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Our goal is to build community in the neighborhood by helping everyone get to know each other a little better and make Stroll Clarkson Valley the best it can be! Please let us know how we are doing.

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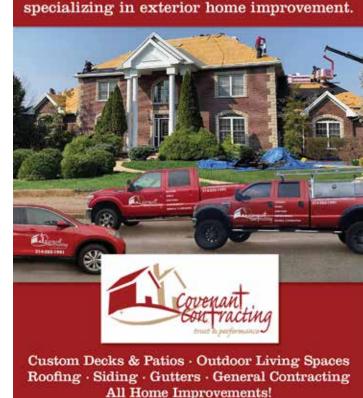
For Spring Break, Athena and I traveled to Florida to visit friends! We dined and danced at a Greek restaurant, and took a day-long boat ride on the pacific ocean, but most of all were able to relax and catch up with our dear friends. We had so



much fun! I hope you were able to spend time with your family and friends over spring break, as well. Send me a note and some pictures we can share in our magazine!

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The more things change, the more they stay the same".

WRITTEN IN 1849 BY JEAN-BAPTISTE ALPHONSE KARR, THIS IS AS APPLICABLE TODAY AS IT

After 34 years, Clarkson Valley has a new Mayor. This is quite a change, not the least of which is that I am a woman! If you had asked me 10 years ago if I'd be doing this, I would have been stunned into silence, which is difficult to do at the best of times! But I've always loved a challenge and giving back to my community. Like many, I've served at our kids' schools, on HOA Boards and participated in political campaigns for others. I've volunteered

at the Missouri Botanical Garden for 35+ years and out at Busch Wildlife. I established our Kehrs Mill Estates [Social] Email system 20 years ago and it's still going strong. I love new experiences, learning, and keeping busy. My daughter-in-law once told me I was the busiest retired person she'd ever met. If there's a void in my schedule, it's not there for long.

I also love to meet new people. Someone once made an observation that my daughter and I were much alike in that "There are no strangers in the world for people like you; there are just people you haven't met yet.", a remarkably accurate observation. I encountered so many wonderful people during this campaign process; from face-to-face introductions to neighbors, I previously knew only by name or had yet to meet, Clarkson Valley residents in different neighborhoods, new acquaintances and friends who gave generously of their time and advice and from whom I hope to gain more.

One, in particular, I'd like to recognize is our City Clerk, Michele McMahon. I've known Michele personally for a very long time and she was the first person whose opinion I sought about filing to run for Mayor. So many of you have said such wonderful things about her that I know you recognize what an invaluable asset she is to the City. She has been with the City for more than 25 years and as the saying goes, "She knows where all the bodies are buried!", but her discretion and professionalism are exemplary, and she'll never tell.

I love our Council. We are a homogenous bipartisan group. We don't work for a political party; we work for you, for our neighbors and for our City. We don't always agree and often have strongly divergent opinions, but we are a professional and cohesive group which always manages to resolve issues successfully.

I am so very excited and overwhelmingly honored to have been given this opportunity. I have lots of ideas I hope to implement which will bring some great changes to our City. I hope to live up to the faith you've placed in me and invite you to join me in this new experience. I welcome any input you care to share.

Best, Suc



Sue is a 36-year resident of Clarkson Valley. Her children, Steve and Leah are Marquette graduates. A proud member of a military family, Sue's previous career as a Senior Account Executive at Anheuser Busch spanned 20 years. She previously served on the Board of Kehrs Mill

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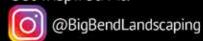


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rooks and Taylor moved to Kehrs Mill Estates in October 2020. They love their neighborhood. They fell in love with the nature surrounding them, the large lots, the friendly people, and the opportunity for exercise all around them. Even though they are still new to the community they have found a few ways to be involved. Taylor founded a non-profit called Write Out Loud that supports the next generation of Musical Theatre Songwriters. She also occasionally teaches musical theater classes in the area.

Taylor is from Bourbon, Missouri, which is about an hour southwest of St. Louis where the cattle population exceeds the human population. She is a Broadway and television actress. Brooks is from just outside of New York City, a town called Bronxville. He is a Success Manager for Salesforce. They met in New York City through mutual friends. Before meeting in person, they matched on a dating app called Hinge. Taylor said "Hi", but Brooks never responded. If you see him around, give him a hard time for that!

The Toth family enjoys playing golf, pickleball at the Baxter pickleball courts, and tennis. They also enjoy cooking together with a glass of red wine. Their favorite meals to make are tomato basil meatloaf, white chicken chili, and honeyglazed salmon with asparagus risotto. Yummy! They also take a break from cooking and go out to eat at their favorite local restaurants: Olive and Oak, Salinas, and Wolf Cafe. Addison loves sleeping, eating, and getting his diaper changed. Their dog, Charlie, enjoys spending his days barking at anyone who goes by the house.

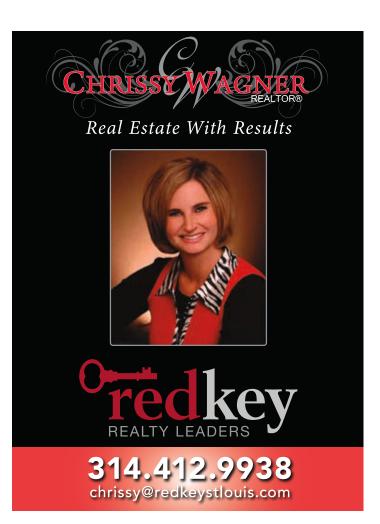
Christmas is their favorite holiday. They usually go down to Bourbon, MO to spend the day with their family, which is about 35 people. While there, they love baking, listening to Christmas tunes, and snuggling by the fireside during this special season. Taylor is one of 5 girls, and they usually make a Christmas video in place of a card.

meet the toths! brooks, taylor, and their newest addition, addison. let's not forget the furry big brother, charlie.





In 2019 Brooks used this video to propose to Taylor with the help of her sisters. This year's video was "A Bumpin' Christmas" in honor of baby Addison. Even though their favorite holiday is during the winter, they definitely prefer the summertime. They love to be able to sip their coffee in the morning on their back deck and then play some golf in the afternoon.





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In her spare time, Debbie sits on the Board of Directors for *Kids in the Middle*, a non-profit counseling organization



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Adam Munich and his Nana

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Grandparent's Name: Kay Tiffany Nickname: Nana Grandchild's Name: Adam Munich Subdivision: Manors of Clarkson Valley

QUESTIONS NANA ASKED ADAM:

What do you want to be when you grow up and why?

For a long time, I thought I wanted to be a pilot. Dad and I studied planes all the time. Some of my friends in college were in the aviation program. I changed my mind after I learned what it was all about.

What's your favorite family tradition?

Christmas Eve at Nana's, then driving around the neighborhood to look at the luminaries.

What makes you happy?

Being on a bicycle anytime, anywhere, whether it's competing, coaching or riding in the woods!

What are you saving money to buy?

I'm buying a new car. My first big purchase since graduating from college.

If you could change one thing about the world, what would it be?

Wasting our environment.

QUESTIONS ADAM ASKED NANA:

When you were my age, what did you want to be when you grew up?

I always wanted to be a Nurse, just like your mother. It was a great career.

What's one way the world was different when you were my age?

Communication was so different. There were no cell phones.

What makes you happy?

Having all my family around anytime.

What's your favorite memory of your own grandfather or grandmother?

Spending the summers with my grandparents on their farm. The original



off-grid and sustainable living. I learned to can fruits and vegetables and saw how my grandpa cured meats for the winter.

Can you tell me about the first time we ever met?

Your Papa and I drove from St. Louis to meet you when you were born

in Jefferson City. You were the most beautiful baby! We stayed for a week to spoil you and your parents.

What's your favorite part of having grandchildren?

Spoiling them!



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reetings! My name is George Bailey and I'm a member of the Wiley family. Yes, I'm named after that movie, "It's a Wonderful Life", my mom's favorite movie. In fact, I have a new brother and mom only agreed to a second dog if he was also named after



Harry Baile



the movie, so in July we welcomed Harry Bailey and we are now the Bailey Brothers. Hee Haw!

I am a Malshi, a Maltese/Shih Tzu and Harry is a Teddy Bear, a Bichon Frise/Shih Tzu. I am five years old, and I showed up at the front door as a surprise for Molly's ninth birthday, wow was she surprised! The Wileys are my family, Brent, Kate, Molly and Lydia.

Harry and I are into three things; napping, treats and getting lots of attention. Obviously, any carpool or visitor that comes by is only there to see us, sometimes I just hop right in their car. We also have the greatest napping spot ever—I think it was probably meant for the girls, but we run this house. It's a giant Pottery Barn bean bag and we snuggle in so deep that you can't tell us from the bean bag!

I am also an award-winning dog. Every Fourth of July, I put on a ridiculous costume. In 2020 it paid off and I won First Place in the Forest Hills Cutest Dog contest, followed by a second-place win in 2021!

Well, thank you for getting to know us, if you are ever by our house and hear my family yelling "CHEESE" repeatedly please understand that they aren't crazy, it's the only bribe we respond to when calling us inside!

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INGREDIENTS

- 1 Tablespoon Sweet Paprika
- 1 Tablespoon Smoked Paprika
- 2 Tablespoons Ground Black Pepper
- 1 Tablespoon Kosher Salt
- 1 Teaspoon Brown Sugar
- 1 Teaspoon Garlic Powder
- 1 Teaspoon Onion Powder
- ½ Teaspoon Cumin
- ¼ Teaspoon Cayenne Pepper

CRISPY OVEN POTATO FRIES

INGREDIENTS

- 4 Medium Russet or Sweet Potatoes, cut into large wedges
- 1 Tablespoon Vegetable or Canola Oil
- ¼ Teaspoon Freshly Ground Black Pepper
- 1/4 Teaspoon Salt
- ½ Teaspoon Paprika (if using Sweet Potatoes)
- 1 Clove Garlic, minced

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Place cut potatoes in a large bowl. Add cold water to cover. Let stand for 15 minutes.
- 2. Preheat oven to 425. Spray a nonstick baking sheet with vegetable cooking spray.
- 3. Drain potatoes in a colander. Dry on a double layer of paper towel, with a second layer on top. Press down on towels to dry the potatoes.
- 4. Transfer potatoes to a clear large bowl. Sprinkle with oil, pepper, salt, pepper (and paprika if making sweet potatoes). Toss gently. Arrange seasoned potatoes in a single layer on a prepared baking sheet.
- 5. Bake potatoes for 20 minutes. Turn potatoes with a spatula, then sprinkle with garlic. Bake until golden, about 20 minutes, turning the baking sheet after 10 minutes for even browning. Serve immediately.



Each month The Manors at Clarkson Valley resident Cindy Munich will prepare a recipe with an ingredient from Brush Creek Valley Farms or a complimentary dish to enhance their many farm-fresh, high-quality, pasture-raised types of meat. Do you have a special recipe you'd like us to feature? Email Cindy Munich at Munichs3@hotmail.com.







GRAHAM "GRAY" UNDERWOOD

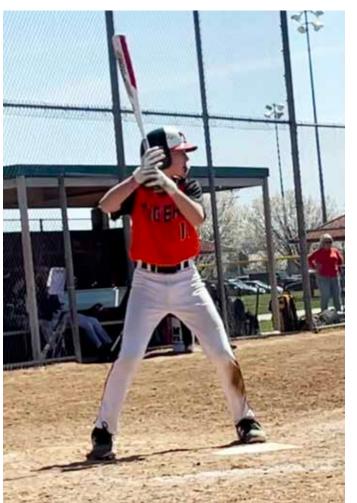
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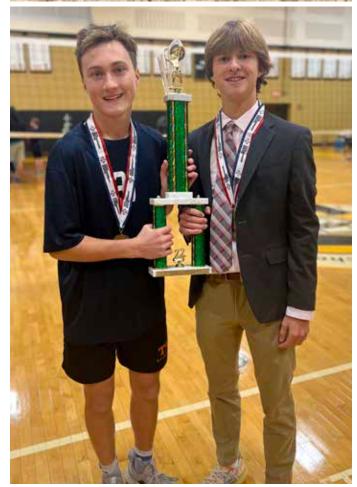
Hi, my name is Graham Underwood, but most people call me Gray. I'm an 8th grader at St. Clare of Assisi, and next year I will be starting high school at Vianney. I have played baseball for 8 years for the Rawlings Tigers. I am a catcher, outfielder, 3rd baseman and pitcher. I have also played football for the Marquette Junior Mustangs for 2 years. My positions are linebacker and











running back. This last year I started playing volleyball for my school team.

I also do other things in my spare time. I love golf, playing Xbox, and building things with Legos. I have been building since I was about 5, and I find it relaxing. But most of all, I love playing sports, especially competing. I enjoy being with my teammates and coaches. I have so many great memories of playing sports. In 2022, our Marquette Football team won the 8th grade Superbowl after an undefeated season! Then my St. Clare Volleyball team won City County Championship in our first and only season. Unfortunately, we have more 2nd place rings than first in baseball, but we'll change that this year. I'm excited for it to start, there is no better feeling than a comeback. Being down, never giving up, then coming back to win is amazing.

Some advice I would give to kids that are younger than me is to work hard, be coachable, and be a good teammate. The rest will follow. I always want to be the player my guys go to when needed. Most important though is you have to have fun. I hope to play baseball in college and become an Architect or an Engineer. I want to play sports for a long time, but I need to work hard on the field and in school to be able to do that.

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Scenes from Mayor Douglass' Final City Council Meeting!









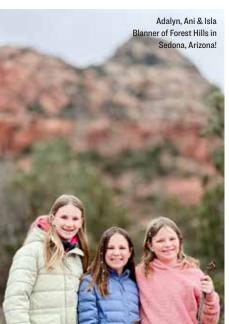
We celebrated our Mayor's last city council meeting with a little business, recognition, cake and refreshments. Enjoy the pics and best of luck to Mayor Scott Douglass with his well-deserved retirement. Thank you, Mr. Mayor!





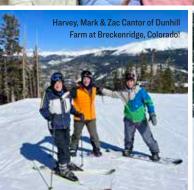
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Sabrina Sanchez of Kehrs Mill Trails (far right)
with Marquette friends in Riviera Maya Mexico!

**Jenifer Fitzgerald of Forest Hills at The Fabulous Fox Theatre to see "Tootsie" for a GNO during spring break!



















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PREPARE YOUR HOME FOR SPRING WEATHER

By Kehrs Mill Trails resident Tania Interian

You cannot stop severe weather, but you can prepare your home and surroundings for thunderstorms, severe winds and more... Spring is known for its rapidly changing weather and that can mean severe storms. Help get your home and family ready with these tips.

• LET IT FLOW. Remove winter's debris from your gutters, drains and downspouts so that heavy rains can flow freely off your roof. Be sure that downspouts are secure and that water is draining well away from your home and not toward your foundation. Add extensions if necessary.

- TRIM THE TREES. Prune lanky limbs and branches so they don't snap off in a windstorm and land on your home or a power line.
- CHECK THE PUMP. If your home has a sump pump, test it to make sure it's clean and operable and that the outflow is draining properly. Consider adding a battery-powered backup sump pump to keep the system working if the power goes out. Furthermore, an automatic standby generator can ensure your sump pump and other electrical systems continue to run during power outages.
- STOW YOUR GEAR. When strong winds are forecasted, secure patio furniture and other yard items or put them in your garage or shed so they don't become dangerous projectiles.
- COVER UP. Close and secure storm shutters if your home has them. Keep blinds and shades drawn and tape or tack window coverings around the edges to help protect you from broken, flying glass. Tie thick blankets over vehicles that are exposed to the elements to diminish damage from hail.

The United States is home to many types of severe weather. Typically, certain types of weather are geographical — tornadoes and severe thunderstorms in the Midwest and South, hurricanes in the South and East and severe thunderstorms throughout. Learn some tips to help you prepare for the weather that may come your way.

TORNADOES

Tornadoes can happen with little to no warning, ripping apart homes and destroying all objects in their path. Here are some tips to help protect your home against tornadoes.

- Identify, build or install a safe room, a secure and well-stocked place, on the first floor or in the basement of your home.
- When severe weather is expected, move the following items inside, if possible: cars, outdoor furniture and other objects to help minimize damage from flying debris.
- If you spot funnel clouds, keep your windows closed. Try to avoid windows, doors and exterior walls during a tornado.

SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS

These storms usually have strong winds, hail and lightning which can pose a threat to your home. Some tips to help protect your home and possessions are:

- · Unplug electronics to avoid damage due to a power surge.
- Close all window coverings to minimize broken glass inside the house during hail or wind damage.
- If it is safe to go outside, move potentially wind-borne outdoor objects like bicycles or grills to a garage or shed.
- ${}^{\centerdot}$ When it is time to replace your roof, consider installing impact-resistant roofing materials.

ADDITIONAL TIP:

If you are concerned or see visible damage in your house or roof, get an estimate of damage before making a claim. You want to make sure the cost to repair will exceed your deductible.

If you have any questions about insurance, please don't hesitate to call your "Good Neighbor," Tania Interian, your resident State Farm Agent at 314-822-5180 or visit gowithtania.com for more information. I am here to help you!



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Finley Hudson greeting one of the many petting zoo animals in attendance!



The Mayuga Family gathering before Easter Brunch



Cole & David Laiderman



William Akin & Liam O'Shaughnessy having fun at the Easter Fair

Are you a member of Forest Hills Country Club? We'd love to spotlight you! Email Bill.Tuttle@n2pub.com for more details.





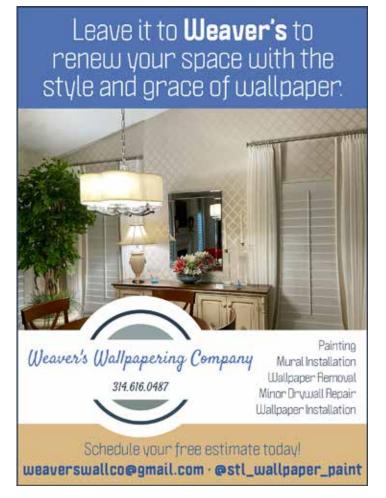




Tasha & Sloan Cunningham awaiting the start of the first egg hunt!







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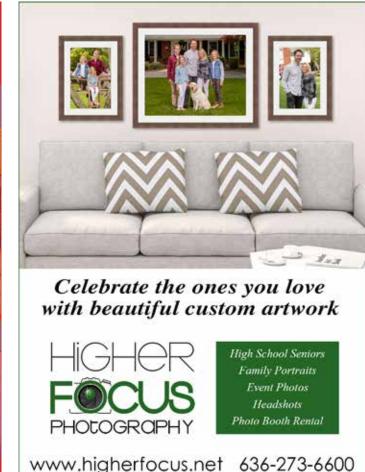
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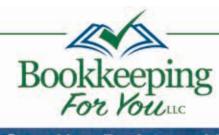


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- 2. Blood sugar spikes: Did you know that tests for diabetes tend to pick up problems nearly 10 years after your body starts to show signs of problems with how you metabolize sugars? Nearly 80% of people spike up, then drop low, with the common foods we eat. Our clinic utilizes continuous glucose monitors to see how your body responds to the food you're eating. After establishing a baseline, we then have lifestyle, supplements, medications, injectables, and advanced therapies to smooth out your glucose metabolism.
- 3. Poor sleep: Restless nights can impact your attention, focus, mood, and even the way your body processes sugar (see #2). There are many ways we can help you get a refreshing night's sleep so you can be your best.
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