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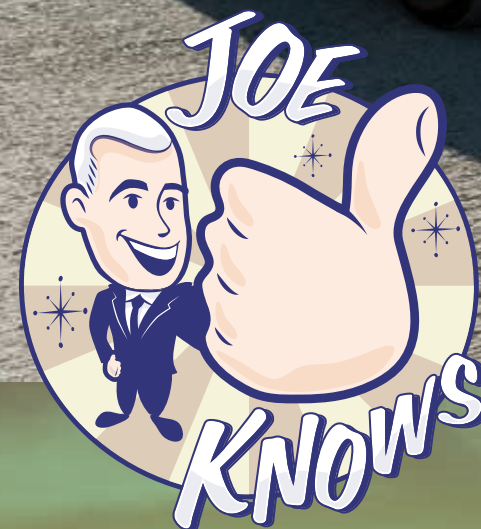


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BY MATTHEW DEFINIS, SENIOR MARKETING SPECIALIST, OXFORD BANK

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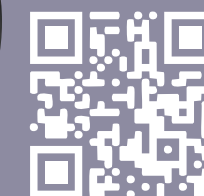
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CONNECTING CLARKSTON

Many of you may already know local Katie Hess. She has lived in the area for years and created the Connecting Clarkston App so that she could share all the stories she was hearing from so many of us who have lived here for so long. Check out her new feature in *Stroll Oakhurst* in this issue, Connecting Clarkston and please welcome her to our family of sponsors.

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Whitney Crandall with House of Colour Clarkston is a Clarkston native and a member of Oakhurst Country Club. She is a trained color analyst and personal stylist (with a previous 18 years in the hair industry as a colorist). Whitney brings a personalized touch to every session with a focus on authenticity. Everyone deserves to feel great in their clothes!

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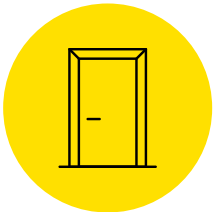
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KATIE HESS, CONNECTING CLARKSTON FOUNDER



There's always something happening around town — festivals, fundraisers, concerts, and plenty of hidden gems — but sometimes it's hard to know

what's out there. That's where this new monthly column comes in.

I'm Katie Hess, here to share highlights from **Connecting Clarkston**, a free community app and podcast created to make it easier to discover what's going on locally. The app features a calendar full of events, opportunities to volunteer or support local causes, and spotlights on small businesses. It's free to download — just search "Connecting Clarkston" in your app store.



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The **Connecting Clarkston Podcast**, co-hosted with my friend Anne Bushroe, shines a spotlight on the people and places that make our town unique. From behind-the-scenes looks at local events to conversations with business owners and nonprofit leaders, every episode highlights the heart of Clarkston. Recent guests included **Jarett and Josh Luther**, who shared about the Clarkston Athletic Boosters and Josh's inspiring path from CHS football to walking on at the University of Michigan. With the help of Independence Television, these conversations are shared on YouTube, Spotify, and in the app.

Be sure to keep an eye on the app for details about an upcoming **volunteer initiative**. Local nonprofits are teaming up to share their work, connect with one another, and help the community get involved. It's a great way to learn about organizations making a difference — and find new ways to support them.

This column will carry that same spirit — connecting the dots between people, places, and happenings that make our community shine. Each month, you'll find a quick guide to events worth checking out, stories you might not have heard, and ways to get more involved.

Here's to finding more reasons to get out, join in, and enjoy all that Clarkston/ Independence Township has to offer.

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Look here each month for upcoming events to gather with friends and neighbors to stay connected all year long. Katie with Connecting Clarkston has shared a few reasons to gather. Which ones look good to you?

KATIE HESS, CONNECTING CLARKSTON



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Friday, October 3
LAKE ORION VS CLARKSTON VARSITY FOOTBALL (HOMECOMING GAME)
This Lake Orion rivalry is always intense, but this year’s game doubles as the Homecoming game. The CHS Leadership Class is planning a pre-game tailgate that brings together students, families and alumni.

Saturday, October 4
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Friday, October 17 from 5:00-6:30pm
TRUNK OR TREAT at the CIDL Library
Local businesses and organizations transform their trunks into creative displays at the library parking lot — kids can collect candy, check out all the themed decorations, and even stop by the photo booth to capture their costumes. It’s a free family event full of festive fun. Come join in on the fun!

Thursday, October 23 from 6:30-8:30pm
Rotary Club Wine Tasting at Bordine’s Nursery
The Clarkston Rotary Club’s biggest fundraising event of the year takes place in the beautiful setting of Bordine’s Nursery. Guests can sample wines from around the world, enjoy whiskey tastings, and savor food from a variety of local restaurants. A silent auction adds to the excitement, with proceeds supporting Rotary’s many service projects — from scholarships and youth programs here in Clarkston to international initiatives that change lives across the globe.

Friday, October 24 from 11:00am-6:00pm
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What began as a friendly rivalry between Don Brose (*Lighting Consultant*) and Gary Metzger (*The Print Shop*) before the U-M/MSU game has grown into one of Clarkston’s longest-running traditions — and this year marks the 30th! Every person who attends helps make a difference too: \$1 for each attendee will be donated to the Clarkston Optimist Club. Click on the QR code for more information and good luck!

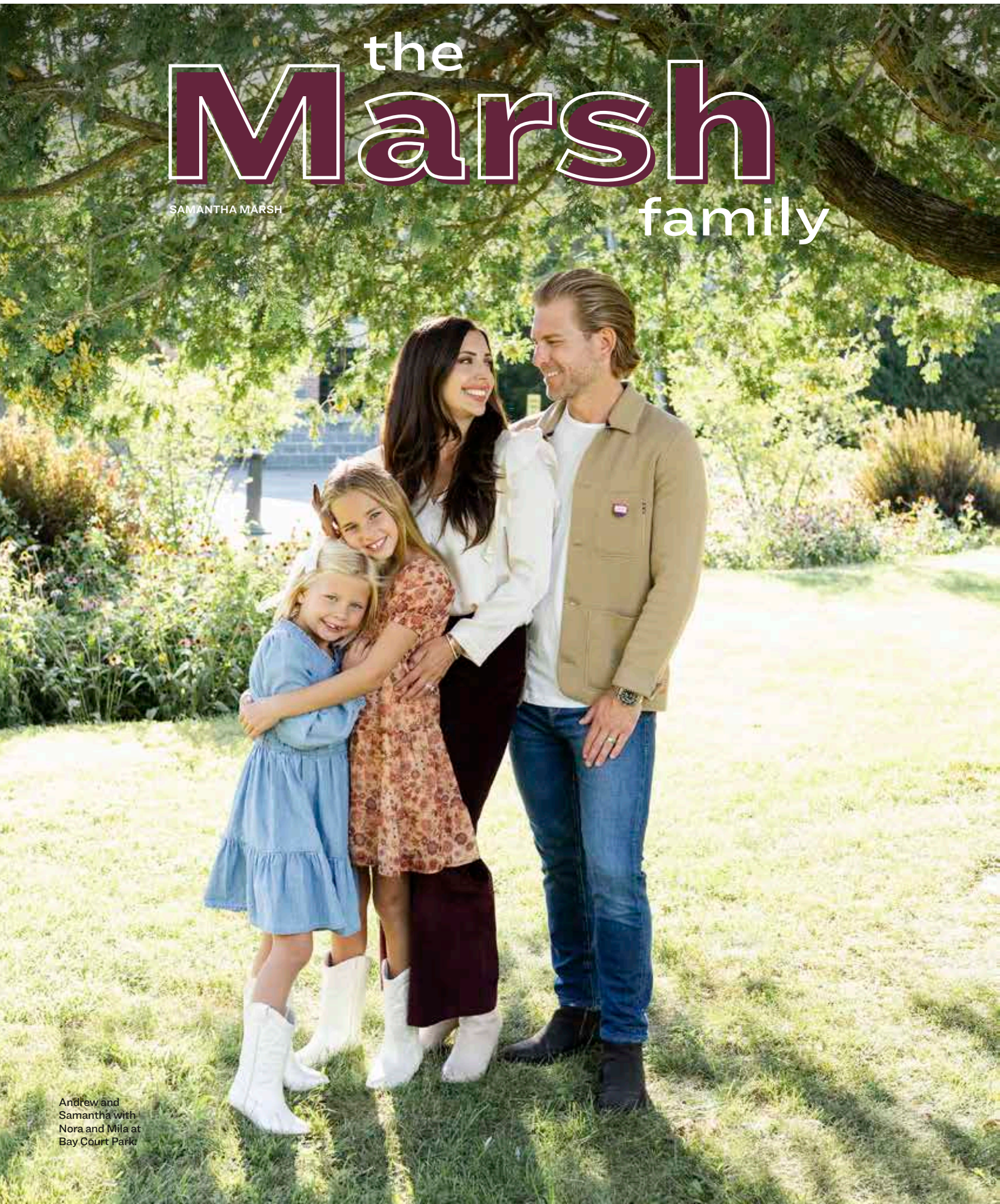


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the Marsh family

SAMANTHA MARSH



Andrew and Samantha with Nora and Mila at Bay Court Park

This month's featured family was nominated by Jake and Sarah Taykowski who were on our cover in May with their kids, Luke and Lizzy. I hope you enjoy reading about Andrew and Samantha, Nora and Mila as much as I enjoyed meeting them in August. We have so many nice neighbors with so much in common!

Andrew and I moved into Oakhurst last year with our girls, Nora and Mila. Before we lived here, we lived in Royal Oak and Birmingham together. We spent our first night here on Halloween after receiving the keys in September and spending two months living nearby while Andrew made everything just right! He replaced all the floors, painted the walls, changed the light fixtures, built a new fireplace, renovated bathrooms and built new closets. He often takes on projects around the house and is always up for a challenge to learn how to do something.

OUR BACKSTORY

I was born in Grand Rapids and my family lives in Flushing. Andrew was born up north in Traverse City but grew up in Denmark when his parents divorced and his mom moved back home. He spent his summers with his dad in Traverse City and that's how we met when I was 7 years old. My stepfather and Andrew's father were best friends from high school and it was both of our families' tradition to spend a week on the lake every summer.

Over the years we had crushes on one another. Andrew has been carefree, kind and fun to be around since that first summer. In 2012, our families went to Chicago and we spent the entire weekend together and had a blast! It was then that the world didn't seem so big and we started dating long distance. Andrew and I talked every day until he moved to the U.S. a few months later.

Andrew finished his last semester of school at Lewis University in Illinois. While he was there, I was working in Lexington, Kentucky and we would drive to see each other every weekend. Once Andrew finished school, we were both able to transfer to Michigan where we moved into our first home together in Birmingham. In 2016, we were married in Riviera Maya, Mexico surrounded by 60 of our closest friends and family.



SALES

We're both in sales. I graduated from MSU with a Human Resources degree and a minor in Sales. Andrew graduated with a business degree from Copenhagen Business Academy and today Andrew is working for Lakeshore Learning and selling furniture and supplies to schools and childcare providers. I am currently working for Boston Scientific, a medical device company. I have worked in the urology division in sales selling endourology products, spending most of my days in the operating rooms of hospitals. In April, I was promoted to a 2 year developmental role in talent development. Today I am in charge of training 1500 employees for the field sales organization.

Additionally, I have also been doing make-up for weddings and events for the last 9 years. Now that Nora and Mila are getting older, I haven't been taking on many events, naturally. Both Andrew and I enjoy investing in real estate and now own a few rental properties in Florida at Riviera Beach and here in Flushing, including a short term rental property on Manistee Lake in Kalkaska. Andrew is fluent in Danish and enjoys spending time teaching the girls Danish too.

THE MARSH GIRLS

Naming our girls was so difficult. Both Andrew and I had picked the names out when I was pregnant but we wanted to wait to see what the girls looked like to ensure the names fit! Nora was always going to be Nora but we considered Harper. Mila could have been Teagan. We're happy with both of their names.



Nora playing piano recital.

Mila playing piano recital.

Nora is our rule follower. Kind, smart, creative and reserved. She is enrolled at Everest where she is in 2nd grade. This month, we'll be celebrating her 8th birthday. She takes piano lessons and is currently learning how to play "Happy Birthday" and "Up on the Housetop." Outdoors, she loves to play golf and she just finished her first swim season this summer on the H2Oaks team. Her favorite swim stroke is freestyle. As school begins, Nora will try cheerleading for the first time and take painting classes. She loves to read, loves art class in school and recently she has made several tie-dye shirts.

Mila is limitless, goofy, social and kind, and our animal lover - but both of the girls are allergic to animals. She is enrolled at Everest where she is in 1st grade. Mila is also taking piano lessons and learning how to play "Money, Money, Money" from Abba. She also loves to play golf and just finished her first swim season this summer on the H2Oaks team. Her favorite swim stroke is backstroke. Mila loves recess and will be playing soccer this school year. She has been making pottery and will be taking painting classes too like her big sister Nora.

FAIRWAY FINDS

To keep the girls entertained while golfing this summer, Andrew and I started having them both look for golf balls. By mid summer, they had collected a whole tub full. The girls wanted a Gizmo watch and we told them we weren't going to buy it for them. One day, instead of selling lemonade, they asked if they could sell golf balls (a suggestion made to them by friends of ours). They became so interested in finding them, cleaning them and selling them, I wanted to help make it more official for them. We bought "sleeves" to put them in and the girls drew a picture of a green on the front. We are calling them "Nora and Mila's Fairway Finds" and so far, they have sold enough golf balls to buy 1 watch. By the time you read this, they should have already covered a second watch for Mila. The girls set everything up, even the table at the end of our driveway to sell them. It keeps them busy. They meet neighbors, have fun and learn the value of a dollar.

FAMILY FAVORITES

- FAVORITE SIT DOWN PLACE TO EAT?** Rudy's Prime Steak
- FAVORITE PLACE TO GRAB A DRINK?** Honcho (the spicy Margaritas)
- FAVORITE TAKE OUT?** Tasty Burger and Pita Way
- NORA'S FAVORITE FOOD:** Pizza
- MILA'S FAVORITE FOOD:** Buttered Noodles



Easter Bunny fun!



Oakhurst Christmas Brunch

Christmas Morning



Happy Birthday Jesus!



Handyman Andrew

Nola and Mila helping to paint.



Family Wedding for Samantha's sister.

CHRISTMAS IS MY MIDDLE NAME

Christmas is my absolute favorite holiday! Although the season is not about presents, I start shopping in March for the perfect gifts. We usually put up our tree on November 1st and enjoy it until January! We have 5 Christmas trees in our house. Again, we don't love Christmas because of the presents, we love it because of all the family time we spend together. As a family, we host my mom's family (up to 20 people) who come mid December to spend the weekend at our home. We play themed games, watch movies and eat yummy food. On Christmas Eve, we host multiple family members who spend the night. Waking up and enjoying the day together is my favorite thing. Andrew and I make the perfect team. I plan and he executes, usually cooking! Overall, we like to host our friends and families for all the holidays!

OAKHURST COMMUNITY IMPACT

We have loved living here since we slept in our new home on Halloween. Our family was invited to a neighbor's party where so many friendships began. I joined the women's golf league, playing on the Oaks. I have met a lot of women through "wine night". Andrew is subbing on the men's leagues and both of us have played in a few golf tournaments already. Nora and Mila have made friends on the H2Oaks swim team too. We love the community and enjoy time playing golf as a family and spending time at the pool where we met so many neighbors this summer.

We're so glad we decided to move to Oakhurst where we have a community for our kids. There is so much for the girls to do and if this summer is any sign of the summers ahead, we look forward to more smiles from spending time on the golf course, at the pool and meeting more neighbors.

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Nora & Mila Marsh

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Nora and Mila at the Swim Team Banquet



Mila had fun at the foam party!

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The Marsh Family Travels Well Together

SAMANTHA MARSH, OAKHURST RESIDENT



AS A FAMILY, we love to travel. Each year, we take at least 1 adult only trip, 1 trip to Europe, 1 trip to Florida - on top of anything else that comes up. Our adult trip consist of 2 other couples. The wives went to school with me since I was 12. The last 4 years we have gone to St. Barths even though it is not easy to get to but there's such a good vibe: Caribbean meets Europe.

My dad lives in West Palm Beach, Florida where I grew up going to visit my grandma when she was alive. Since then we spend time there with my dad and live like a "local" with him. He lives within walking distance to the beach and it feels like home.

Andrew's family still lives in Denmark, so we go for at least 2 weeks during the year. We love visiting them for so many reasons - they are 6 hours ahead, so we feel we can really unplug from work and spent time as a family. Nora and Mila play with their cousins. While we're there, we try and add one other country to our itinerary. The lifestyle is very modest and easygoing. We always feel refreshed when we come back.

Three years ago, we were dropped off at Detroit Metro with 7 bags, went to the counter to check in and realized Nora's passport had expired. Because passports are invalid if they expire within 6 months, we had to get a ride back home, make a call to Delta to rescheduled a different flight for the next day. The passport office in Detroit managed to get us in for an 11:00 am appointment. We went to bed, woke up the next morning, had to go get a passport photo printed and headed back to Detroit. We managed to make the passport appointment, and make it out on a 2:45pm flight. It all worked out. Moral of the story: we travel well together.



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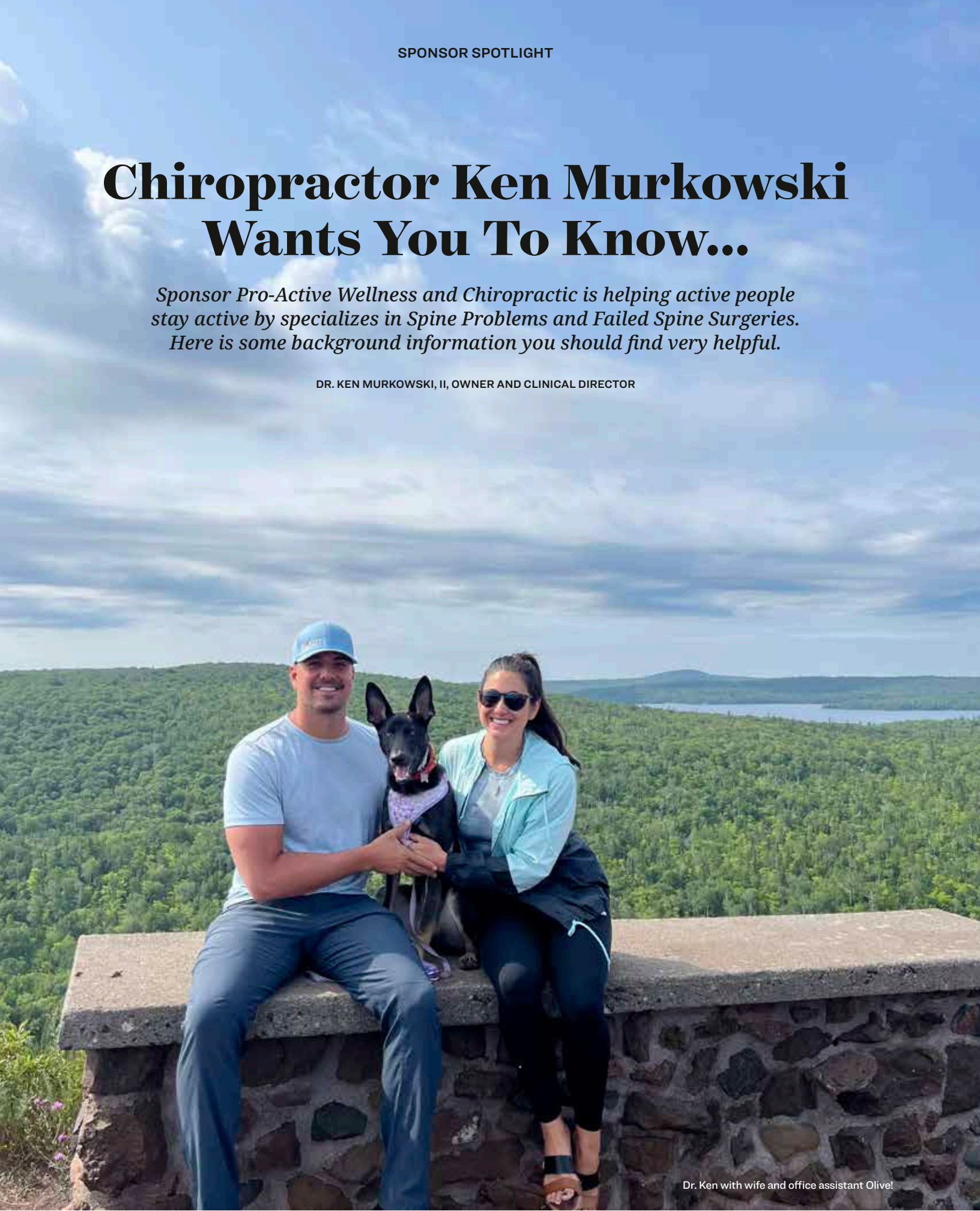
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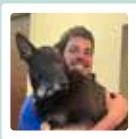
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Dr. Ken with wife and office assistant Olive!



MEET YOUR Stroll SPONSOR

I'm always happy to hear my neighbors recommend a new sponsor for Stroll. Last fall, Tami Ihm encouraged me to reach out to Ken Murkowski at Pro-Active Chiropractic and Wellness. I'm so glad I did. He was happy to partner and became our Athlete of the Month Sponsor. I also became a patient too and my neck pain is gone. Check out my Testimony. Let's first meet Ken (who also happens to be a member of the club too!):

Ken graduated from Palmer Chiropractic College in 2012 after graduating from Grand Valley State University in 2008. He began his chiropractic journey working in his father's office in Jackson, Michigan for 3 years before moving to Grand Rapids where he started his own clinic from the ground up.

Five years after building and growing that practice, he sold it and moved to Clarkston and married his wife, Jamie, who he met 6 months after opening his clinic in Grand Rapids. Jamie graduated from P.A. school at the University of Detroit Mercy. Since then, she has been working as a Physician's Assistant at Henry Ford Hospital in the Emergency Department for the last 9 years. Needless to say, they had a long distance relationship for 5 years as Jamie was finishing her last year and a half of school and Ken was starting his office in Grand Rapids.

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The move to this side of the state in 2020 during Covid. During that time, he sold his office in Grand Rapids, bought his office here near Sashabaw, bought a house, and tried to get married all in the same year. The wedding venue shut down and Ken and Jamie shared their vows a year later in 2021. Today, they have been together for 10 years and married for 4 years.

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After spending two years of Pilates, I was still having neck and lower back pain that didn't seem to be going away. Neighbor Tami Ihm mentioned she was finding relief from her treatments with Dr. Ken Murkowski at Pro Active and encouraged me to meet him and invite him to become a Stroll Sponsor for our Athlete of the Month feature.

Moving forward, I had 24 treatments from April to August that helped me improve my posture and find relief from years of chronic pain I thought I would have to live with for the rest of my life. It happened overtime and not overnight and continues to improve. Was it scary? At first. Would I do it all over again? In a heartbeat. Sometimes you just have to trust the experts. Take a look at my before and after X-rays and see for yourself. That's my spine!

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Upcoming Stroll Oakhurst Events

Sunday, October 26
11:00am - 1:00pm
Oakhurst Fall Family Photos - Jennifer Montano Homes
In the Neighborhood - in the grassy area behind the pool on Rockaway Lane
Come and join neighbors and friends for a fall family photo by our very own neighborhood photographer, Kasey Blanck. Sign up for 10 minute spots at SignUp Genius. We'll also be collecting toys for The Bottomless Toy Chest to deliver to children dealing with cancer this holiday season. **For more details, reach out to Jennifer Montano at (248) 996-0601.**



Saturday, November 1 - Sunday, November 2
All Day
Clintonville Road Crew Clean Up
Clintonville Road between Maybee and Eston Roads
If you would like to help The Community Impact Team clean up Clarkston, I'll be heading up the Clintonville Clean Up Crew on both days to fit schedules. We'll pick up trash along the road so it won't be there all winter long. **For more information, check out this month's ad for The Community Impact Team or reach out at Janalee.grainer@strollmag.com.**

Sunday, November 30
12:00pm - 4:00pm
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Thursday, December 11
7:00pm - 8:30pm
COOKIE EXCHANGE AND TOY WRAPPING PARTY
The Grainer Home, 6682 Weston Ct, Clarkston MI 48348
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When: Saturday or Sunday **Date:** November 1st or 2nd
Anytime between 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
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4735 Oakhurst Ridge Rd	\$750,000.00	\$715,000.00	6/3/25	4	3.1	2,744	Condo
6808 Oakhurst Ridge Rd	\$650,000.00	\$655,000.00	6/12/25	4	3.1	3,325	Home
7110 Talnuck Ct	\$480,000.00	\$500,000.00	6/10/25	2	2.1	1,659	Condo
5003 Rockaway Ln	\$1,335,000.00	\$1,330,000.00	6/2/25	6	7.2	5,664	Home
5031 Rockaway Ln	\$1,100,000.00	\$990,000.00	2/6/25	5	4.2	4,516	Home
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QUARTERLY UPDATE

AARON SPOKAESKI GENERAL MANAGER
OAKHURST GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

Dear Oakhurst Residents,

As the vibrant colors of fall begin to transform our beautiful surroundings, we are delighted to welcome this special season with you at the Club. Autumn brings crisp air, cozy gatherings, and the perfect backdrop for spending time with family, friends, and fellow members. We've put together an exciting lineup of events, activities, and seasonal offerings that we can't wait to share.

Upcoming Events & Activities

OCTOBER

- Member Mixer – Wednesday, October 15
- Kids Baking: Apple Pie – Sunday, October 19
- H.A.I.G. Golf Event – Saturday, October 25
- Annual Kids Halloween Open House – Sunday, October 26



NOVEMBER

- Wild Game Dinner featuring Celani Wines with special guests Tom & Vicki Celani – Thursday, November 6
- Stock Your Cellar Wine Tour – Wednesday, November 12
- Thanksgiving Dinner To-Go – Wednesday, November 26

DECEMBER

- Santa Brunch – Sunday, December 14 & 21
- Member Holiday Party – Thursday, December 18

Seasonal Dining

We're also thrilled to introduce our new fall menus in The Chop House and Champions Grille.

These seasonal dishes highlight the very best flavors of autumn—hearty, comforting, and crafted to be enjoyed with the company of good friends. Whether it's a family dinner, date night, or casual lunch after a round of golf, we look forward to sharing these culinary creations with you.

As always, our team is here to make your experience at the Club truly special. If you have any questions, need reservations, or would like assistance planning your visit, please don't hesitate to reach out.

We look forward to seeing you throughout the season, celebrating fall traditions, creating memories, and enjoying all that makes our Club such a wonderful place to be.



Warm regards,

Aaron Spokaeski
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Pink Classic Golf Outing Highlights

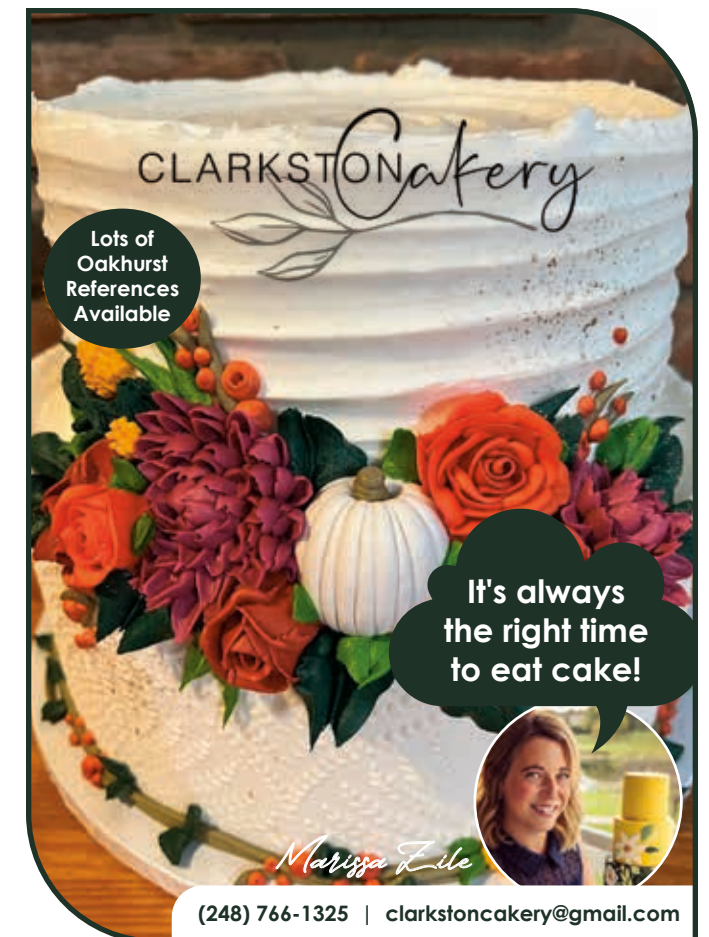
The Oakhurst Women's Golf Association held their annual Pink Classic golf outing on August 19th at the club. Despite storms that threatened to wash out the day, the golfers were able to finish the event in full and raised approximately \$10,000 for Breast Cancer Research Foundation (BCRF).

WRITTEN BY AND PHOTOS PROVIDED BY JAN DEYTON, OAKHURST RESIDENT AND PINK CLASSIC CHAIRPERSON

THE EVENING BEGAN WITH pre-round pizza sponsored by Dave Coin with McNeil Agency, Inc., and beverages courtesy of the ever-popular "Dad Bods of Oakhurst." Families once again showed their generosity, sponsoring signs to uplift participants and honor breast cancer warriors.

A heartfelt thank-you goes out to these sponsors: Candice Hukka, Brian Shore, Red Wings Alumni Association, Professional Dental of Clarkston (Amy and Brian Davidson), Farm Bureau Insurance (Kelly Richardson), Society Boutique (Kristin Milliken), Jack Nacy (Rocket Mortgage), Kim Kittle, Linda McCarthy, Jeanne Richards, Donna McDonald, Maria Kinsler, Maureen Roth, Sue Zuckerberg, BeautiLofts (Lauren Falzone), Marilu Fitzgerald, Kim Hunt, Mary Panter, Chris Rogers, Sue Dankovich and George Bowman.

Throughout the evening, there were plenty of ways to give back. Oakhurst golfers and neighbors contributed 52 bottles of wine for the always-popular wine pull. A 50/50 raffle added excitement, and guests enjoyed a raffle featuring prizes ranging from spa packages to boutique gifts. Oakhurst donated both a dinner for four at Hills Chop House



and six private golf lessons, as well as a portion of the proceeds from golf and dinner that evening.

Additional prizes came from Society Boutique, Woodside Spa, and *Stroll Oakhurst* Sponsors, (Kelly) Richardson Agency Farm Bureau Insurance, (Brianna Bacon) Allow Nourishment, and (Deborah Johnson) Mary Kay Cosmetics. Marion Salwin and I also enjoyed creating gift prizes.

Thanks to the combined efforts of sponsors, donors, and participants, the Pink Classic continues to make a meaningful impact year after year to support the fight against breast cancer.

Special appreciation goes to George Bowman, Michael Saroli, Reginia Hoder, and Aaron Spokaeski from Oakhurst, as well as the hardworking committee of Chris Rogers, Marilu Fitzgerald, Mari Panter, and Kim Hunt, whose dedication brought the event together.



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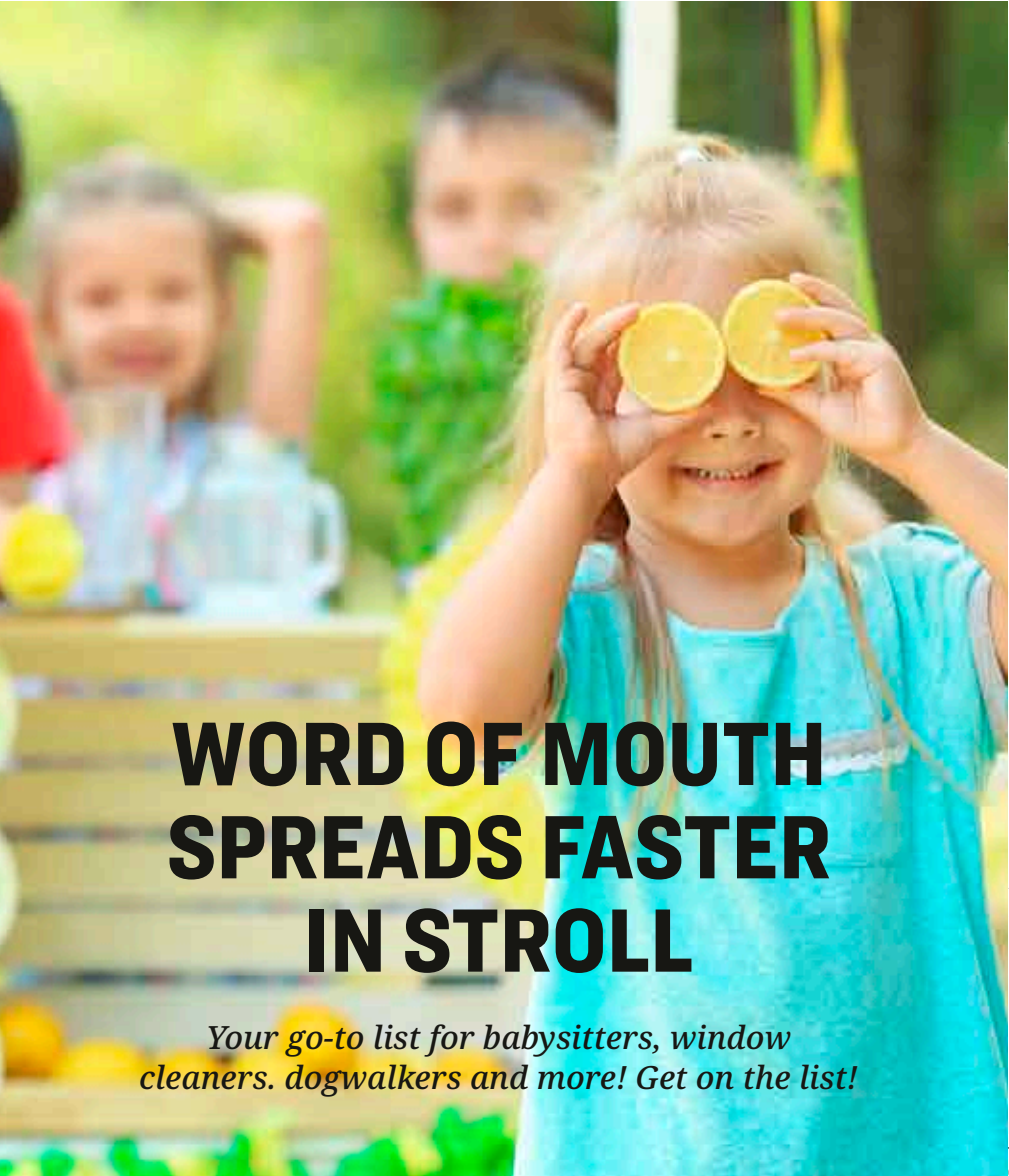
Looking for a few extra golf balls to hit before putting your clubs away this winter, check out this cute story about how the Marsh family had fun keeping their girls busy.

SAMANTHA MARSH, OAKHURST RESIDENT MOM

TO KEEP THEIR GIRLS Nora and Mila entertained while golfing this summer, Andrew and Samantha started having them both look for golf balls. By mid summer, they had collected a whole tub full. The girls wanted a Gizmo watch and we told them we weren't going to buy it for them.

One day, instead of selling lemonade, they asked if they could sell golf balls (a suggestion made to them by friends of ours). They became so interested in finding them, cleaning them and selling them, I wanted to help make it more official for them. We bought "sleeves" to put them in and the girls drew a picture of a green on the front. We are calling them "Nora and Mila's Fairway Finds" and so far, they have sold enough golf balls to buy 1 watch.

By the time you read this, they should have already covered a second watch for Mila. The girls set everything up, even the table at the end of our driveway to sell them. It keeps them busy. They meet neighbors, have fun and learn the value of a dollar. Let us know if you'd like some too for next season!



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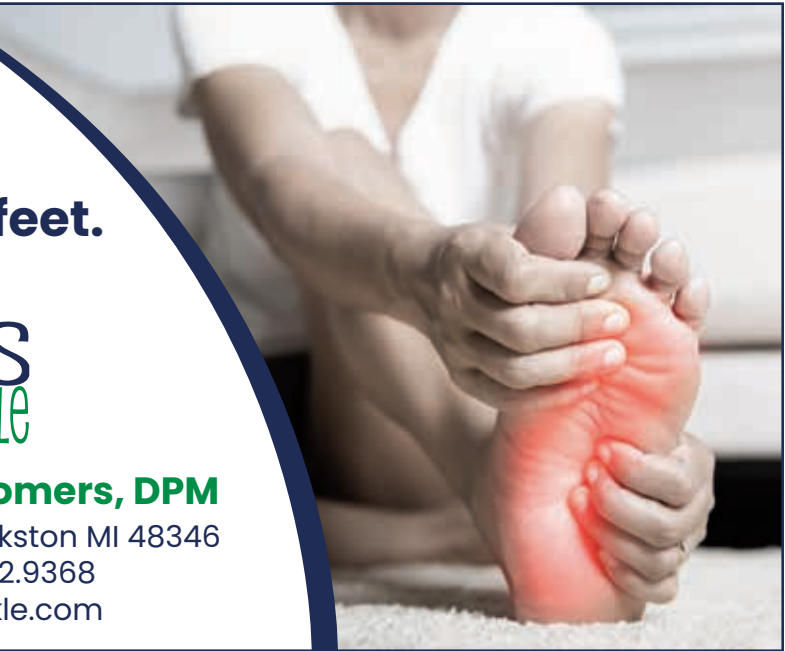
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SAM KIMBALL, CLINICAL MANAGER AND CERTIFIED HOLISTIC NUTRITIONIST



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Spoon it over a bowl of yogurt or vanilla chia pudding. Sprinkle it on top of overnight oats or stewed apples. Pour your favorite milk over it and enjoy it as cereal. Or let's be honest—grab a handful straight from the jar for a powerhouse snack on the go. However you eat it, this granola brings the crunch and comfort every single time. And the best part? It's made with real ingredients you can feel good about: fiber-rich nuts and seeds, pure maple syrup, unrefined coconut oil, and allergy-friendly chocolate chips.

Double the batch—you'll wish you had. This stuff disappears fast.

Maple Cinnamon Chocolate Chunk Granola

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 cups walnut pieces
- 2 cups pecan pieces
- 1 cup raw pumpkin seeds
- ½ cup pure maple syrup
- 3 tablespoons coconut oil, melted
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 cup unsweetened shredded coconut
- 1 cup Enjoy Life chocolate chips (or your favorite)

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Preheat your oven to 325°F (165°C) and line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

2. In a large bowl, combine the walnuts, pecans, pumpkin seeds, maple syrup, melted coconut oil, vanilla, and cinnamon. Stir until well-coated.

3. Spread the mixture evenly on your prepared baking sheet.

4. Bake for 15 minutes, then stir the granola gently and return it to the oven for another 15 minutes (30 minutes total).

5. Remove from the oven and, while still warm, stir in the shredded coconut. Let the granola cool completely on the pan—it will harden up as it cools.

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Neighbors Matt, Eleni, Emma, and Lauren Sardelli loved introducing their Dachshund puppy, Mario born earlier this year on May 7th to their family to their beloved family pet Molly, who recently turned 11 years old. For such a little guy, he's got a lot to say!

BY LAURA JAGER, PAWSITIVE PET REPORTER

BEFORE WE BEGIN, I would like to introduce you to my big sister, Molly who is so sweet to me. She is 11 years old and knows a thing or two about our lovable family. We're companions. We keep each other company. Let's face it, I don't have after school sports, or class during the day - I don't even have a job outside of the home! When Molly was a puppy like me, the girls were so little so she bonded more with Mom and Dad. Today, I get to bond with everyone, but truth be told: I have Dad to thank. He saw so many dachshunds on a family vacation earlier this year and knew it was a sign. The girls agreed and ta da! Here I am! Molly and I are now the best of pals. Everyone has a somebody.



Mario



Mario

SUNFLOWER DACHSHUNDS

Kristy is my breeder from Sunflower Dachshunds in Ada, Michigan. When she first met my family, she told them I was pretty laid back and I would probably end up weighing about 12 pounds - a great weight if you ask me! I love to be held and sit in the girls' laps for car rides. From the start, when we were able to FaceTime before my adoption, and it didn't take long before they fell in love with me and I fell in love with them. The girls told Mom that she was now a YiaYia (grandma in Greek)! The girls take such good care of me, feeding, playing and walking me everyday. Life is good.

MOTIVATED BY FUN AND FOOD

I must tell you food motivates, especially treats. If someone mentions treats, I won't forget until I get them. Just ask. There are times when I like to grab Molly's toys so that everyone will chase me around the house. They laugh at my short legs that are deceiving: I can run really fast! This is just one example when I can secure a treat or two - when I stop and hand over Molly's toy. Crawling under the girls' beds is easy for me to do since I am so small. A great hiding place for me when I can't give up Molly's toy quite yet. You might find me under the couch if you can't find me. Just saying.

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Mario

CRATE TIME AND ZOOMIES

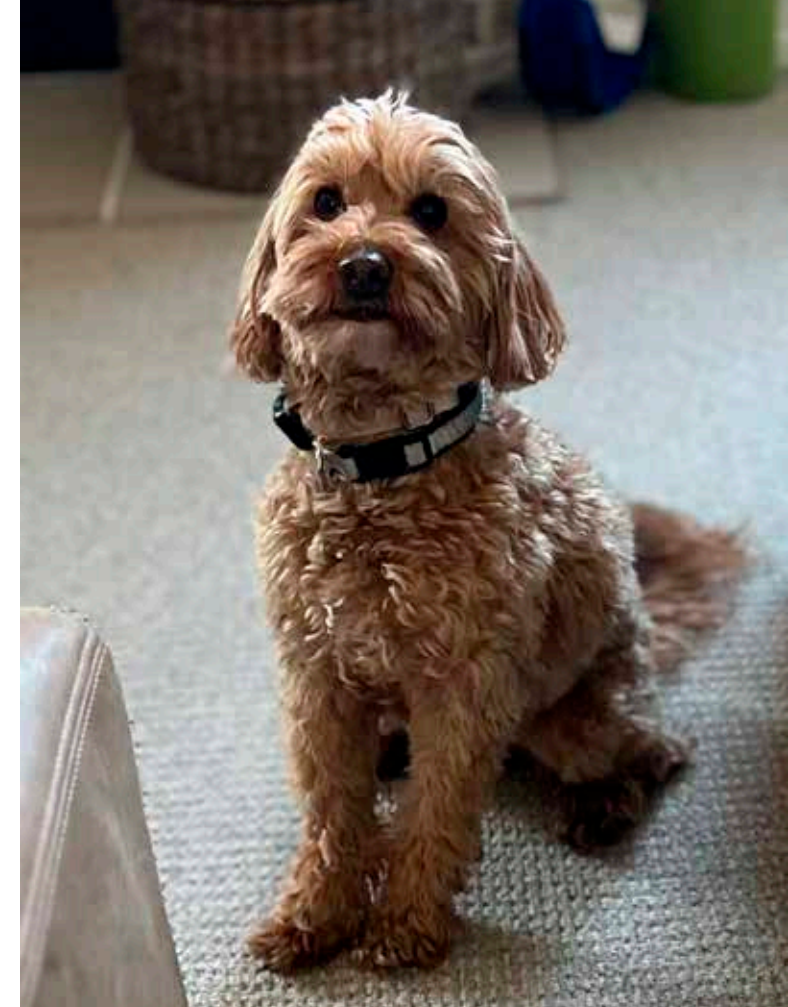
One of my favorite places to be is in my crate, especially after I have my evening zoomies. I can't help myself but pounce like a bunny in front of everyone, demanding attention that encourage lots of giggles and smiles. Crate time usually follows with time to settle down in my small quiet space where I like to sleep in my favorite position: on my back.

WIGGLE WAGGLE

Since I am small, I can fit through our backyard fence. It has become a game. I don't plan on leaving but I do enjoy watching my family come running to try and catch me. Why would I ever run away when I've got it so good! So I'm a bit mischievous. I'm smart too. I make sure to love my family every chance I get just in case they need a reminder.

WADDLE YOU SAY?

I am long in body, so when I walk, I seem to waddle. I don't try to waddle, it just happens and, you know what? I have fun waddling so if you ever see me waddling along on a walk, be sure to stop and say hello. I'll do my best to greet you. Molly is teaching me so much: how to be respectful, how to share and how to listen when the girls are training me to sit, lie down and stay. It's easy because I just do what Molly does and that way, I can't go wrong. Some of the best down times are when me and Molly rest on our beds during the day and wait for the girls to come play.



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DO SPLIT AND DIVIDE PERENNIALS.

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DON'T OVER-PRUNE TREES AND SHRUBS.

It's best to save heavy pruning for late winter or early spring. In the fall, focus on removing dead, damaged, or diseased branches only.

DO TRANSPLANT TREES AND SHRUBS.

Thinking about moving a plant to a sunnier or more spacious spot? Fall is the perfect time, with cooler weather minimizing stress and warm soil encouraging root growth.

DON'T LEAVE THICK PILES OF LEAVES.

While a light layer can protect garden beds, too many leaves left on your lawn smother grass and create disease issues. Mulching or composting is a much better option.

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SOPHIA PICKENS, JUNIOR RESIDENT WRITER



them from other creatures.

Clarkston Family Farm Caterpillars

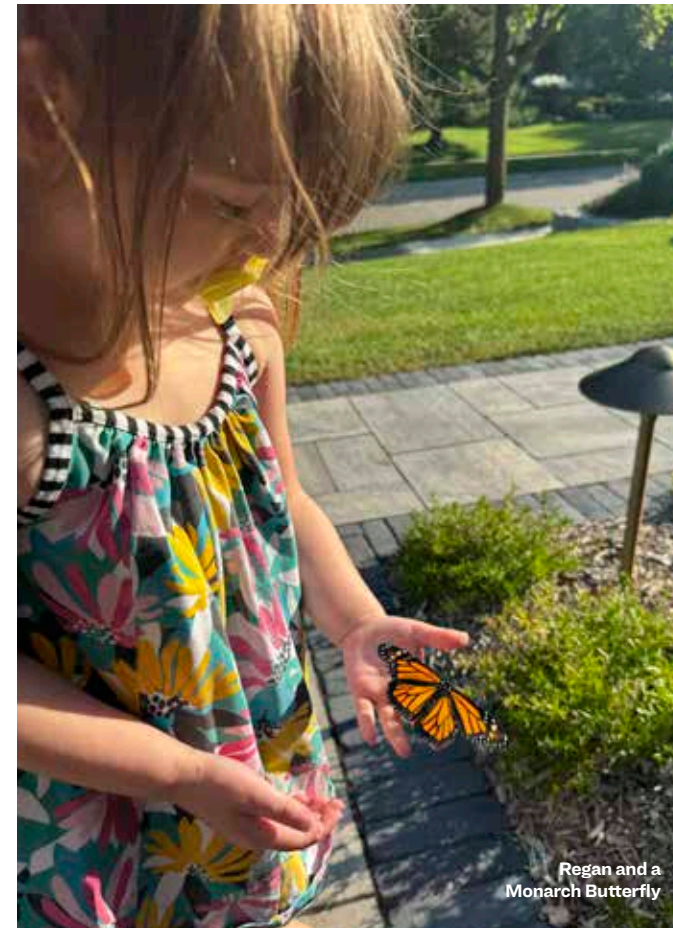
This summer, my family and I went to the Clarkston Family Farm to get four caterpillars because my sister Regan loves bugs. After we got the caterpillars, we went to pick up Regan from school, to surprise her and her class. Regan and her



classmates loved them so much. Before we got home, we stopped to get milkweed for the caterpillars. When we got home, the caterpillars had already eaten all the old milkweed, so we changed it for the new milkweed.

Caterpillars turn into cocoons

Once we got our caterpillars home, it took about three days before they spun their cocoons, which is like a sleeping bag for them. The caterpillars use their cocoons to change into something new – butterflies!! Monarch caterpillars stay in their cocoons for ten to fourteen days before hatching.



Fly away now butterfly!

Cocoons hatch into butterflies

After about ten days, our four caterpillars hatched from their cocoons. We now had four beautiful Monarch butterflies! They were so pretty. Once they hatched, we waited until my sisters Audrey and Regan got home, then we released all four of the Monarch butterflies and they flew away.



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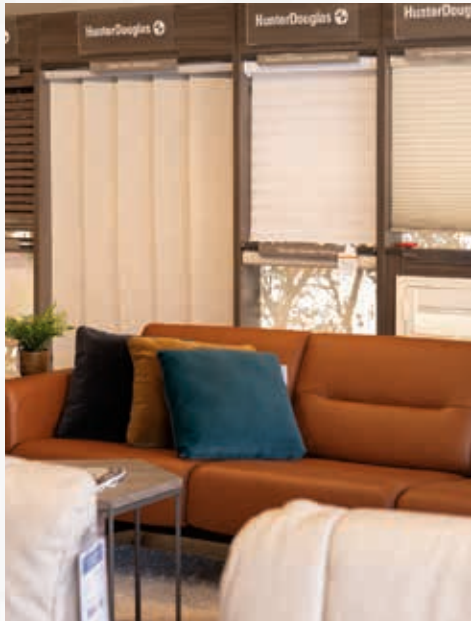


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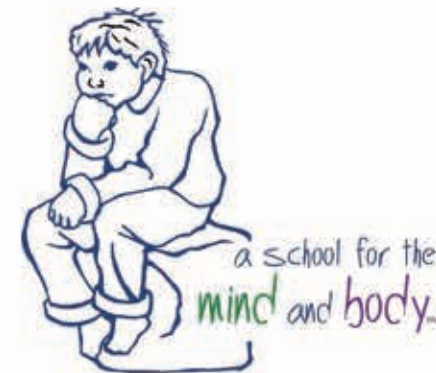
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