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School board puts bond on Nov. ballot

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The November ballot continues to get crowded: Add one more item voters will decide on in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools district.

The Board of Education voted July 30 to add a 4.48-mill, 25-year bond propos-

al to the Nov. 6 ballot. If approved, the bond proposal would provide as much as \$158 million in aid to the district, funding designed to make improvements to school buildings, athletic fields and more.

The board took the item up without any discussion at its July 30 meeting, voting unanimously to ask citizens in the district to decide on its merit. Jim

Larson-Shidler, deputy superintendent for administration and business services for the district, presented some information on the bond during the meeting as a part of a report done by Superintendent Shelley Holt.

"We will be paying less on this bond than we were on the old bond in 2016," he said. "Through some refinancing, we're able to decrease that the last two

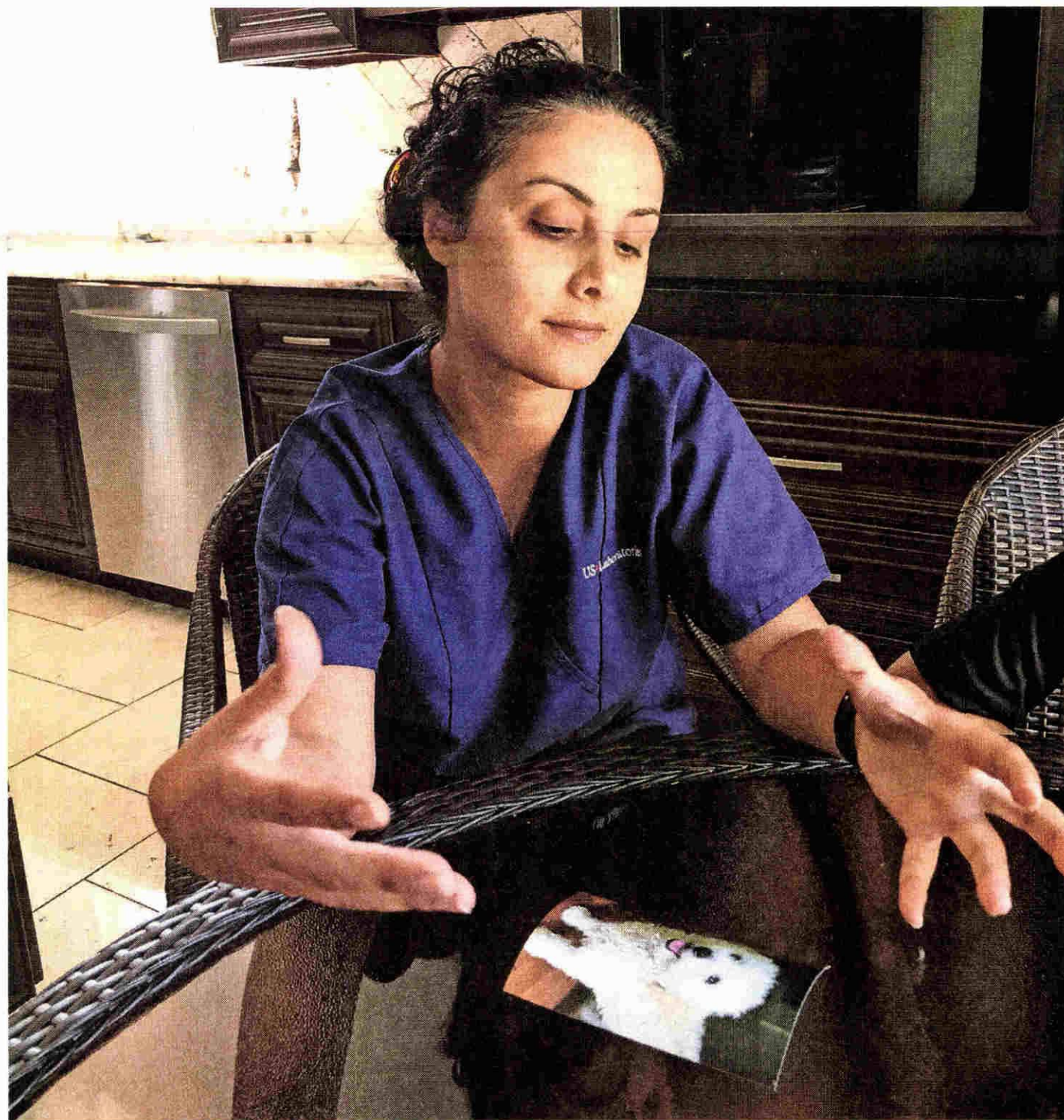
years, but that's because we had low interest rates and we had the opportunity to lower that payment and we did. So our taxpayers received a benefit the last two years."

The bond rate before 2016 was 5.56 mills, Larson-Shidler said.

If approved, residents who own a

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The long, sad search



Rania Jirjis of Rochester Hills talks about Kingston's disappearance. TIM SMITH | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Two families live with the anguish of a lost dog

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It only takes an instant for humans to be separated from their beloved, four-legged family members.

And not everybody gets to be happily reunited. But through prayer, selfless-

ness from strangers and tips from social media resources such as Facebook's "For the Love of Louie," the lost can be found.

Every day brings many new postings on the "Louie" community group page, including the stories of lost pooches Lu-

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"I was stunned, I never thought something like this was going to happen to us. But it did."

Katie Wiese
Lancaster County, Pa., resident whose dog was lost in Canton

Livonia council OKs new home development

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It's been a long process, complete with compromise and some dissatisfaction for all those involved, but it appears new homes are coming to the former Clay Elementary School property near Six Mile and Newburgh roads.

The Livonia City Council voted to approve the site plan and rezoning for the homes at the former school site, which happened after several revisions were made to the plans.

"I've struggled with it for a while and I appreciate all the residents making their voices and their views known to us and I appreciate all the hard work that was put into the developer to try and meet all the concerns," Councilwoman Cathy White said. "Ultimately though, I believe this development will be an appropriate use for this property and I think it will be a nice development and enhancement for the city."

The development will be made up of 50 homes. The minimum size will be roughly 1,500 square feet and the prices are expected to begin in the low \$300,000s, according to developer Enrico Soave. The homes will have varying lot sizes, something many of the area residents were concerned about; many came out against rezoning the land R-1, which would result in narrower lots.

Susan Tranquilla, who lives nearby on Fitzgerald, said she still had some concerns, including mosquito control and the issue of the fence on the property lines, that remain. But even with those, she said many of the residents were happy to see their concerns be addressed.

"It's not a perfect settlement, but we, of course, would not like to have seen any 52-foot wide lots on the property," she said. "But we are grateful the accommodations that were made to the other requests of the residents."

The council voted unanimously to approve the site plan, paving the way for construction to begin on the homes.

Council Vice President Jim Jolly agreed with White, saying he supported the development. The proposal be-

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fore the city, he said, was the best option for that land.

"I don't think anybody is perfectly happy with it in the room, but I think it is as good as it was going to get for that piece of property," Jolly said. "When you look at the possibility of other developments that could go there, it could be far worse with a different situation."

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Canton's Village Theater to host Michigan Shakespeare Festival

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton is hosting the Michigan Shakespeare Festival with three different productions during its 2018 repertory season. Each play will bring something unique for audiences to experience. The 24th festival season includes Shakespeare's "The Tempest" and "Measure for Measure," plus "The Rover" by Aphra Behn, the first professional woman playwright.

"The Tempest," Shakespeare's final masterpiece, is a stirring fairy tale of depraved royalty, foolish clowns, languishing lovers and the quest to make things right in the face of terrible wrongs. It will be performed 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, and Thursday, Aug. 16, as well as 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18.

"Measure for Measure" is one of Shakespeare's most contentious comedies, which rings true with legal, social, and political issues we are still battling today. It will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 17, as well as 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 19.

Behn's 1667 bawdy comedy "The Rover" rounds out this year's season. Translator, playwright, poet and spy, Behn was one of the first English women to earn her living through writing. It will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Aug. 9-10, and Saturday, Aug. 18, as well as 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12.

Ticket prices range from \$16 to \$40,



Shakespeare's "The Tempest" is one of three plays currently showing at the Village Theater in Canton.

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Bond

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home worth \$100,000 would pay an additional \$224 a year for the bond. The district covers parts of several communities, including Westland, Wayne, Canton, Inkster and Romulus.

The request comes just months after the board voted to change the configuration of buildings in the district. Currently, the district has a K-4, 5-6,

7-8 and 9-12 structure. Moving forward, the district will have a K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 structure. That move was made to help better utilize the buildings as the district continues to lose students each year.

While the plan was decided on earlier this year, final decisions on what buildings will be affected have not been made.

"We do not have schools that we know of that will be closed at this point," Larson-Shidler said. "That will be a process we will work through over the next year."

Bond steering committees are in the process of being created, as well as architectural firms being interviewed.

It joins several other area millage requests on the ballot. Already on the ballot in the region is a Headlee override request from Schoolcraft College, a roads millage in Northville and a recreation millage being requested in Plymouth.

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Community rallies for teacher struck by car

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In the midst of a tragedy that could cause some to question their faith, Drew Lindman can see God's mercy.

Lindman, 23, was finishing a personal scripture study July 30 when he learned his sister, Janelle Thorne, had been struck by a car.

A local teacher, Thorne was out for a morning run that day when she was hit by a Ford Focus while crossing Merriman at West Chicago in Livonia. The accident remains under investigation, but police said the driver apparently ran a red light while heading north on Merriman. He stopped at the scene.

Thorne, 30, remained in a coma at a local hospital Aug. 2.

Lindman, of Farmington Hills, reflected on how he heard the news.

"After literally setting my Bible down, I got a call from my mom," Lindman said. Get to the hospital right away, she told him.

He had been reading Psalm 57, which discusses God's mercy, something Lindman said he feels now, despite his sister's and his family's difficulties.

"He promises life in this moment, but what life looks like is not what we typically think," said Lindman. "It's about a peace that transcends in trial."

Thorne, who suffered a head injury, is responding positively to treatment so far, nurses at the hospital have remarked, Lindman said. And an arm surgery Aug. 1 was successful, he said.

"I've been by her bedside. I've heard the nurses saying, 'This is good, this is good,'" he said.

She hasn't regained consciousness since the trauma and is being given sedatives that should buy her some healing time, her brother said.

"They're slowly going to get her off of that when her brain is ready for it," he said.

Great progress will start with small steps.

"I want to see her move her hand. I want to see her wiggle her feet and I want to see her eventually begin to talk," Lindman said. "From there, I

want her to be strong and courageous and without any sort of fear."

He added: "My sister's very strong. She'll be ready to go."

Thorne, a marathon runner, teaches sixth grade at the Livonia Public Schools district's Johnson Upper Elementary in Westland, where she was preparing to start her second year. She's also taught in Detroit, Chicago and Missouri, her brother said.

She loves teaching. "She has a heart for her students who are struggling" with difficult situations, Lindman said.

"She's all about being there for them, praying for them" and showing strength, he added.

His sister is an avid reader — focused lately on selecting material for her students — and a good cook, Lindman noted.

"She's full of life," he said. "Always wants to make someone laugh and have a long conversation. Very compassionate."

Friday, Aug. 3, marked the fifth anniversary of Thorne's marriage to husband James, who has been keeping constant watch at her bedside.

Her mother Lori, who battled cancer last year, is showing incredible strength, while her father Joel is "our rock," Lindman said. "But that's his little girl," he added.

Their other son, Evan, 26, remains positive and is helping lighten the family's burden with his unique perspective, Lindman said.

And the community is rallying, too, he said, something the family appreciates. Friends and co-workers of Janelle's gathered July 31 at Bell Creek Community Church, where Joel Lindman is senior pastor, for prayer and a run/walk in support of Janelle. Joel Lindman is also a Livonia Police Department chaplain and the department has gone out of its way to be there for the family, his son said.

"Everyone's been very supportive and we love Livonia and the community that Livonia has shown," Drew Lindman said. "Just the authenticity. People are real, people are very real."

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Janelle Thorne remains in a coma after being struck by a car July 30 in Livonia. FAMILY PHOTO

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Money Matters
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Generally, I'm against wars, whether they are trade wars or the more traditional type of wars. There is a war that's raging right now that I am in favor of and that is a price war that is being waged by mutual fund companies. The latest shots fired were from Fidelity Investments, which just announced the introduction of two new index funds that will have zero management fees. The two funds are Fidelity Zero Total Market Index Fund (FZROX), which will invest in the largest 3,000 U.S. companies based upon an adjustable market cap, and the Fidelity Zero International Index Fund (FZILX), which will hold the top 90 percent of stocks within certain developed international and emerging countries.

There has been an ongoing war being waged by

some of the top financial firms in the country. Companies such as Fidelity, Vanguard, Charles Schwab and Blackrock are lowering fees to investors and, as far as I'm concerned, this is a good thing. Fees do matter and, as investors, if you can save on fees, it will increase your return — isn't that what it's all about?

I have always stressed the importance for all investors to understand fees. Fees are material and do have a significant impact on your return. All too often, Wall Street and many financial advisers are not transparent with fees and, as a result, many investors get taken advantage of. That's why it's important to understand the fees involved before you invest.

In mutual fund investing, there are a variety of fees that you should be aware of. The first is the commission, also known as the load. Plain and simple, a commission in mutual funds is money that comes out of your pocket to pay the salesperson who is putting you into the investment. For example, if you had a mutual fund that charged you a 5-percent commission, that means if you invested \$10,000 into that fund, \$500

would come off the top to pay the salesperson. That would leave you \$9,500 invested, not \$10,000. On the other hand, if you invested in a true commission-free fund and you invested \$10,000, all \$10,000 would go to work for you. In a true commission-free fund, since you would have more money invested, you would ultimately earn more money on that investment.

Fees are important and they make a significant impact on the bottom line. If, for example, you are able to reduce your fees by 1 percent a year and if you assume that on average you earn about 7 percent a year, by reducing your fees by 1 percent you are increasing your return by nearly 15 percent. That isn't 15 percent just once, but year after year. Trust me, that adds up.

Good luck!

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Check out these fun events this weekend

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It's less than four months until the next time we head to the ballot box, but before we think about the candidates and issues, let's take this weekend and find something fun to do.

Keep enjoying summer at one of these fun events this weekend, happening all across the Hometown Life area.

Milford Memories in Milford

One of the biggest festivals in the Huron Valley area returns for its three-day run beginning Friday.

Plenty of activities will happen during the festival in downtown Milford, including the art show featuring more than 300 artists and their work. If you're looking for something more active, there's plenty of choices: There's the one-mile fun run, the 5K or the 10K, taking place Sunday morning. A 3-on-3 basketball tournament and a sand volleyball tournament will take place during the day Saturday at the Central Park basketball courts, along with a blind canoe race Sunday afternoon along the Huron River.

After all that activity, head to the beer tent and enjoy a cold one while listening to some great local music, including Power Play Detroit, Parallel Fifth and Moxie Blitz, to name a few.

The event, put on by the Huron Valley Chamber of Commerce, runs Friday, Saturday and Sunday. For more information, including a full listing of events, go to milfordmemories.com.

The Main Event in Novi

This event makes its return to downtown Novi this weekend and hopes to become bigger and better than ever.

It runs Friday and Saturday off of Grand River and east of Novi Road along Main Street. The event kicks off Friday night with a charity event for the Mitchel

Kiefer Foundation. The ticket-only event will include beer and wine tastings from various Michigan producers, food from area restaurants, a cigar lounge and more.

The main festival kicks off at 3:30 p.m. Saturday along the road. A food truck rally, car show and kids area will be available.

Live music will be performed throughout the evening, including Jennifer Westwood and The Handsome Devils, the Gasoline Gypsies, the Jill Jack Band and Sponge. The festival runs until 10:30 p.m.

For more information, go to themaineventnovi.com

Rotary Carnival in Livonia

If you missed the carnival put on by the AM Rotary Club in Livonia in May, you've got a second chance to have fun this weekend.

A second carnival will take place in the parking lot of Sears, 29500 Seven Mile, just west of Middlebelt. Wade Shows will bring rides and games to the corner from Friday to Sunday.

Wristbands for rides can be purchased online through Aug. 9 for \$18. At the carnival, wristbands are \$22.

The carnival starts at 4 p.m. Friday and noon Saturday and Sunday. For more information, go to wadeshows.com.

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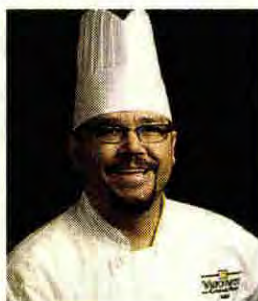
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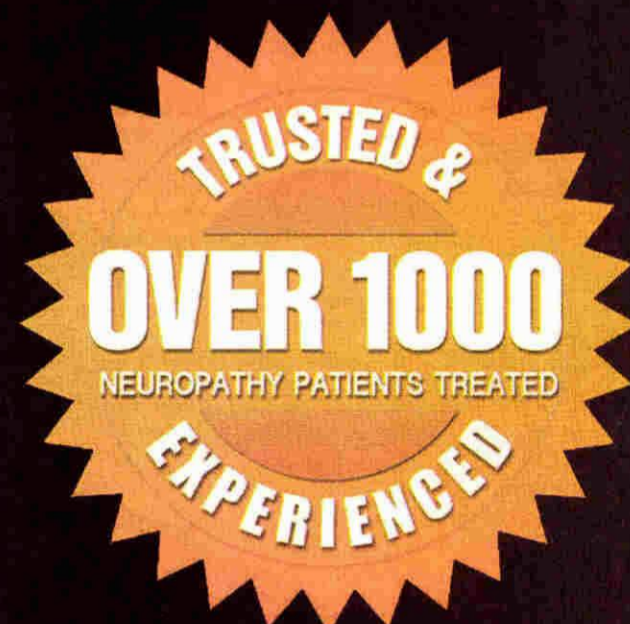
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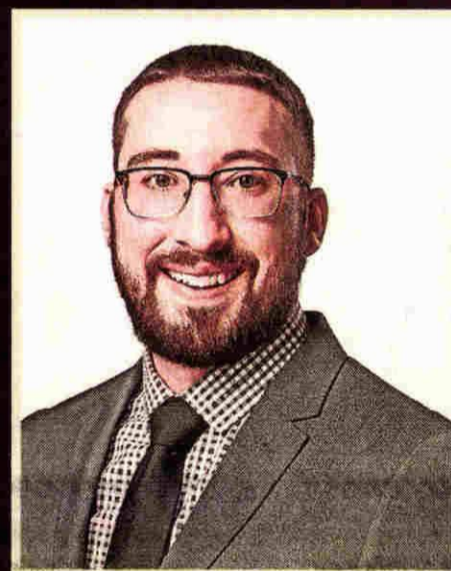
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Dogs

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cy and Kingston.

It only took Lucy's human family two days to locate the young Havapoo (a Havanese-poodle mix), who bolted from relatives' Canton home July 18.

"She was scared, she has anxiety and so she freaked out," said Katie Wiese, a Lancaster County, Pa., woman who was then visiting in-laws in Canton, near the Pheasant Run Golf Club. "She kind of ran further and was gone."

Lucy slipped through a sliding glass door around noon. When that happened, Wiese was about to have lunch with her mother-in-law Sandra Wiese at Buddy's Pizza on Plymouth Road in Livonia, which is on her to-do list whenever visiting Michigan.

"My husband's other brother lives there and Lucy doesn't know him at all," Katie Wiese said. "They have two dogs that live there as well. So Lucy was anxious when we (left) to go to lunch. Lucy was anxious as it was."

"What happened was, he opened the door wall, the sliding glass door, and the

three dogs ran out. Lucy ran around the front and (her brother-in-law) tried chasing her and she was gone.

"All the commotion, all the chaos was just more anxiety for her. Seeing somebody she didn't know, at all, probably threw her for, you know, 'What's going on?' She was looking for me, I'm sure."

Wiese contacted her husband Jeff and urged him to fly to Canton and help with the imminent search.

"I was stunned, I never thought something like this was going to happen to us," Wiese said. "But it did. It was more shock and 'we've got to find her.' We probably got back over there around noon and searched until 9 or 9:30 at night. And about 3:30 in the morning, I texted my husband and said, 'Listen, I need you here.'"

"He flew in and was there by 10 o'clock in the morning to help me. I figured if anybody could get her to come, it would be myself or him. The dog's biggest bond is with me and then it's with him. So emotionally-wise, I was pretty much a wreck and I knew I wasn't going to get through it unless I had him there."

Searching for answers

Anxiety and commotion also contributed to Kingston's disappearance May 12. But more than two months later, the frisky, six-pound toy poodle who skips on his back left leg remains missing.

Kingston was caught up in confusion. Her owner, Rania Jirjis, recently moved into a spacious home in a Rochester Hills subdivision. But all she and 9-year-old son Nicholas can do is think about the home — and the loved one — they left behind in Troy.

They think about Kingston. "Kingston would just hear my car from a distance and he would know it's me," said Jirjis, a single mom. "He was very, very attached to me. Very friendly, very lovable. Always slept by me. If he didn't sleep in my bed, he was sleeping outside of my room."

"(Nicholas) has been very attached and very emotional about this, too."

Their pooch has been missing since May 12, leaving so much of a void in their lives that it's tough to enjoy much of anything — even a move to a new home.

The family's ordeal was the product of a string of unfortunate circumstances. With Jirjis hospitalized for an emergency appendectomy, the loving, protective little dog slipped out of the garage near Wattles and Coolidge.

Compounding matters, the day of her surgery also was Nicholas's first communion and Jirjis wanted to get discharged in time to get to the ceremony.

"Our (Troy) house was literally upside-down, because we were in the process of moving and it was the communion," Jirjis said. "I was coming out of surgery and my dad called me. He was very, very emotional and said Kingston ran out."

"So I didn't know whether to attend their ceremony, stay and get treated at the hospital or go out and look for Kingston. I was kind of divided. I didn't know where to go, what to do."

The theory is that, when the garage door was opened, with Nicholas and his grandparents preparing to leave for the communion, Kingston ran out in search of Jirjis — who still was hospitalized.

"I know I have a son and I should be thankful. God has blessed me," Jirjis said. "But I'm just very lost without him. I'm not enjoying this house, I'm not enjoying this area. I hate everything about my new life because he's not here."

Two families and two searches — both with essential help from others who walked neighborhoods, put up fliers and wrote words of comfort and advice on "For the Love of Louie" — so far have not had the same results, unfortunately.

Even the Wieses' successful search had more than a few moments of uncertainty before it was all said and done, with Lucy (nicknamed "Poochiekan") by 11-year-old daughter Reagan) following a trail of "stinky clothes" and "stinky food" from a wooded area a half-mile away from the Canton home.

"We ended up finding Lucy on Friday morning (July 20) at 3:12 in the morning," Katie Wiese said. "She appeared at the sliding glass door of my mother-in-law's house. What happened was, the lost dog search team (from the 'Louie' website) gave me some really good advice."

"They had told me to put out (dirty) clothes. We put out some clothes the first night, but we put clothing around the entire outside perimeter of the house — stinky, dirty clothes of ours, because our scent wasn't there. So we needed to make sure she had our scent."

"And the other thing that we did, we had an idea where she was ... so they recommended getting some stinky food. One of them was Vienna sausages. We took some Vienna sausages. And on Thursday, we made a couple little piles of food, right before dinner time, in an area where we thought she was. And we checked back after dinner and saw that it was gone."

But it wasn't until the middle of the following night that their strategy paid off. Even that wasn't without some nervous moments for the family.

Knowledge is golden

"There's good information out there," Wiese said. "This is one of the things we learned and we learned it quickly. We were calling after our dog and we didn't realize that she went into survival mode. I was told that the dogs go immediately into survival mode."

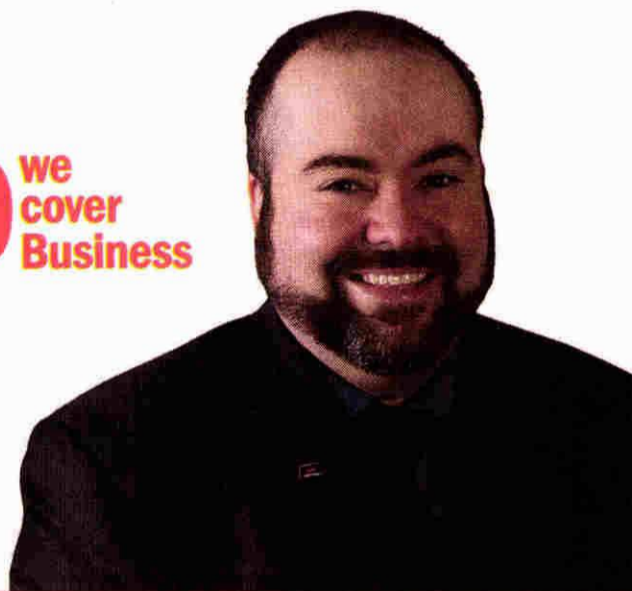
"I want to tell you, too, my dog, when she came to the door at 3:12 in the morning, my husband opened the door and she took off."

Katie and Jeff Wiese were stuck in close-but-no-cigar mode for an hour or two, until alarm clocks began to ring.

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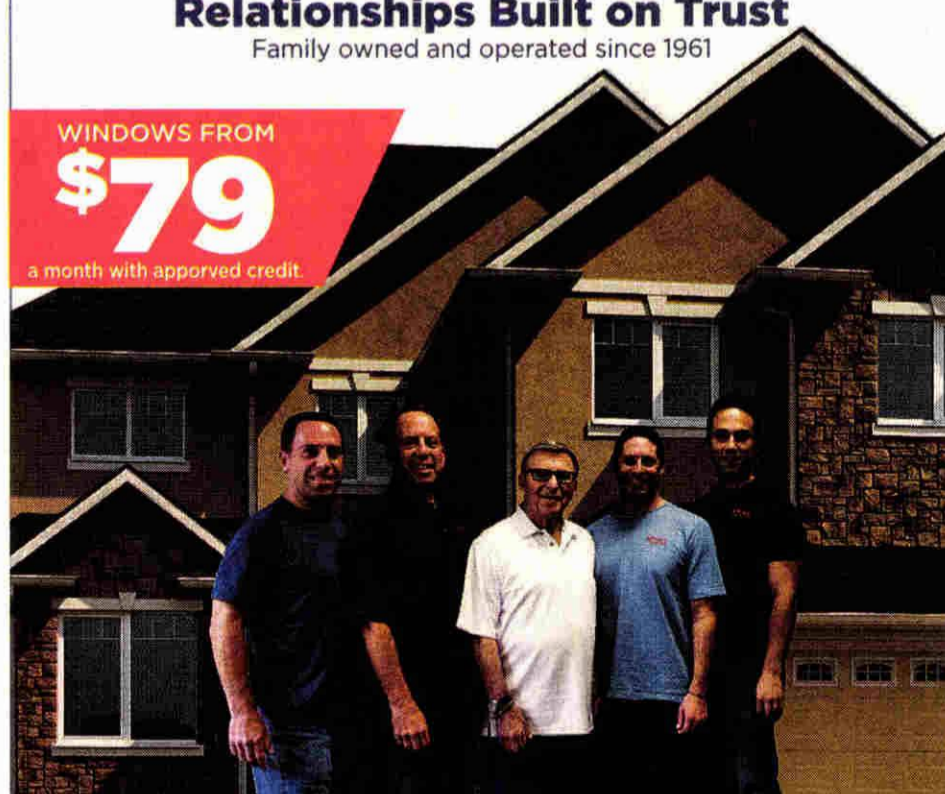
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Dogs

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"She circled the house for an entire hour, most likely smelling our clothes," Katie Wiese said. "And each time she circled the house, she would stick her head in the door, but wouldn't come through — because she was in survival mode and wasn't sure."

"Finally, the alarm clock started going off in the house and we were, like, 'We've got to get her or else it's not going to happen.' My husband went out and laid down on the patio and he was completely still. When she came back around, she came up to him and sniffed him for 10 minutes. She started at his feet and was sniffing at his feet for a good amount of time."

"Moved up near his hands and he started very gently talking to her, telling her she was a good girl. And you know, used the name that my daughter only uses, so she'd recognize it. Because when she would hear Lucy, she was scared and she would bolt, because so many people were calling her name."

Survival mode

Before family and dog were safely together again, Lucy nipped at Jeff Wiese's hand.

"She was still in survival mode and she bit his hand," Wiese said. "But once he had her up and she could see that it was really him, she went completely limp and started kissing him! She realized it was really him."

"Just how Lucy behaved when my husband grabbed her, tells you how confused the dogs can be."

The Jirjises must wonder how much food or dirty clothes they'd have to put out in order for a reunion with Kingston. It's already been over two months since a series of gut-wrenching circumstances during Mother's Day weekend separated them from their beloved pooch — who is just 1½ years old.

They aren't about to give up. Kingston's story is posted on "For the Love of Louie" with 18,200 shares. It's also on the PawBoost.com social media website.

The community page (where group members can post about pets lost, found and reunited) was established following the safe return of Louie, a shepherd chow mix who — just like Lucy — got loose in July 2011 while visiting relatives in Michigan, hundreds of miles from home.

Louie eventually was safely found three weeks later, then returned to his owners (Meredith and Russ Brown of Maryland) — who have been devoted ever since to helping other families have happy reunions with their pets.

Any spare time Rania and Nicholas Jirjis have is spent going to pet supply stores and veterinarians or returning to their old neighborhood and making the rounds with more fliers. A lot of time is spent praying, too.

Hoping for a miracle



Katie Wiese is tired but smiling after a two-day search for lost Havapoo Lucy had a happy ending. The dog is tired, too. WIESE FAMILY PHOTO

Electronic messages have been answered from as far away as Europe. Friendly, encouraging texts to not give up keep rolling in from people who try to help them look on the bright side.

"A lot of them have told me 'Don't lose hope, miracles happen,'" Rania Jirjis said. "A lot of people have told me stories about dogs coming back after four months."

According to a spokesperson for the Michigan Humane Society in Westland, there are 700 "return to owner" cases every year in the state.

Those numbers might provide solace for the Jirjis family. Further comfort might be gleaned from a glance at social media message boards to know there are happy reunions every day.

On "For the Love of Louie," there was the pronouncement that a Livonia family reunited with huskie mix Cilla.

A Redford Township family posted "Thank you all

so much for sharing! My Oliver is home." The tan and white miniature pinscher/chihuahua mix was found near Seven Mile and Inkster.

Many other lost dogs and cats listed on that social media page have been found, but not yet returned to their owners. And Rania and Nicholas are hoping that is the case with Kingston.

Offering a reward

Several weeks after Kingston got loose, they aren't about to stop combing neighborhoods and putting up posters — Jirjis is offering a \$1,000 reward for his safe return. People with information on his whereabouts are asked to call Rania Jirjis at 248-925-8888.

Jirjis, a medical lab technician, makes it part of her after-work routine to drive over to their former neighborhood, going back over familiar territory. Not leaving any stone of possibility unturned. She has had a lot of unexpected help.

Strangers have helped the cause by knocking on doors and looking for leads into the whereabouts of fluffy, lovable Kingston — a gift for Nicholas on his eighth birthday.

"I could fit him in my hand when I first got him," he said.

"It was just a turn of events," Rania Jirjis said. "The surgery, the communion, the move, him being missing. Where do I focus? Where do I really put my focus on? And I still have a hard time, because he brought me so much comfort. I'm a single mom, I've been divorced since before (Nicholas) was born."

"He brought me so much comfort. He brought me the light when my days were so dark. And now my days are even darker without him."

Meanwhile, Katie Wiese can only count her family's blessings and offer words of encouragement to the Jirjises.

"I wouldn't want them to give up hope, because our biggest fear was 'What if we didn't have any closure?'" Wiese said. "To not have closure, I can't even imagine."

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AREA EVENTS

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'Addams Family' on stage

The Garden City High School Summer Community Theatre will present "The Addams Family" on stage Thursday through Sunday, Aug. 9-12, at the O'Leary Performing Arts Center, 6500 Middlebelt Road. Show times are 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. General admission tickets are \$10.

Summer camp with Kaykim

Berean Bible Church, 35375 Ann Arbor Trail, in Livonia will host a Kaykim Academics Summer Day Kamp from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. each week through Aug. 10. Campers enjoy hands-on science, interpretive history, cooking, sewing, interactive geography, baseball, basketball, soccer, drama/acting, martial arts, chess, arts and crafts, camp music and games, and more.

Drop-off service and lunch options are available. For more information, go to www.kaykimacademics.com.

Home buyer seminar

Envoy Mortgage loan originator Cheryl Hale is hosting a seminar for home buyers from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 11, at the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, 33300 Five Mile Road, Suite 212. Aside from Hale, other real estate professionals who will present at the seminar are State Farm Insurance's Amanda Ross, buyer's agent Julie Ciccarelli and credit ex-

pert Angela Burge.

Food and refreshments will be provided during the seminar. Registration for the seminar is ongoing and interested participants can RSVP at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/homebuyer-seminar-tickets-48173015787#tickets>.

Livonia Jaycees bar crawl

Livonia Jaycees will host its 18th annual bar crawl starting at 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, at One Under Craft Beer & Eats, 5780 Five Mile Road, in Livonia. From there, the group will be transported to four other bars/restaurants in Livonia to enjoy drinks, food and social networking: Stables Bar & Grill on Middlebelt Road, Supernatural Brewing & Spirits on Plymouth Road, Grand Tavern Craft Food & Drink Six Mile Road and Tin Cup Bar & Grill on Newburgh Road.

In addition to the bar/restaurant sponsors, Merri-Bowl Lanes, Wine Palace, Healthline Chiropractic Clinic and Four Stars Military Family have contributed to support the event. Music, games, a 50/50 raffle and a bowling package raffle will also be available.

For more information, go to www.livoniajaycees.org.

Author talk at Livonia library

Marylin E. Atkins, former 36th District Court chief judge, will discuss her new book "The Triumph of Rosemary: A Memoir," at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 14, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road. Atkins will speak about her story and autograph copies of her book. The

book is \$22 per copy and is also available on amazon.com in paperback and ebook.

For more information, contact Patty Goonis at 734-466-2481 or pgoonis@livoniapubliclibrary.org

Church rummage sale

The Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt Road, is having its annual rummage sale Thursday through Saturday, Aug. 16-18. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday (bag sale begins at noon). For more information, go to gardencitypresbyterian.org, email gcpc5497@sbcglobal.net or call 734-421-7620.

Nuclear Weapons and Democracy

The group Citizens for Peace is hosting the lecture Nuclear Weapons and Democracy with Dr. Prasad Venugopal, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 14, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road. Venugopal is an associate professor of physics at the University of Detroit Mercy.

For more information, call 734-425-0079 or go to www.citizens4peace.com.

Livonia GOP Club speaker series

The Livonia Republican Club has announced its inaugural Summer Night Forums speaking series, featuring current and former elected officials on the federal, state, county and municipal level, as well as policy experts on a variety of topics.

The series will be held at the Livonia Victory Center, 33462 Seven Mile Road. Doors will open at

6:30 p.m., with programs beginning promptly at 7 p.m. The schedule includes:

■ Tuesday, Aug. 14: Ed Haroutunian, founding chairman of the Wayne County Republican Committee, will speak about the structure of the Republican Party in Wayne County.

■ Thursday, Aug. 23: A local issues forum, with a panel that will feature Livonia Mayor Dennis Wright, Canton Township Supervisor Pat Williams, Northville Township Supervisor Bob Nix and Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise.

These events are free and open to the public, however you must register for tickets via Eventbrite. A link can be found at www.LivoniaGOP.com.

Yoga on the Labyrinth

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile Road, in Livonia will host its monthly Yoga on the Labyrinth 7-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23. Enjoy a gentle yoga class and labyrinth walk. Bring a mat. For more information, call 734-427-1414.

St. Mary addiction series

St. Mary Mercy Hospital Livonia, 36475 Five Mile Road, in Livonia is offering an ongoing series titled Addiction: What you need to know and what you can do. Classes are scheduled 7-8:30 p.m. the first three Tuesdays of each month, September through May, in Classroom 11 on the fourth floor. Sept. 4, 11 and 18 are the next series dates.

No registration necessary. For more information, contact Karen Bonanno at kbonanno@livoniasaveouryouth.org or 734-338-9580.

FRIENDS in Wayne

The city of Wayne 2018 FRIENDS (People Helping People) group is looking for volunteers. FRIENDS will take place Saturday, Sept. 8 (rain date, Sept. 15). The goal of this program, which began in 1998, is to help a Wayne resident whose home is in need of some care and they are not able to handle the work due to financial or medical reasons.

The day (usually about six hours) starts at 8:30 a.m. with a continental breakfast at the HYPE Recreation Center. Material, equipment, T-shirts and lunch, plus refreshments, are provided on-site. Youth groups are welcome, with one adult for every five youth volunteers.

If you would like to volunteer or need more information, call the Community Development Department at 734-722-2000 or email Albert Damitio at damitioalb@gmail.com.

Genealogy event

Budding genealogists will have the opportunity to sit with one of 10 members of the Western Wayne Genealogical Society and receive 30 minutes of free one-on-one assistance with their research during an event scheduled for 10 a.m. to noon and 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 27777 Five Mile Road.

Registration is required and can be found at www.livonia.libcal.com/event/4340521.

Ladywood Class of '78

The Ladywood High School Class of 1978 will celebrate its 40th reunion Saturday, Sept. 8. The

event will begin at 5 p.m. with Mass at the Felician Motherhouse Chapel, 36800 Schoolcraft Road. After Mass, dinner is set for 7 p.m. at the Italian American Banquet & Conference Center, 39200 W. Five Mile Road.

For more information and to have a private invitation sent to you, go to "Ladywood Class of 1978 Reunion" on Facebook.

Bishop Borgess Class of '78

The Redford Bishop Borgess High School Class of 1978 will hold a 40th reunion dinner dance buffet at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft Road, in Livonia. The cost is \$60 per person and includes cash bar with casual dress.

Send a check or money order, payable to Diane Chiola, to 20712 Fairview, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127 or use Pay Pal account <http://PayPal.me78>.

Westland library book sale

The Friends of the Westland Library will hold the group's next book sale info Thursday through Sunday, Sept. 13-16, at the library, 6123 Central City Parkway. Hours are 3-6 p.m. Thursday (preview sale), 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday and noon to 3 p.m. Sunday (bag day, \$4 per bag).

Tail Waggers fundraiser

Tail Waggers 1990, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, is hosting its inaugural Cruisin' 4 Critters, a motorcycle fundraiser, Sunday, Sept. 16, at Dick Scott's Freedom Powersports, 36534 Plymouth Road, in Livonia. Registration is 9:30-10:45 a.m., with the cruise at 11 a.m. Registration costs \$25 per rider or \$35 with a passenger.

The motorcycles will start and end at Freedom Powersports. The Wayne County Sheriff Department will escort the riders for safety on a ride to last approximately 2½ hours. While pre-registration for the ride is recommended to ensure proper headcount for the after-party, ride-ins are welcome until 10:45 a.m.

Following the cruise, a picnic-styled after-party will be provided by the Blue Plate Diner of Livonia, featuring a 50/50 drawing, music, vendors and alumni animals. All money raised directly benefits Tail Waggers' animal care services.

For more information or to register for the event, go to www.tailwaggers1990.org or call 734-855-4077. You can also go to www.dickscottpowersports.com for information and to register.

Memorial Day parade planning

The Wayne Westland Veterans Parade Council will be holding planning meetings for next year's parade, which will be held Sunday, May 26, 2019. The meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. the last Wednesday of most months at the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post 3323, 1055 S. Wayne Road. For more information, go to www.facebook.com/veterans.parade.council or call 313-576-7268 or 734-355-4569.

Obituaries

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Tracy Erwin LaCroix

ADVANCE - Tracy Erwin LaCroix, of Advance and Livonia, MI died at his Livonia home, surrounded by his family on August 2nd, 2018. He was 88 years old.

Tracy Erwin is survived by his loving wife Carroll (Perry) LaCroix of 64 years; children, Tracy LaCroix (Anna Houghton), and Laura Blumberg (James); grandchildren, Krista and Jenika Blumberg; sisters-in-law, Lucy LaCroix and Audrey Galbraith, step-brother, Milford Hardy; and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his mother, Edith (LaCroix) Hardy; father, Tracy Mitchell LaCroix; brother, Larry LaCroix; step-sister, Louann (Hardy) Smith; and step-father, George Hardy.

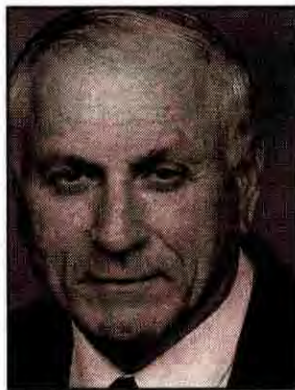
He was a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. Tracy was born on August 05, 1930 in Advance, MI to Edith (Papineau) LaCroix and Tracy Mitchell LaCroix on their family farm. He married the love of his life Carroll Perry of Petoskey, MI on May 1st 1954. He graduated from Michigan State University in 1960 with a Bachelors of Science in Packaging Engineering and from Eastern Michigan University in 1973 with a Master's in Education.

After being employed at Echo Alcoa Aluminum he went on to Ford Motor Company in 1962 as their first packaging engineer and retired after 36 years. He was also a Skilled Trades Mathematics instructor at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, MI for 23 years.

Over the years the family gathered at their Advance home on Lake Charlevoix for many occasions. He enjoyed many years of fishing, boating, traveling, singing, and downhill skiing with family and friends around Boyne City. He and his wife were members of the Lil Devil's square dance club in Livonia, MI. He also enjoyed spirited games of cribbage and golf.

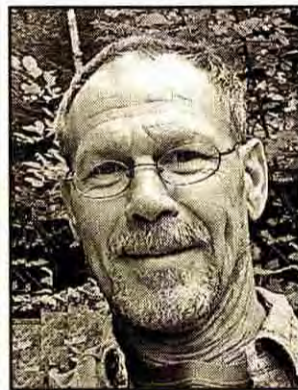
Visitation will be held for friends and family on Monday August 6th from 5-9pm and Tuesday August 7th from 2-7pm, with services at 7pm at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home (280 South Main St Plymouth, MI 48170).

Visitation will be held Friday August 10th from 10am-1pm at Stackus Funeral Home (417 Elm St, Boyne City, MI 49712) with funeral service starting at 1pm. Burial to follow at Greenwood Cemetery, Petoskey MI.



Thomas Lee Finfrock

SALINE - Thomas Lee Finfrock 62, of Saline, Michigan passed away peacefully on Friday, August 3, 2018. Tom was born on October 15, 1955 in Traverse City, MI to the late Thurman Finfrock and Mary Jo Finfrock. On May 7, 1983 he married the love of his life Janet Gottschalk.



Tom is survived by his wife Janet and children Bryan (Michelle) Finfrock of Britton and Meagan (Paul) Martin of Saline. He was the proud Papa to Brianna, Emma, Grace, Tyler, Mary and Thomas. He is also survived by siblings John Finfrock, Joe (Jeanne) Finfrock, Sheri (Tom) March, Dave Finfrock, Mari (Bill) Jenkins, Theresa Felstead, and many nieces and nephews. After proudly serving with the United States Army, Tom spent the next 32 years with the Plymouth/Canton Schools. After he retired, Tom planned to enjoy his favorite things: traveling, running, gardening, hunting and spending lots of time with his wife, children, and grandchildren. Throughout his fight with Stage IV Pancreatic Cancer he was surrounded by the support and love of Team Finfrock, made up of friends, coworkers and his close family. A Funeral Service will be held on Monday, August 13, 2018 at 11:00 A.M., at St. Andrew Catholic Church in Saline, with a visitation starting at 10:00 A.M. Family will receive friends on Sunday, August 12, 2018 at the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home in Saline from 1:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. with a time of sharing from 6:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the SJ5k, a student-run charity 5k benefitting families in the Plymouth-Canton community who are going through a sudden medical crisis or to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (pancan.org). Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. To leave a memory, to sign his guestbook, or for directions please visit www.rbfhsaline.com.





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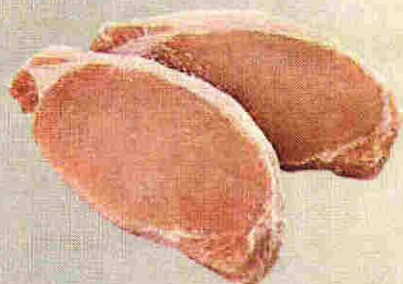
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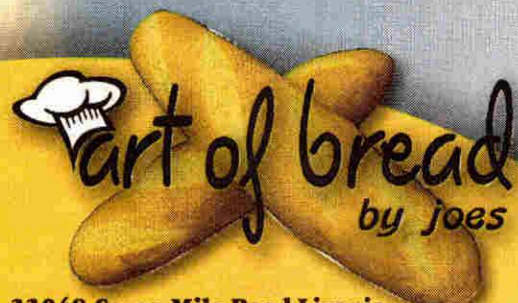
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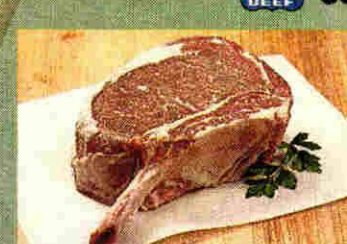
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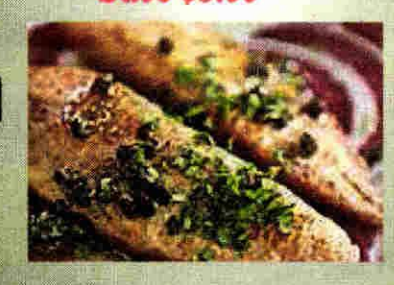


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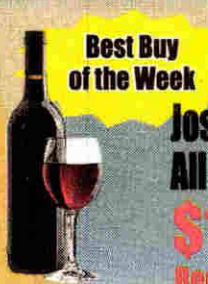
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PREP FOOTBALL

New schools strengthen KLAA East

Belleville, Fordson, Dearborn enter fray as schools realign divisions for 2018 season

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The Kensington Lakes Activities Association is getting a quite a makeover for the 2018 football season.

And one of the most interesting things to watch will be how the East Division race will shape up with the inclusion of the three new schools: Belleville, Dearborn Fordson and Dearborn High.

The KLAA East features five teams that reached the MHSAA playoffs a year ago, including Division 2 runner-up Livonia Franklin, along with Division 1 qualifiers Belleville, Dearborn Fordson

and Livonia Stevenson and Division 2 qualifier Livonia Stevenson.

The KLAA held its annual football media day Aug. 2 at Northville High School and here is a preseason look at the eight teams in the East Division.

Belleville

Head coach: Jermain Crowell, fourth season

Last year's record: 10-1

Season opener: 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, at Brighton

Players to watch: Dylan Zagula, Sr.

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Franklin junior quarterback Jacob Kelbert races down the sideline to score a TD during a playoff win last year over Flushing. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

MOTOR SPORTS

Smoke on the water is music to his ears



Canton native Andrew Tate is currently the H1 Unlimited Hydroplane points leader. ROBERT PETERS



Andrew Tate.

Plymouth High graduate follows family legacy to become H1 Unlimited Hydroplane points leader

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Like the Earnhardts were to stock car racing and the Andrettis were to Indy cars, the name Tate has long been synonymous with power boat racing.

Andrew Tate, currently the American Power Boat Association's H1 Unlimited Hydroplane points leader after winning last weekend's Seafair event in Lake Washington (Seattle), has picked up where his father Mark and grandfather Joe left off on the circuit. (Tate's great-grandfather and mother raced boats as well.)

"My father raced unlimited hydroplanes, so as a little kid I got to grow up in the pits and follow his career," said the 28-year-old Tate, a Canton native who now resides in Walled Lake. "It's something you always kind of imagined yourself doing and it's a childhood dream. But the reality of it as ever happening ... it's a realization, but kind of unexpected. But it's an honor and really is a dream come true."

The 2007 Plymouth High grad has captured two of the first three races on the APBA schedule. He is coming off a win at the Columbia Cup in Tri-Cities,

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PREP FOOTBALL

Here's what to watch this year in KLAA West Division

Tim Smith
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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Football season is going to be different this autumn in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association, but coaches and players already are pumped up to officially get going.

The annual football media day, held Aug. 2 at Northville High School, gave 13 returning KLAA teams and three squads new to the circuit — Belleville, Dearborn and Dearborn Fordson — an opportunity to talk about team expectations and hopes for the 2018 football season.

The scaled-down KLAA features 16 teams, including eight each in the KLAA East and West divisions.

"I think it's a really nice set-up," Brighton head coach Brian Lemons said. "It creates a lot of competition; there are no off weeks."

Common threads during quick-hitting interviews with coaches include needs for teams to mesh and to stay healthy.

Several head coaches are beginning their first season, including all three teams based at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Following is a breakdown of the KLAA West Division teams.

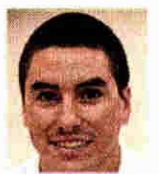
Brighton

Head coach: Brian Lemons, fourth

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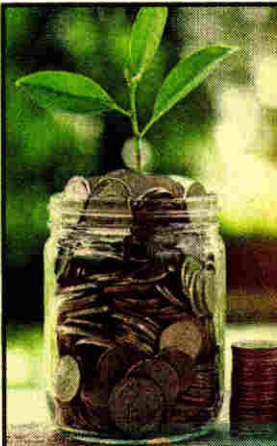
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East

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LB-TE; Jaden Johnson, Sr. LB; Deon Selma, Sr. RB-Safety; Devontae Dobbs, Sr. OT; Julian Barnett, Sr. WR-DB-KR; Marvin Ham, Sr. LB; Jalen Hunt, Sr. RB-DE; Jalen Bell, Sr. DT; Jalen Williams, Jr. WR-TE-OLB; Michael Jenkins, Jr. S; Damon Payne, Jr. OL-DL; Tyrese Woods, Jr. DE-TE; Isaiah Foster, Jr. OLB; Christian Dhue-Reid, Soph. QB

Crowell's 2018 outlook: "We just want to simplify and we want a lot of kids to play. We've got some really great athletes, but when they're out there thinking, they're not playing. We put some pressure upon the coaches make it simple and let them get out there and execute. And when we do that I think we can be pretty successful and we can showcase a lot of the kids' skill sets vs. over-complicating things and kids being out there confused and making a lot of mistakes. We've got to focus in on just us. Make it about us and what we do."

Livonia Churchill

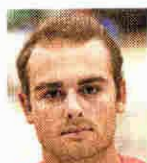
Head coach: Bill DeFillippo, sixth season

Last year's record: 8-3

Season opener: 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24, at Canton

Players to watch: Drew Alsobrooks, Sr. QB-K-P; Avery Grenier, Sr. WR-safety; Darrell Mason, Sr. RB-LB; Andrew Greff, Sr. LB; Ethan Gyurnek, Sr. OT-DE; Joel Forgacs, Sr. WR-TE-LB; Deon Pitchford, Sr. SB-RB; Brendan Lowry, Jr. SB-CB; Dez Dewberry, Sr. OLB

DeFillippo's 2018 outlook: "One of the things you like as a coach is to have guys like Avery (Grenier) and Drew (Alsobrooks), guys you get to coach for three years instead of two, guys who are great representatives of our program and when they're on the field and when they're off the field. Both smart, knowledgeable football players, both highly competitive. You wish all your guys were like this. We have good talent and I like it, but when you have 40 guys and you're used to having 50 or 60, that can be a little bit of a difference in how you practice, some of the things that we do. You're always going to get guys banged up as the season goes on, so it's going to be like any other year, where somebody goes down somebody has to step in. Smaller roster, but plenty of schools do-



Alsobrooks



DiPonio



Tarrance



Cobb

son

Last year's record: 11-3

Season opener: 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24, at Northville

Players to watch: Marino DiPonio, Sr. OLB; Connor Linton, Sr. TE-ILB; Cal Fournier, Sr. safety-WR; Jake Kelbert, Jr. QB; Julius Simmons, Sr. RB; Jake Swirple, Jr. OL; Arsell Weary, Sr. DL; Chad Reeves, Jr. DL

Kelbert's 2018 outlook: "The key to our success the last few years is finding those individuals to step in and fill needs. We have a really good group of JV players and some guys that didn't get a lot of playing time due to the fact that we had a lot of good seniors. Those kids, we think, will be able to step up. If they can produce, we'll be successful again. We're getting a good group of athletes from that JV team, a couple of lineman that can fill some spots. I just think a lack of depth is going to be a big issue. Going into last year, that was our biggest concern, too, guys up front. But we were able to move two kids that were linebackers and move them into the offensive line and they produced very well for us."

Westland John Glenn

Head coach: Steve Waller, fourth season

Last year's record: 2-7

Season opener: 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, at Novi

Players to watch: Chad Stevens, Sr. QB; Jared Tarrance, Sr. WR-CB; Dante Barthwell, Sr. RB-DB; Kayleb Parker, Jr. OL; Omar Nelson, Sr. WR-RB; Lee Williams, Sr. OG-DL; Dominic Spalding, Sr. LB-RB; Devin Stroschen, Sr. OLB-TE; John Florn, Sr. C

Waller's 2018 outlook: "We've got to develop the line play. We do have some guys coming back that started. Lee Williams started at guard and Kayleb Parker started at tackle, but our center John Florn would have started at center, but he suffered a season-ending injury during two-a-day camp. So we have three guys coming back, but we just need to get those guys to jell and be a cohesive unit. It's going to be a challenge to learn a few new teams. Even Livonia Stevenson, we haven't played in a couple of years. There's three or four teams that we haven't seen in years. They all present their different challenges, so to

ing it with 30, 40 guys, so it's not an excuse."



Holt

Dearborn

Head coach: John Powell, sixth season

Last year's record: 2-7

Season opener: 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, at Hartland

Players to watch: Tommy Guajardo, Jr. WR-TE-OLB; Ali Makled, Sr. WR-safety; Mohamed Saad, Sr. OL; Bilal Elhasan, Sr. RB

Powell's 2018 outlook: "We return 18 of 22 starters, nine on defense and nine on offense. The challenge is facing new opponents. Our philosophy is to get better every day. Mohamed Saad is a three-year starter. Tommy Guajardo has Division I offers from Northern Illinois and Eastern Michigan and interest from Notre Dame, Boston College and Michigan State."

Dearborn Fordson

Head coach: Fouad Zaban, 12th season

Last year's record: 9-2

Season opener: 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, vs. Howell at U-M

Players to watch: Hussein Ajami, Sr. QB; Mahdi Hazimi, Sr. OT; Mouhamed Mehdi, Sr. DT

Zaban's 2018 outlook: "I think this league is going to be much tougher, obviously. It will prepare you better for the long run. It's exciting to be a part of a league with all these great programs - the Livonia schools, Belleville ... they were in our league. The other side (KLAA West) is great as well. It's exciting to be a part of something and, obviously, we're happy that they accepted us and we're in there. Ultimately, staying healthy is very important for us and us building depth is very important and our leaders being leaders. If we do that and we jell, everything will work out."

Livonia Franklin

Head coach: Chris Kelbert, 17th sea-

son

Last year's record: 5-5

Season opener: 3:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24, vs. Plymouth at U-M

Players to watch: Dalen Cobb, Sr. RB-QB; Devin Poster, Sr. LB-FB-OG; Bobby Cavin, Sr. C; Nate Garcia, Sr. LB; Camden Gould, Sr. OL-DT; Coltrane Rubner, Soph. QB

Micallef's 2018 outlook: "We had a great off-season working hard in the weight room and developing team chemistry. We have a sophomore (Rubner) at quarterback coming in that is a pretty athletic kid. He's going to get a opportunity to compete with Dalen (Cobb) as well. We like what we have there. They're both good athletes. We've got to stay healthy, No. 1. We've got to have our young kids that are talented and hungry play at the varsity speed right away. The big difference will be if they take three or four games to get used to the tempo at the varsity level against some of the teams in our division, it's going to be not a good set-up for success."

Wayne Memorial

Head coach: Al Demps, first season

Last year's record: 0-9

Season opener: 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24, at Salem

Players to watch: Chris Guipi-Bopala, Sr. LB-WR; Jordan Holt, Sr. C-NG; Jaylen Dorsey, Sr. DT

Assistant coach Derrick McGee's 2018 outlook: "Going into the new league, we envision that we'll be competitive. Our skills will be our strong suit. As far as the offensive and defensive lines, we've got to work on our depth, but we do have quality there. We're going to be able to score on people this time. Last couple of years, we've been struggling on offense. We have some big bodies now, so we look like a competitive football team. We have a two-man battle going (at quarterback) and it's a good two-man battle. But once we come out of camp, we'll definitely have something and both quarterbacks are capable of leading this team."

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Larkin's presence spearheads tribute game

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When Dylan Larkin was still a relative unknown in the hockey world, USA Hockey's beloved Jim "J.J." Johansson was there for him and his family.

And now it's Larkin's time to repay the favor to Johansson, who died unexpectedly Jan. 21 at age 53. The Detroit Red Wings star forward showed he is speedy off the ice as well as on — quickly spearheading a charity hockey game that will take place 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 26, at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

"It was really Dylan Larkin at the men's world championship this year who brought it up and said we should have a game to pay tribute to J.J. and raise money for a couple funds," said Dave Fischer, USA Hockey's senior director of communications. "He said, 'I'll rally the guys and get the players' and, in early July, he started going the path of trying to get guys and then he said, 'We can get enough guys, let's do it.'"

The contest, to be played in Johansson's honor, will feature all American-born National Hockey League players who were influenced by Johansson.

Larkin and fellow Red Wings Danny DeKeyser, Jimmy Howard and Luke Glendening are definites for the game, with Justin Abdelkader's presence depending on when his wife gives birth.

"I'm the foot soldier trying to recruit the players," Larkin, a Waterford native, said during a recent telephone call.

"(Johansson) meant everything, he meant a lot. He's someone who's given me so many opportunities to play for USA, put on the crest, all the way back to when I first started playing at the NTDP."

Larkin said he recalled how Johansson helped him when he was playing for USA Hockey during a world championship in the Czech Republic.

"I remember my family coming over to my first world championships in the Czech Republic and just how generous he was to them," Larkin said. "And I was really a nobody on the team and my parents came over and anything they needed, from getting from the hotel to the rink or flight information.



In this 2017 photo, Jim Johansson and cherished daughter Ellie enjoy time together at a hockey game. FAMILY PHOTO

"He'd have his hands full with the hockey side, but he was so good with people and making sure that they were taken care of and looked after."

For a good cause

Among other NHL players who have committed to the game are USA Hockey alums such as Auston Matthews (Toronto), Zach Werenski (Columbus), James van Riemsdyk (Philadelphia) and Ryan Suter and Zach Parise (Minnesota). Coaches will include Detroit's Jeff Blashill.

All proceeds from ticket sales (prices are \$15 and \$10), along with money generated from raffles and an online auction, will be earmarked for the Jim Johansson Legacy Fund of the USA Hockey Foundation and the Ellie Johansson College Fund.

"It's coming together in a hurry and we'll continue to add more players," Fischer said. "It's still sad for those of us

who knew J.J. well and we can't believe he's gone. But this will be a great tribute and a lot of fun, that's for sure.

"You just don't ever get this collection of players together at once. The closest thing we've come is when we've had teams for a World Championship or Olympics."

Fischer said the Legacy Fund was created to raise money, in Johansson's memory, for "grass-roots, local hockey programs," while the educational fund was set up for Jim and Abby Johansson's 2-year-old daughter, to help with future educational expenses.

"Ellie was the person J.J. cherished most in this world and was so incredibly proud of her," Abby Johansson said. "I am incredibly honored that this game is not only honoring J.J. and his dreams, but Ellie as well, which is something I think he'd be very, very proud of."

She also said her late husband would have been "very proud and quite honored for this outpouring of support. I



Before Dylan Larkin played for the University of Michigan and Detroit Red Wings, he was a standout for the USA Hockey National Team Development Program. USA HOCKEY

think he'd be quite surprised."

Johansson was longtime assistant executive director of hockey operations for USA Hockey.

Fun game to see

Larkin said he didn't think the Aug. 26 game would be very physical, with NHL camps then about to start.

"It's a charity game," Larkin said. "No checking, for sure, but it will be competitive, it will be a high-skilled game with some of the players coming. I think the fans that come out will get a great show."

Monaghan, director of operations at USA Hockey Arena, said it is appropriate that the Johansson tribute game will take place at the Plymouth arena.

"We're really proud to be able to host it," Monaghan said. "As you know, the arena was partially his dream. He put a lot of blood, sweat and tears into getting it up and running, so I think it's only fitting that the game to honor him is held there."

"I think all the kudos in the world go to Dylan Larkin, who's really led this."

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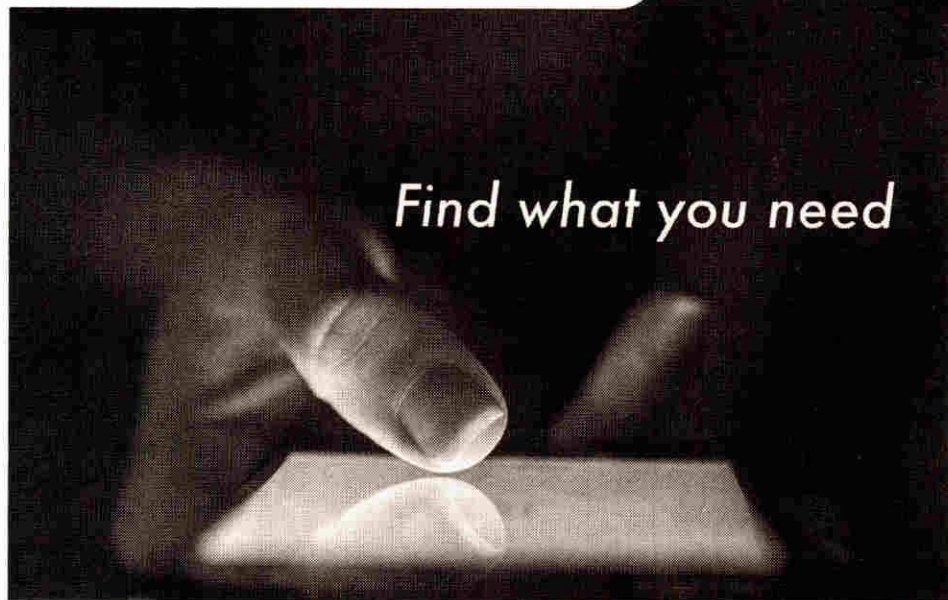
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WOODLAND DEVELOPMENT COMPANY,
 a Michigan Co-partnership,

Plaintiff,

File No. 18-1796-SP-3

Hon. Thomas J. Phillips

v

MARK R. JOHNSTON and CHRISTINA
 M. JOHNSTON,

Defendants.

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 By: Nicole E. Essad (P80791)
 Attorneys for Plaintiff
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COMPLAINT FOR POSSESSION AFTER LAND CONTRACT FORFEITURE

The plaintiff states:

1. Attached to this complaint is a copy of the land contract and a copy of the forfeiture notice showing when and how it was served.
2. The plaintiff is the seller and the defendants are the purchasers in a certain land contract described in the attached forfeiture notice and are in possession of the land described in the notice.
3. The plaintiff has a right to recover possession of the property for nonpayment of money required to be paid under the contract: Original selling price \$17,900.00; principal balance due \$15,421.35; total amount in arrears \$2,860.00. Last payment on April 5, 2017. Interest at 11% paid to April 5, 2017.
4. The land contract was forfeited in accordance with the terms of the land contract.
5. The plaintiff asks for a judgment of possession and costs and asks the court to issue an eviction order according to law.
6. There is no other pending or unresolved civil action arising out of the same transaction or occurrence alleged in this complaint.

Dated: May 16, 2018

/s/
 Nicole E. Essad (P80791)

Published: July 26, August 2 & 9, 2018

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SUMMONS Landlord-Tenant/Land Contract

NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT: In the name of the people of the State of Michigan you are notified:

1. Plaintiff has filed a complaint against you and wants to recover possession, after land contract forfeiture, of Plainfield Parcel #2, Section 31, T30N, R5W, Star Township, Antrim County Michigan; Parcel No.: 05-13-031-002-10.
2. You are summoned to be in the district court on Wednesday, August 22, 2018 at 8:15 a.m. at 1905 Courthouse Lower Level.
3. You have the right to a jury trial. If you do not demand a jury trial and pay the required jury fee in your first defense response, you will lose this right.
4. If you are in district court on time, you will have an opportunity to give the reasons why you feel you should not be evicted. Bring witnesses, receipts, and other necessary papers with you.
5. If you are not in district court on time, you may be evicted without a trial and a money judgment may be entered against you.

Dated: May 17, 2018

/s/
 Cynthia Visnaw, Court Clerk

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ORDER REGARDING ALTERNATE SERVICE

A complaint for possession after land contract forfeiture was filed in this Court by Plaintiff Woodland Development Company on May 16, 2018.

THE COURT FINDS that service of process upon the Defendants, Mark R. Johnson and Christina M. Johnston cannot reasonably be made as provided in MCR 2.105 and service of process may be made in a manner that is reasonably calculated to give the Defendants actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.

IT IS ORDERED service of the Summons and Complaint and a copy of this Order shall be made by the following methods: First class mail to Mark R. Johnston, 33109 Hennepin St., Garden City, Michigan 48135 and to Christina M. Johnston, 33109 Hennepin St., Garden City, Michigan, 48135; and publication in a newspaper of general circulation in/around Garden City, Michigan.

A copy of this Order Regarding Alternate Service shall be published once each week for three consecutive weeks in the Garden City Observer, a newspaper of general circulation in Garden City, Michigan, that is hereby designated as most likely to give notice to the Defendant, pursuant to MCR 2.106(D)(1).

Dated: June 27, 2018

/s/
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 District Court Judge

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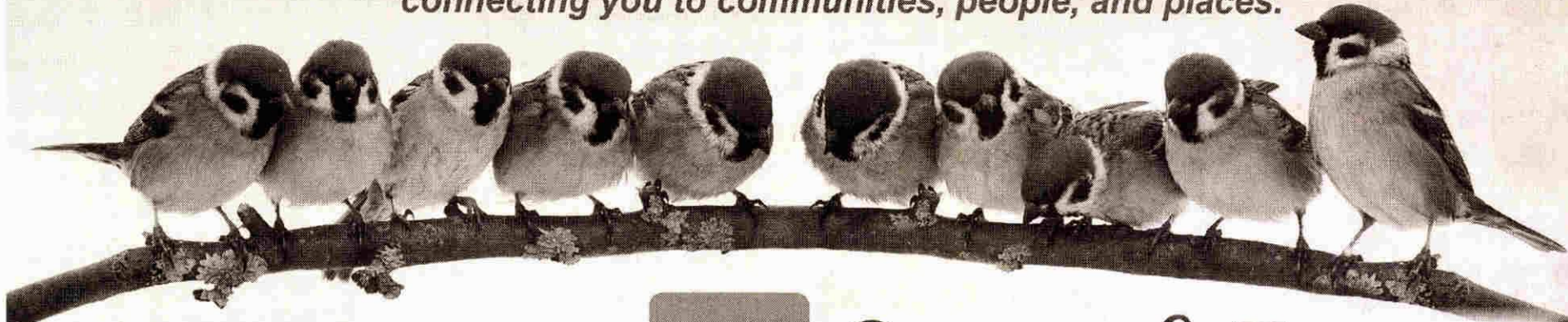
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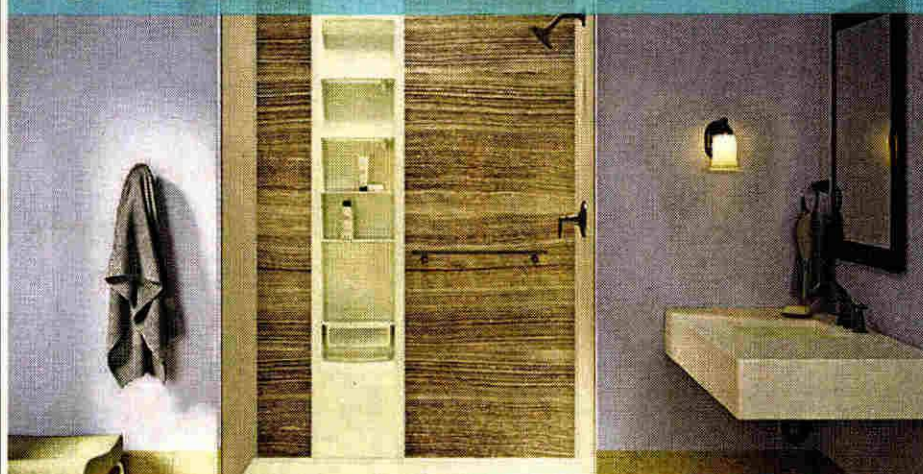
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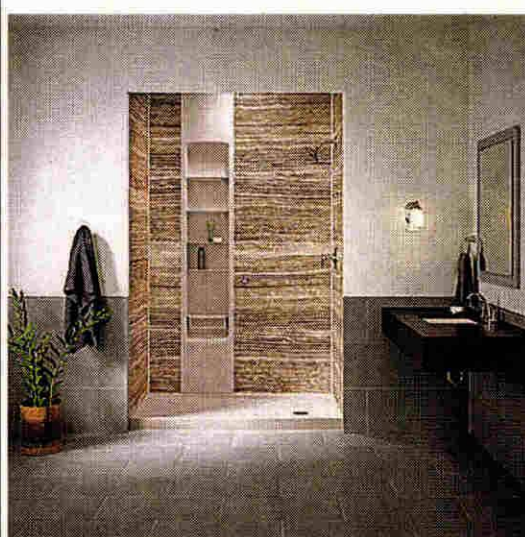
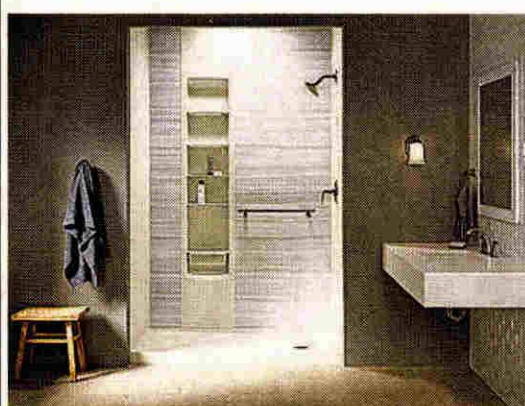
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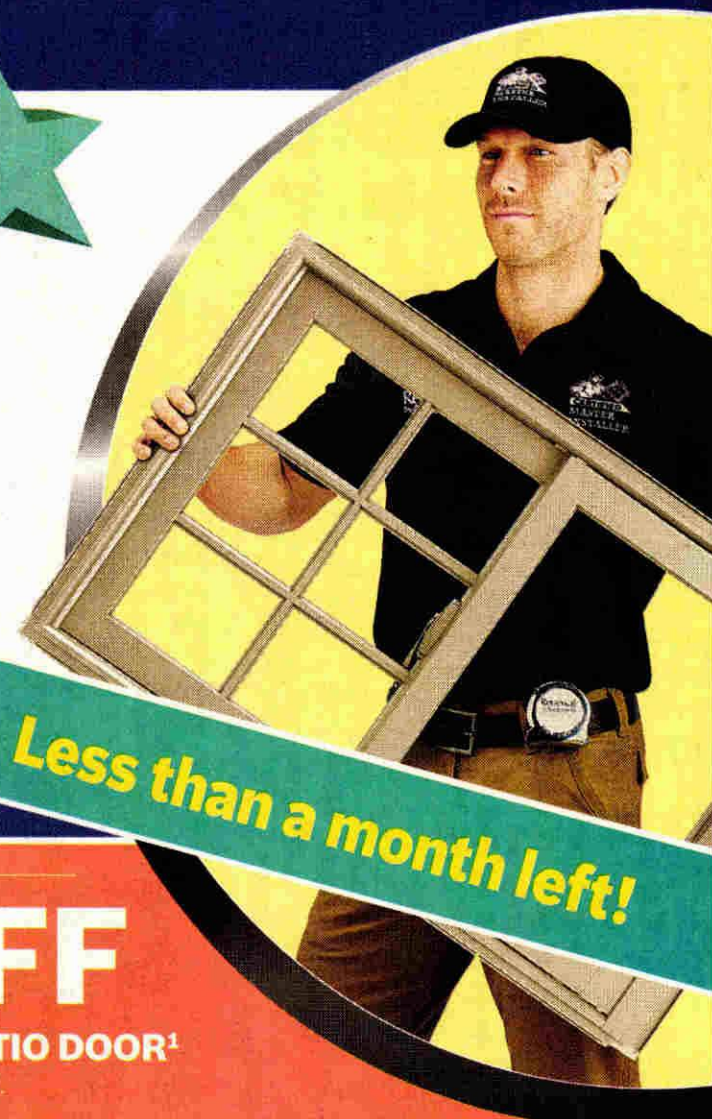
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