however, over time it has helped maintain a more healthy deer population. So we can continue to enjoy the excitement of deer sightings. Just a reminder - the deer season for bow hunting opens September 15th if you are interested in a hunt on your property. Please contact City Hall for details.

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July Recycling Tonnage: 63.10

2018 Tonnage Total: 264.91



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MEET THE **Fink** FAMILY ANDREW, STACEY, BROOKE, & KATE

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This month, we meet the Fink family - Andrew, Stacey, Brooke (age 5) and Kate (age 3). They live on Clarkson Farm Drive in Clarkson Farm Estates. Let's learn more about them!

Where are you from? Tell us a bit about you and your family. Stacey was born at St. Lukes hospital in Chesterfield and lived in St. Peters until her Dad's job transferred them to Bentonville, Arkansas when she was nine years old. She always had a spot in her heart for Missouri so after graduating from Bentonville High she decided to go to college at the only place she ever considered attending, MIZZOU. After an amazing four years cheering on the Tigers and being involved in her sorority (Alpha Phi) Stacey decided to venture off to New York City to see what the Big City had to offer. Turns out, it introduced her to her future husband. Andrew grew up in New Milford, Connecticut and attended college at Hofstra University on Long Island. Directly after graduation, he began his career at Enterprise Rent-a-Car where he continues to work today. A promotion in his career is how Stacey made it back to St. Louis and got to introduce her husband and two daughters to the place she once called home. They are all proud to call St. Louis home now for the last three years.

What are some Family Favorites? The Place You Like To Hang-out: We love going to Blue Bird Park for the playground. The kids call it "The Barn Park" because of the barn down by the amphitheater. You'll also frequently find us at Lifetime Fitness. We love the family atmosphere and the variety of activities they have for the kids while we get a work out in. In the summer we spend quite a bit of time as a family at the outdoor pool.

Your Favorite Restaurants: Andrew is a big foodie and loves trying all different types of restaurants around the city. Friends frequently call him asking for a restaurant recommendation. That is also true if you're in need of a good wine recommendation.

Your Favorite Vacation Spot: Andrew's family has a house on a lake in Maine that he grew up spending his summers at. We love taking the girls there

now to swim, fish, relax and most importantly spend quality time with family.

Your Favorite Sports Teams: Andrew is a lifelong Mets and Jets fan. He does cheer on the Cardinals as long as they're not playing the Mets. And of course, Stacey will always be cheering on the Tigers!

What is your favorite part about living in your neighborhood? We have the best neighbors! Everyone knows everyone and we look out for each other. We have an annual neighborhood party in the summer and a few others sprinkled in throughout the year.

Anything else you want to share? Stacey is a local real estate agent with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Alliance Real Estate and specializes in the West County area. She is grateful to live and work in this amazing community. She loves meeting new people every day and building relationships with others in our city. She couldn't be prouder to be a resident of Clarkson Valley!

The Fink family's photos were taken by Clarkson Valley Living's Meet Your Neighbors photographer Kim Eichelberger, who co-owns and operates Eichelberger Photography - EichPhoto.com - 636-734-1486 - KevinAndKim@EichPhoto.com

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Meet Layla



Hi, my name is Layla and I am 2 years old! I have as much energy as three dogs combined. Seriously, when my mom gets home, I will jump for joy and run circles around her for at least ten minutes. Out of love, of course.

My favorite game is to play fetch. I like it so much that I wear everybody out who plays with me and I have to resort to playing with myself. We have this hill in our backyard where I can drop my ball off at its peak and then I can chase after it as it rolls down. I will do this again and again and again, for hours at a time. My mom doesn't know where I get all my energy. Sometimes I will drop my ball down the flowerbed side of the hill, watching it bounce off the flowers and shrubs like a pinball machine. Mom's friends are always really impressed with this trick, but I'm not really sure if she likes it as she keeps having to re-mulch everything after every time I play it.

I recently graduated from obedience training. They liked me so much there, that they made me redo it all again after completing it the first time. Now that obedience training is over, I just spend all my extra energy at the doggie daycare...and playing fetch, of course.

My favorite toy is my Kong. When I'm extra good, mom will spread peanut butter on it and play catch with me. Sometimes mom will give me a bone and I will be busy with it all night. I wish they would invent a kong-shaped bone.

Despite all my energy, I almost never bark. Unless other dogs are around. But in that case, I'm just talking to them. Other dogs will sometimes tell me that they will chew shoes or drink out of the toilet—how gross! I eat only what I'm given and never off the kitchen table. Unless it's Thanksgiving and mom and her friends are eating on the fancy dining room table. I had never seen mom use it before—how was I supposed to know that table was off limits, too!??

Anyway, I will see you around the neighborhood. If you play fetch with me, I will love you forever.



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shadow moving through the swirl, and the boat leaped into action, quickly moving into position. Adrenaline surging, we grabbed snorkels and masks, jamming on fins as the boat moved into the path of the advancing shadow...

“Go! Go! GO!” was the order, and it was off the back of the boat and into the churning foam, scrambling to get away from the boat, struggling to keep our snorkels above the waves...

Away from the chaos of the boat, it was calm, quiet. Suspended in depthless blue, bobbing at the surface of the sea, holding my breath and watching... Waiting... I could HEAR my heart pounding... It was INTENSE.

And then, there it was- this MASSIVE, spotted leviathan, emerging out of the blue, bearing down on me, it’s gigantic mouth agape as it feasted on krill floating at the surface... It was beautiful. It was graceful. It was HUGE - and it was coming right at me!

Oblivious to my presence, it was on me - past me - with one swoosh of its towering tail... Gasping for air, all I could do was turn, kick, try to keep up as it glided effortlessly by.

“KEEP SWIMMING!!!” came the shouts from the boat as I sucked air through my snorkel and churned at the water, all the while entranced by this enormous, beautiful animal.

Quickly, it was beyond me, vanishing back into the blue as mysteriously as it had appeared. The boat circled back and plucked

us from the sea, only to repeat the process again. This went on for an hour, providing four or five breath-taking and lung-busting opportunities to swim with the giant fish. It was exhausting; it was exciting; it was EXHILARATING!

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During the year I spent in Australia, I had the opportunity to do something incredible – one of those ‘Bucket List’, ‘once-in-a-lifetime’-type adventures. I swam with a whale shark.

Whale sharks are the largest fish on earth, growing up to 40 feet long and weighing up to 20 tons. They are filter feeders, meaning they only eat microscopic plankton that float near the surface of the ocean, and thus are harmless to larger animals, humans included. Between the months of March and June, they feed along the Ningaloo Reef- a World Heritage marine park off the west coast of Australia, providing thrill-seekers heart-stopping opportunities to come face-to-face with the largest fish in the sea. Sign.me.UP!!!

Upon arriving in Exmouth - a seaside town that springs to life during whale shark season - I booked my excursion with a local operator and went to bed with visions of whale sharks swimming through my head.

The next morning, after check-in at the office and a short ride to the beach, we hopped on a zodiac and sped through the surf out to the larger vessel. Whale sharks are so big, companies use spotter planes to locate them on the reef, which relay their position to the boats below. All you have to do is sit, and wait...

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Congrats, Kevin Brennan!

Beloved Swim Coach at Forest Hills Country Club Celebrates 40 Years and Becomes Honorary Citizen of Clarkson Valley

Dan Gable, Vince Lombardi, Nick Saban, Pat Summitt, Scotty Bowman, Eddie Robinson, Bobby Knight. Who comes to mind when you think of the greatest coaches of all time? Whatever your answer is, there's one more name you might want to add to the list.

The Swim Facility at Forest Hills Country Club broke ground in 2011. Following its completion in 2013, and with a recommendation by the Swim Committee, the Board unanimously voted to rename the facility in Kevin's Honor – commemorating his 35 years of service to the Club. The new name would be the Kevin Brennan Aquatic Center. It's hard to believe anything can top an amazing accomplishment, but 5 years later, Kevin is still breaking records. This summer marked Kevin Brennan's 40th year as the Swim Coach for Forest Hills Country Club.

On top of that, this July Kevin won his 300th meet which equates to 300 wins out of about 340 meets; an amazing 88% win percentage. Kevin's team won its first all Country Club Conference Meet back in 1991. Of the 28 all Country Club Conference Meets held since 1991, Kevin's teams have won an impressive 19 of those meets including this years. He holds the current record of 11 wins in a row which is now the longest continuous streak that anyone has ever had.

Greenbriar Country Club ended the original streak of 8 in 1999 and went on to win 9 in a row until Forest Hills regained the title in 2008. Since that time, every year has been a win under his belt. Kevin marked a huge milestone with the win in 2017 that marked the 10th in a row which became the longest streak in the history of the league at that time. Our swimmers extended that streak for Kevin this year with their 11th consecutive win.

It's hard to grasp the amount of lives Kevin has affected during his 40 years at Forest Hills, but it's without a doubt, in the thousands. No Country Club in the St. Louis area has ever been able to celebrate an accomplishment like this. What a way to cap off 40 years as the Swim Coach for Forest Hills Country Club.

Coach Kevin summed up his accomplishments with a simple quote... “Winning Never Gets Old.”

amazing athlete

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Were you coached by Coach Kevin? If so, we'd love to hear from you! Email Deanna at Deanna.Ley@N2Pub.com.

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generation conversation

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A Conversation Between **Annabelle Miller & Her Gram Pam**

This month, our awesome Junior Writer and Crestview 7th grader, Annabelle Miller, spent some quality time with her Gram Pam asking each other the following questions:

ANNABELLE INTERVIEWING HER GRAM PAM:

What's one way the world was different when you were my age? No social media smartphones or computers.



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What makes you happy? Grandchildren flowers, books, and hugs.

What's your favorite memory of your own grandfather or grandmother? Them coming to visit made her feel special both read the Bible.

What were you scared of when you were little and when did you stop being afraid? Drains. I still don't like drains in swimming pools.

Can you tell me about the first time we ever met? My first intro was my cry outside the door. It was love at first sight. You were a tiny thing.

How did you meet my grandfather? In college. Mutual friends set us up on a date.

What's your favorite part of having grandchildren? Everything- especially the hugs.

What was my dad like when he was my age? He was kind and sweet.

Do I remind you of them in any way? Yes. You look a lot like him and you are sometimes a picky eater. You are very loyal and sensitive.

GRAM PAM INTERVIEWING ANNABELLE:

What do you want to be when you grow up and why? A Reporter. I enjoy writing.

What's one way you think the world will be different when you're my age? There will be fewer forests because people keep building stuff.

What's your favorite family tradition? Going to McAlisters on Sundays and making crescent rolls at my grandmother's house on holidays.

What makes you happy? Softball, ice cream, reading.

What are you afraid of? Styrofoam!

What's your favorite thing to do with me? Bake cookies.

If you could change one thing about the world, what would it be? Get rid of politics and wars.

Who is your hero? Why? You, because you are always kind and love me no matter what. I want to try to be like you as much as I can



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Before



After

polished brass faucet that wasn't her everything, but was only \$50! She updated the hardware with traditional brass pulls. The modern pulls made the cabinetry feel dated while the new pulls balance it and add a little classic charm. A dear friend was kind enough to make a skirt for the existing less-than-pretty utility sink, which not only disguised it but made it look beautiful!

The baskets on top of the cabinets are a perfect fit. They were originally used in the linen closet at their previous home and every chance she gets she stops by Home Goods to see if she can score two more! They're great for rarely used things like the girls' artwork and keepsakes.

The only thing left to do was to paint the window and replace the ceiling fan with the light fixture, and voila – a room that is a great space to do laundry in.

For more amazing Before and Afters on the Blanner's renovations, head on over to www.JulieBlanner.com.



We've featured some great homes in Clarkson Valley and would love to share yours as well. Have you recently remodeled, redecorated or built on an addition, a man cave or a new wine cellar? Simply contact Deanna at Deanna.Ley@N2Pub.com to be featured.

living spaces

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A FOREST HILLS LAUNDRY ROOM REMODEL

We have been along for some of the journey of the Blanner family's renovation of their Forest Hills home. This month, we get an inside peek at one of the most-used rooms in the house – the laundry room!

Julie wanted to open the room up a little, create workspace and make it feel like a charming cottage kitchen. It felt dark and small, yet has one of the best views in the house! To keep the make-over manageable, she divided the room into three sections so she could focus on their needs for each individual space at a time. She started with the "closet" which provides them with storage, and a place to sort and hang laundry.

She wanted a countertop height workspace in the laundry area because, with three girls, she has to spray endless amounts of clothing with stain remover. Keeping the washer and dryer at its original height not only grants her that space but also makes the cabinetry accessible.

Because it's a laundry room, they significantly limited their budget for the space. \$250 total, to be exact – lighting, accessories, paint, etc. She found a

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Handy Tricks!

- Use a sock to clean dusty blinds. Put the sock on your hand like a glove, then wipe the blinds. Socks are also a great “no drip” way to stain banister spindles. Put a sock over your rubber glove, dip the sock into the stain, and rub the stain on the spindles!
- Dust lamp shades using a lint roller or masking tape.
- Pour vinegar and water into a bowl and heat it in the microwave for a few minutes. The steam will help loosen the grime for easy cleanup.

Sudoku

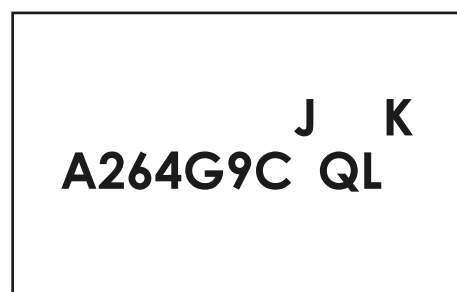
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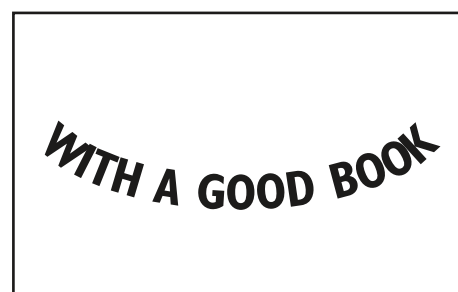
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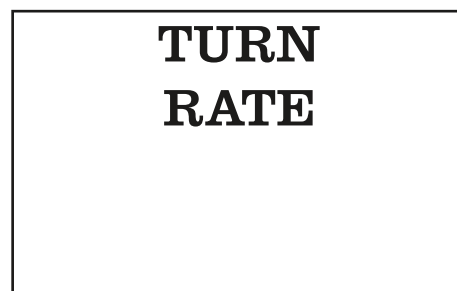
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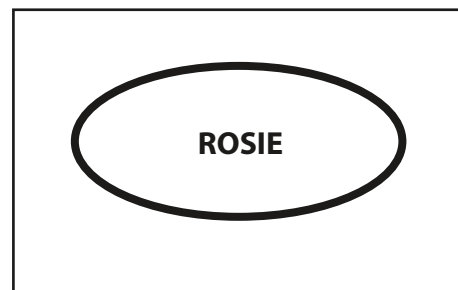
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St. Louis was recently ranked in the 10 best cities in the US to buy a home instead of rent by Business Insider. Here, an

average monthly rent is \$1,131 and an average monthly mortgage payment amounts to \$667.

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Owner Anna White is thrilled to introduce this DIY studio concept to the community. "I'm a retired kindergarten teacher and I'm excited to be able to combine my classroom teaching skills with my creative side to help you make something amazing that you'll love to display in your home!"

AR Workshop is located at 135 Chesterfield Towne Center and has been open for 1 year. "The boutique style DIY studio is the perfect fit for the city of Chesterfield! I'm positive that you will love the gorgeous farmhouse-chic design ideas and personalization of so many of our projects."

AR Workshop is an original concept created and licensed by graphic designers and party stylists Maureen Anders and Adria Ruff. With locations in near 100 cities, the company is quickly growing.

Most of the two- to three-hour classes and supplied materials cost adults \$40-\$65 while all youth projects cost \$40. Attendees can bring their own beer or wine and snacks to enjoy during the workshops.



"You don't have to be crafty to have fun at **AR Workshop**. We give you all the steps and all the tools you need to create a beautiful custom project that you'll be proud to display in your home. You can come with a date, a group girls, just one friend or even by yourself!"

It was such a fun time, we knew when we were finished that we would all be back!

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BALSAMIC PEARLS



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Mom always said not to play with your food but sometimes you just need to be a rebel. Grab the kids and experiment in the kitchen. The family who cooks together eats together!

I found this recipe while cruising the internet for something new and trending. We've all read about the Instapot, vegetable spiralizer, and air fryer craze. Not to be forgotten are the current happening foods like turmeric and tahini. Many of these things will be gone before Thanksgiving but it's a fun change of pace.

We love balsamic vinegar at our house. We use it on anything from appetizers to dessert. I found this cute little twist for anything you add balsamic vinegar to – caprese salad, roasted beet salad, balsamic chicken breasts, strawberries and balsamic, etc. **Balsamic pearls** are fun to make and give an interesting presentation to your plate. The kids will love making these little gems.

The only ingredient you probably don't have on hand is agar powder. It is a gelatinous substance extracted from red seaweed and used as a thickener in foods. It is used in many Asian dishes. It can be found in most Asian markets or your handy dandy internet store. It's relatively inexpensive and can be purchased in small quantities.

Have fun playing with your food. Let me know how it turns out!

INGREDIENTS AND DIRECTIONS:

- 1 cup balsamic vinegar
- 1 tablespoon agar powder
- 2 cups chilled olive oil

1. Place the olive oil in a tall glass container and place in the freezer for at least 30 minutes. (I have done it for up to an hour) The oil should be cloudy and opaque throughout. Using a tall as opposed to a wide container allows the balsamic solution time to chill as it drops from the pipette.
2. Whisk the agar powder into the balsamic vinegar and bring the solution to a boil. Boil for 1-2 minutes, whisking vigorously. This will allow the agar time to fully saturate the liquid.
3. Let the solution cool for 5 minutes, or to about 130 degrees, stirring occasionally. Using a pipette or large syringe drip the vinegar mixture into the chilled olive oil slowly (the droplets will mesh together if you drop them into the oil too quickly). Using a fine mesh sieve, drain and gently rinse the pearls with water. Use to garnish your dish or store covered in the refrigerator.



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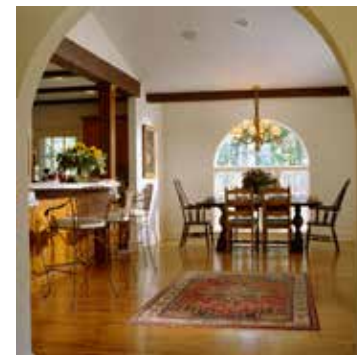
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- A. You're under arrest
- B. Hijacking
- C. Curl up with a good book
- D. Space probe
- E. High turnover rate
- F. Drop in the market
- G. Cracked pot
- H. Long jump
- I. Ring around the Rosie


Sudoku Solution

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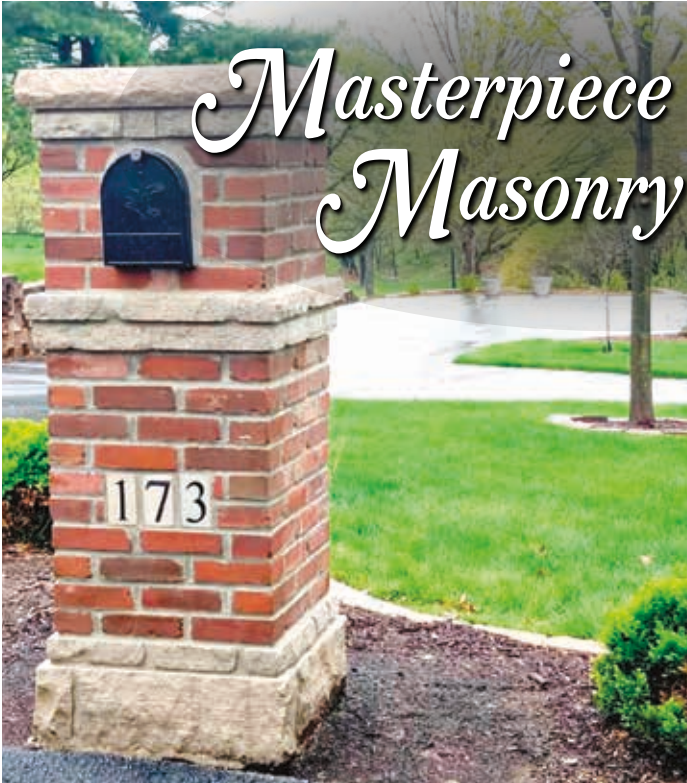


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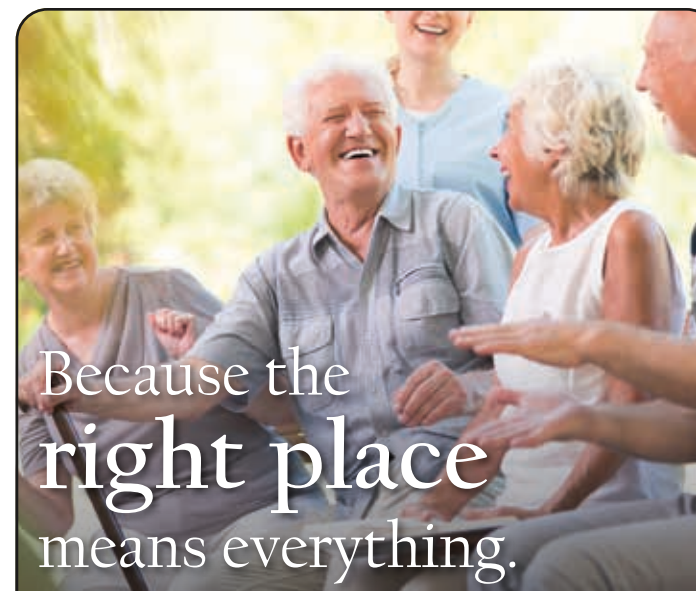
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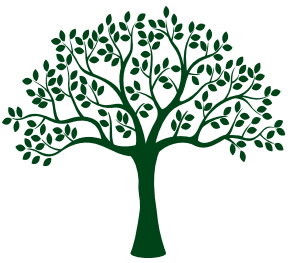
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