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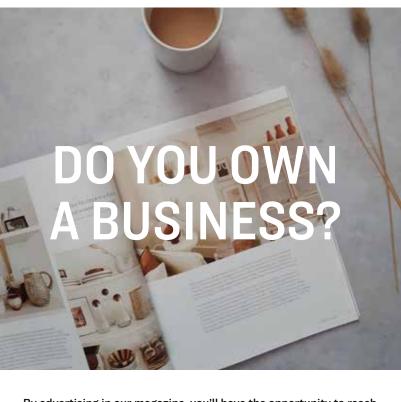
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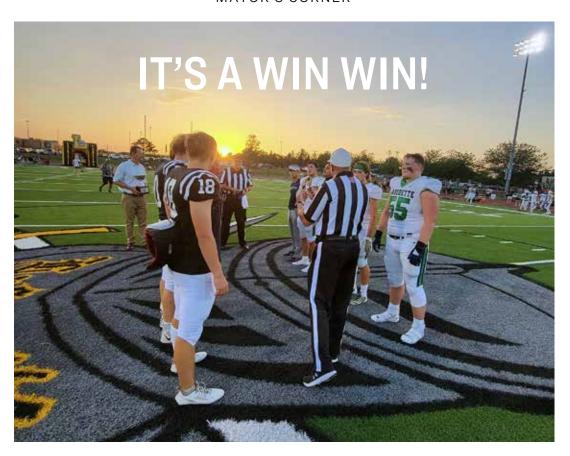




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BY CLARKSON VALLEY MAYOR SUE MCNAMARA. RESIDENT OF KEHRS MILL ESTATES SPONSORED BY TRACEY DE SIMON - COLDWELL BANKER-GUNDAKER REALTY

Last month, I promised to tell you about some of the changes our Council has achieved since April, but many things are about to be finalized so that will wait until next month.

Instead, this month I wanted to talk about some other transitions: one of the traditional adjustments we make this time of year involves school busses; whether you're supposed to be on the bus, you missed the bus, you're in front of, or stuck behind the bus! Yes, it's Back to School. The campuses are alive again; the hallways buzz with excitement from the chatter of returning students and teacher's greetings, and the sound of bells signals the start and finish of each day. It is a transitional time filled with a traditional mix of anxiety and/or excitement.

On Friday, 26 August 2023, it was my privilege to attend a great event — I was invited to the coin toss at the first Marquette football game of the 2023 season: the 6th annual "Mayor's Bowl", between the Marquette Mustangs and the Lafayette Lancers, two of the



Rockwood high schools. The Lancers and the Mustangs have challenged each other in this relatively young tradition for the last 5 years and Marquette has won every game. The stands were filled with the roar of fans, kids with greenpainted faces hung over the bleacher rails and the tension of the players was palpable as the coin flew up in the air and caught the lights of the stadium. It was a great game and although the Lancers won the toss, Marquette won the game 13-10, and they brought home

the Mayor's Bowl for the 6th year in a row! The Bowl will be displayed yet again in the Mustang's trophy case until next year. The Tradition continues.

On Tuesday, 29 August 2023, the Marquette students (and I) were treated to a very unique and exciting opportunity: normally, when a new bill is signed into law, this takes place in a grand and formal setting, with lots of cameras, and much pomp and circumstance. Last Tuesday, Governor Parsons visited Marquette High School



and students were able to witness in person as he signed a new Education Bill into law. This bill allocates 9.8 billion dollars to Missouri education programs and will have a great impact on our school system. These kids saw government in action at an event which will affect their daily lives at school. For me, to watch the expressions of these kids was humbling; some kids asked good questions; some were shy, but I know the event made a significant impression they will long remember.

Each of these events is very different; whether it's the new academic year, sports rivalries, or legislative changes; each offers the promise of exciting new adventures filled with hope that will shape these students' lives in unknown ways — as long as they don't miss the bus.

Best, Sue McNamara Clarkson Valley



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 Estates Residents Association as well as the past five years on the Clarkson Valley Board of Aldermen. Sue is also a Certified Sommelier!



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WHERE: Forest Hills Country Club, 36 Forest Club Dr., Clarkson Valley

WHEN: Thursday, October 19th, from 6 - 8:30 p.m. **HOW:** Please RSVP to Bill.Tuttle@n2pub.com or use the QR code here:



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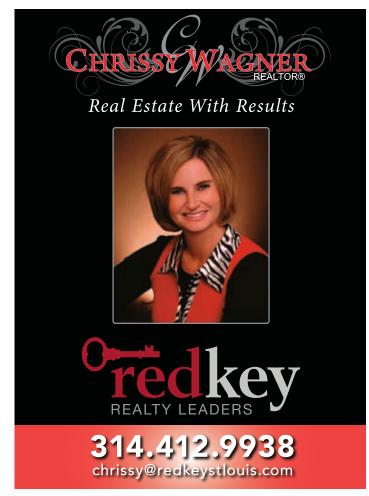
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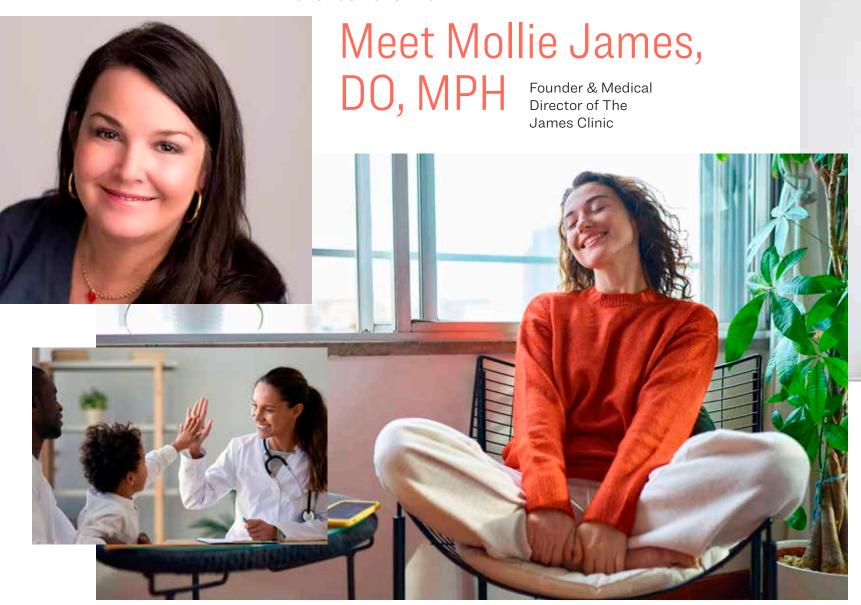








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ollie James is board-certified in general surgery and critical care medicine. She trained at Mercy Medical Center-Des Moines and the University of Minnesota. After practicing for five years, she realized she needed additional tools to help her patients. Functional medicine was the answer. She combined functional medicine into her surgery practice for patients with GI issues presenting for endoscopy and it had immediate benefit to patients. By using interventions such as elimination diets and gut-healing protocols, patients would often say they felt the best they ever had.

Mollie has been bringing functional medicine concepts into the ICU as well. One example is the important link between Vitamin D levels and COVID-19 outcomes.

In 2016 she launched Rebalance Functional Medicine in Des Moines, Iowa. They focused on gut health and hormone evaluation. Now she launched The James Clinic to best fulfill the unmet needs of patients, which became even more obvious in 2020. Convenient, accessible care and a direct physician-patient relationship without conflicts of interest are what most of us are looking for.

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BY KEHRSWOOD RESIDENT RICK HUEMOELLER





In the coming issues of Stroll Clarkson Valley, my wife and I will tell you about traveling in Cambodia, Jordan, Iceland, Egypt and so many other places!

My name is Rick, and my wife Sharon and I live in Clarkson Valley. I grew up in South St. Louis. I am in my early 70's and my entire life I have been a traveler.

My dad was born in Mexico. He came to St. Louis in 1929. My traveling days started at the age of five when the whole family went by train to visit my paternal grandmother in Mexico.

I met my wife in 1980, and three months later we drove to Acapulco. The two of us have been traveling ever since. So far, we have visited 62 countries, and been on five continents. In January, we'll make it six out of seven, with a visit to Australia.

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ey everyone, my name is Josie and I'm a 3-yearold Mini Aussie Doodle! I live with my family the Rodgers on Kehrs Mill Road. My human parents are Zack and Felicia, and my brother is Atlee. He is my bestest bud! My mom is convinced that I am the offspring of "Animal" from the Muppets!

I came to live with the Rodgers in April of 2020, and it was great because Atlee was home all day long every day, so we spent a ton of time playing together! Things have kind of changed a bit now and when summer comes to an end, Atlee is gone for a good part of the day at school. While he's away, I love to bark at anyone walking by and any other animals that I see. I'm pretty sure I could outrun any delivery truck if I got the chance.

Mom thought it would be cool to train me to "back up". Little did she know this would be the most important trick I learned. When Atlee and I need a little break from playing, I love to play tetherball in our backyard. My favorite thing to do is be on the lake. On the weekends, I jump in the car as soon as I see the first bag being packed to make sure Mom and dad don't forget to pack me! Lake life is the best.





Do you have a family pet we could feature? We want to meet them! Email Bill.Tuttle@n2co.com.





A Q&A with the Horticulture Team

The horticulture team at Forest Hills is made up of the Horticulturalist, Karen Viola and her assistant, Joyce Heeb. They have an additional full-time team member in the busy season months.

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nyone who is a part of the Forest Hills community knows how beautiful the flowers and plants are around the Clubhouse and along the Course. But did you know who was behind all of that?

Karen and Joyce maintain 86 flower beds on the club property. Every morning, they detail blow the front entrance of the Club, Circle Drive, all the brick pavers along the back of the Clubhouse, everything around the Golf Shop to the Bag Drop, the drink stations on Holes #5 and #16, Dutch's Hut, and the Valley drink station. They also water plants in all the big pots around the Clubhouse, Pickleball Courts, Tennis Chalet, Cabana, Eagles View, and the Ballroom Veranda. Then, after this, they start taking care

of the landscape beds on the course. Karen and Joyce also manage the holiday decorating throughout the Clubhouse. They decorate every single room of the Club and all of the Christmas trees.

How long have you worked at Forest Hills?

Karen: I started in March of 2000, so twenty-three years now. **Joyce:** Seven and a half years.

What other experience do you have/how did you get into this position?

Karen: This is a third career for me! I worked in retail up until my daughter was born. After I had her, I didn't want to go back to retail. I got a horticulture degree from Meramec and started working in horticulture in 1998.

Joyce: I received my bachelor's in agriculture. I worked for over 35 years in interior plant maintenance, working with plants in offices, malls, and private residences. I met Karen and made the switch to come out here!

What does a typical shift look like for you?

Karen: We start at 5:30 am and begin with cleanup. We clean up trash, leaves, and other things around the property for about an hour and a half. Joyce then waters the plants and flowers for about two to three hours. We check the plants and flower beds for damage and necessary maintenance.

How does your work vary throughout the year?

Karen: Late summer is mostly maintenance, but after Men's Member Guest, the fall flowers are ready to be planted. We also plant tulip bulbs in the fall. We create the autumn display around the entrance and Circle Drive in early fall, and in the winter, we decorate the clubhouse with a tree in practically every room. In the spring, we clean up all the flower and plant beds and replenish the perennials. In May, we plant the annuals. We have about a three-season flip that we do here around the Club.

What is a fun fact about horticulture on the Club property that members may not know?

Karen: We get a lot of questions about how we deter the deer from eating all the flowers and plants around the property, especially because members see how many deer are in the area. We try to get ahead and choose plants that deer don't like or won't eat.

Joyce: People would be surprised to learn that deer establish eating patterns. If we spray deer repellent early and choose plants they don't like, they won't return and try to eat our plants later in the season.

What is your favorite thing about your job?

Karen: We love being outside all day. It's hard in the heat and freezing temperatures, but for the most part, we get to work with the weather.

Joyce: You couldn't ask to work at a more beautiful place. The members are always friendly, and very complimentary.

What is your favorite flower/plant?

Karen: Salvias- so many birds, bees, and butterflies love them. **Joyce:** Begonias and Lantanas. They're tried and true!

Any advice for someone who would like to start or level up their gardening?

Karen: Do your own research on plants. The staff at bigger box garden sections may not know as much as someone at a more specialized nursery. Google is an underrated tool.

Joyce: Interior plants are trending right now, so many of the products in the industry (soil, pots) are tailored to that. Indoor gardening is a great place to start!

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TWO LEGENDS RETIRE FROM FOREST HILLS



Forest Hills Country Club Swim Coach of 45 years Kevin Brennan with "The Voice of Forest

The Forest Hills Swim Program celebrated history this year! First, the Club's Swim Coach of 45 years, Kevin Brennan, retired after a legendary career. Over those years, Kevin is usually the one giving out surprises, but at the end of the swim season this year the Club gave out the surprises by inducting him into the FHCC Swim Hall of Fame. Kevin will be remembered forever as the Aquatic Center was rightfully named the "Kevin Brennan Aquatic Center" after its completion in 2011. The impact that Coach Kevin has had on the decades of Forest Hills Swimmers should be commended. The Club thanks Kevin and wishes him well as he swims off into the Retirement Sunset!

In equal legend to the Swim Program, "The Voice of Forest Hills", Member Butch Welsch, has been announcing the Forest Hills Swim Meets for almost just as long as Kevin has been the Swim Coach. Butch Welsch has been a Club staple at the swim meets for 44 years and after four decades is a legend in his own right. The Club thanks Mr. Welsch for his unwavering dedication to the Forest Hills Swim Program. Mr. Welsch started announcing Swim Meets in 1980 and has done so every year since!



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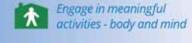


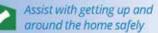


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