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ings bring to mind the various laws, rules we live by in our nation, state, city and subdivisions. All civilized nations (particularly USA) are structured in some form to serve its citizens. We often hear the expression 'a nation of laws'. In our case, it starts with the U.S. Constitution works through to subdivisions.

Side bar – the subdivision Trustee's meeting was outstanding. You can be very proud of your leaders. Always look to thank them.

We understand that all civilized societies must have rules (laws) for its citizens to be able to live peacefully together. I don't wish to go into a dissertation on the philosophy of modern civilizations. Let's look at the ways in which this philosophy applies to you, a citizen of Clarkson Valley. Just as states were created by the United States Constitution, cities are formed in accordance with State Law. In other words, the State by statute could eliminate Cities (not likely), which means, the State can (and often does) stipulate ways in which Cities can operate. A recent example of this type effort – a law that sets the percentage of traffic fees the City could retain. City ordinances within the State law are passed to define, in more detail, the rules for living in their community. An example, vehicle speed limits, ordinances

concerning property maintenance, will vary from city to city still allowed by State law.

Subdivisions can and often do have more specifics related to property, still in compliance with City ordinances, but want a distinct rule – an example might be a prohibition on fences. These subdivision rules are called Indentures. These are rules you committed to when you moved into your residence. This becomes a contract between you and your subdivision. Indentures get much more detailed and, by definition, relate to a specific subdivision.

Let's review why you might even care about all this. Winter is finally gone and you are looking to making some changes in your property – perhaps a new deck, pool, add-on, etc. The City ordinance requires a building permit. Your subdivision indentures may (most do) require the same information as the building permit, or it may require more or less. In other words, having a City permit to build on your property may not be all that is necessary. Your subdivision Trustees may need approval also. I explain this as a courtesy in assisting you in the procedure because the City is not involved in the process with your subdivision nor the decision made by your subdivision. The City building permit could be approved; however, that does not ensure the subdivision approval. The City will not enforce the subdivision rules, regulations.

Call me if you have any questions about this or other city matters - 636-394-8916.

Clarkson Valley Recycling Results Through April 2018  
April Recycling Tonnage: 45.34  
2018 Tonnage Total: 126.85



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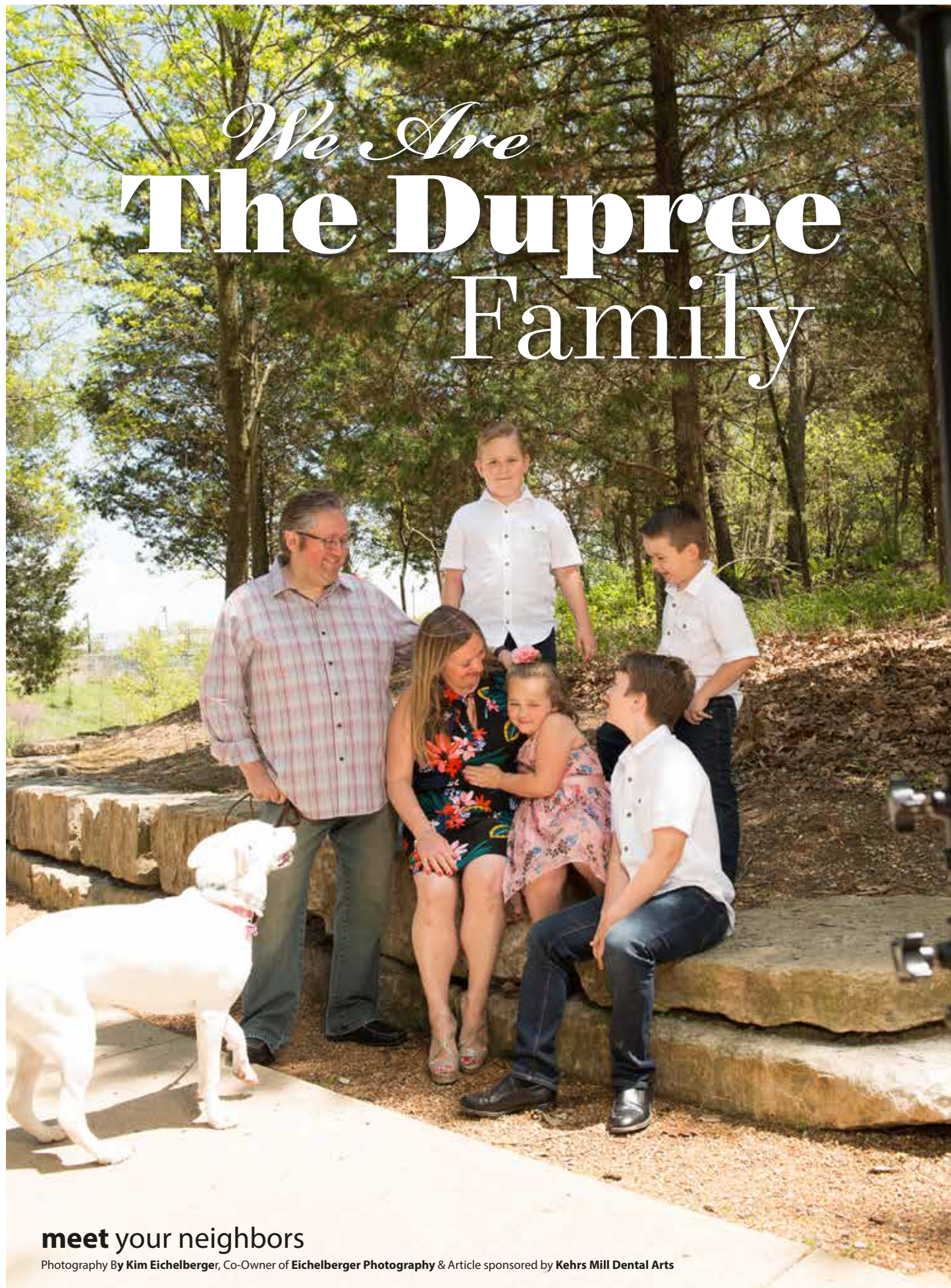


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# We Are The Dupree Family



meet your neighbors

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## Well hello there!

We are the Dupree family all the way from Shropshire, England, relocated from across the pond back in 2015. There are six of us: Shaun, Lisa, Thomas (12), Mathew (10), William (8) and Harriet Rose (6). We also have a 12-month-old rescue puppy called Becky, she's a lab-hound mix and is very beautiful and mischievous.

We live on Kehrs Mill Estates West and love the space we have for the children to play outside. Being situated close to the entrance of the subdivision you may have seen our brood playing soccer or riding bikes and scooters out on the front yard. No doubt another lemonade stand will appear out there again this summer.

Shaun works for MiTek USA as a Software Development Manager based here in Chesterfield and I am currently a stop-at-home mom. Before having the children, I worked in finance and accounting for 15 years but decided to dedicate my time to our children during the wonder years as they grow up so fast and don't stay little for long ... my family is my life. We really miss our family back home but due to modern technology we FaceTime and chat often.

Shaun and I have been together for 31 years this year. We started dating in 1987 and it took him 17 years to propose... he just wanted to make sure I was the right one for him! We got married on the beautiful island of Barbados back in 2004 and nineteen members of our close family came along with us for a most amazing wedding and honeymoon.

We are a typical family, always looking for ways to entertain the children. We love to take Becky on the trails over at Babler and Castlewood State Park. Fishing and cinema nights are also regular go-to activities. Our favorite family-friendly restaurants include 54th Street Grill, Jason's Deli and Longhorn Steakhouse. Shaun and I love Indian food, so our date nights tend to gravitate towards the local curry houses on Manchester Road! Our oldest boy Thomas attends Crestview Middle School and is really thriving there. He plays the trumpet and makes some weird and wonderful tunes on occasion. He absolutely loves soccer and plays in the CYC league at St. Alban's Row. He is also a budding actor and has performed in a number of shows - most notably as Toad in "The Mad adventures of Frog & Toad".

Our second boy Mathew (Matty) is currently in grade 5 at Ellisville Elementary. He is a bookworm and loves to read, read and read, devouring all 8 Harry Potter books by third grade! He participates in Percussion Club at school and enjoys trying different instruments. He also plays soccer and has tried his hand at Baseball last year. Like his older brother, he has also performed in a couple of shows which has been a great confidence booster.

Our third boy William is in 2nd grade at Ellisville Elementary and has progressed so much this year. He's our inquisitive one and asks lots of questions. He also plays soccer and has swimming lessons at the Chesterfield YMCA. Not to be outdone by his brothers, he has performed in 2 'storybook theater' shows this year too.



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Like many kids these days our boys also spend some of their free time playing video games, with Fortnite being the flavor of the month. And when they are not playing games, watching youtubers playing games comes a close second. They even got to meet Dan TDM in person last year when he came to the Peabody Opera House in St. Louis.

So there you have it, a little light reading about our family. Our kids love to make new friends so please stop to say hello if you're passing by our way.

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



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### Helpful Hints!

- To remove bubble gum or any type of gum from hair, simply spread peanut butter on the area and wash! It comes out like magic because of the oil.
- To test to see if an egg is fresh, immerse it in a pan of cool, salted water. If it sinks, it's fresh. If it floats, throw it away!
- Add one cup of water to the bottom portion of the broiling pan before putting it in the oven. The water will absorb the smoke and grease and make the food more tender.
- To remove oil stains from concrete driveways or garages is to pour on coke, let it soak then hose off.
- To remove wax from wood just soften the wax with a hair dryer. Remove wax with a paper towel and wash with a solution of vinegar and water.

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## Summer Fun!

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There are 8 differences between these photos. Can you spot them?

Answers elsewhere in this issue



## precious pets

Article written by Frankie himself with a little help from his human Mark & Sponsored by Apollo Enterprises, Inc.

# Meet Frankie

My name is Frankie, and I am 2 ½ years old. I was adopted by my family when I caught them off guard in a weakened moment at their friend's house who had puppies for sale. I gave them the pathetic "take-me-home-I'm-scared-here" look, and it worked! ... Boy, did they fall for it because I was \$\$\$!

I love living in Clarkson Valley! I have lots of friends in the neighborhood, but I am super lucky because my littermate Chica only lives a few miles away with my human dad's sister. We love, love, love, to play together, and we actually look like twins!

My family named me "Frankie the Frankfurter", thinking they were being funny and creative. Well, until they brought me to the Soulard Wiener Dog Derby and every other Dachshund there was named FRANKIE!!! I WILL say I am the only Frankie who has made it to the Semi-Finals...TWICE! I let the other guy win...really I did! It's my favorite day of the year! I get to go for a super long car ride with treats, watch a dog parade where they throw treats, run in a race where I am rewarded with...you guessed it...TREATS!

Would I call myself spoiled? Hmmmm.....well, I start the day with a ramekin of RediWhip, and then I lay around on heated blankets all day until the family returns home. Once they are home, we celebrate with treats and activities. My family loves to take me on their adventures! This year alone we have been sleigh riding, swimming, picnicking, and backpacking (which means I'm placed/stuffed in a backpack, and she totes me around the neighborhood with my head peeking out)!

Apparently I'm in training too! My human dad's friend sent him a video of an outrageously talented dog who does many more tricks than my "lay down" and "roll-over". Because I am such a good student, I have to practice weaving in and out of cones, up and down the driveway, day in and day out instead of relaxing on my blanket! But I am rewarded with...MORE TREATS!!!

I will be running in the Soulard Wiener Dog Derby again next year, hopefully bringing home the 1st place prize! I heard it's a giftcard to Petsmart! Guess what I will be buying?!?!?!..... TREATS!!! YAHOOO!



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## Dealing with Real Estate During Divorce: Why Experience Matters

I've been divorced. It's painful and messy and soul-crushing and liberating and exhausting and...so much more. It can also be confusing, especially when it comes to real estate. (And as a real estate agent, I was more prepared than most people are.) As someone who has been through it, and who has helped countless couples navigate this difficult path, I've learned that the following are key things to keep in mind as you decide how to address real estate during divorce:

**Communication, diplomacy, and patience of realtor:** Choosing a real estate agent during a separation or divorce is one of the most important decisions you can make during a very difficult time, so you must give it the time and attention it deserves. Select someone who can communicate with both parties professionally and diplomatically. Make sure your agent has experience in representing couples during divorce—and the patience to repeat important information separately so that both parties stay informed.

**Three most common options:** There are usually one of three scenarios that take place for most couples who go through divorce: one of the spouses buys out the other and keeps the home; one spouse keeps use and occupancy of home for specified time and then sells it and divides equity; the house is sold immediately and equity is divided.

Get the property valued, and consider selling, before you part ways: Selling the marital home while you are still married can

provide larger tax exclusions. Align yourself with a financial advisor and tax attorney who can explain this in more detail.

**Consider home equity when you negotiate:** If you have owned the property for a significant amount of time and it has experienced a substantial growth in equity, this can translate to additional tax savings. This also has to be considered if one party decides to stay in the home and then sell it later; you may have to pre-agree to have the equity split upon the sale of the home.

**Privacy:** Work with a discreet real estate agent who can prevent buyers from discovering that divorce is the cause of the sale. When buyers know about a separation, they assume time is of the essence, and often offer lower prices.

**Evaluate emotions tied with the home:** Some folks fail to consider the emotions tied with their house. While for some divorcing couples it is paramount that their kids be able to remain in the family home, for others it is just too painful and a fresh start is needed.

Most importantly, stay informed. Do your due diligence both in selecting an experienced realtor and in making smart financial decisions surrounding real estate during the separation. For three decades I have helped wives, husbands, and couples successfully sell their marital homes and find other residences with discretion and dignity. The Lottmann Realty Group is ready to put our expertise and experience to work for you during a difficult time. Have questions? Give us a call at 636-812-4414; We'd love to talk about what's on your mind.



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# CHEF CRAIG PETERSON

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Chef Craig Peterson comes to Forest Hills Country Club from the prestigious Cherry Hills Country Club in Colorado. A Club with high expectations, it's not only home to nine USGA Competitions, but three PGA Championships as well. Chef Craig has been cooking in private Club settings for twenty years and has a true love for the business.

Chef Craig was a member of three United States Culinary Olympic Teams and enjoys spending time teaching students and working with his staff to see them grow into strong cooks and future culinary leaders. He has worked in numerous cities across the states and is excited to be back in the state he grew up in. When asked about this new opportunity, Chef Craig said, "I want to thank you all for the great opportunity to be your Executive Chef here at Forest Hills Country Club."

"I am extremely passionate about what I do for a living and I particularly enjoy bringing great food to members and their guests", said Chef Craig.

"My goal is to build a solid team that will prepare some of the best food not only in local Country Clubs, but quality that rivals excellent restaurants."

Chef Craig has hit the ground running, launching a new dining night, "Founded in 1964". 1964 Nights is a play on when the Club was established and features all-you-can-eat small plates with a new theme every week. He is planning many new and fun concepts throughout the season including grill outs at the pool, happy hours, weekly menu enhancements and features, and prime rib on the second Saturday of the month featuring live music. Chef expressed, "Food is a funny thing as we all have different tastes, likes and dislikes. It is our objective to work towards preparing the freshest from scratch foods that you deserve in this fine Club. I am very excited to be here at Forest Hills and I look forward to bringing our food to a new level."



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## delicious dish

Article written by Resident Article Contributor **Cindy Munich**  
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# Mini Beef WELLINGTONS

Spring is upon us. There is so much going on – Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, Graduations, Wedding celebrations, the list is endless!

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have to take hours. Who has that much time this season? These Wellingtons make you look, and they taste, like you spent tons of time to please the ones you love. Roast some baby potatoes, add your favorite vegetable or salad and you have a meal fit for your honored guests!

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 shallot
- 1 Tablespoon unsalted butter
- 3 ½ tablespoon olive oil, divided
- 4 beef tenderloin steaks, approx. 5 oz. each cut 1 inch thick
- Kosher salt
- Ground black pepper
- 4 heaping teaspoons stone ground mustard
- 4 tablespoons grated gruyere cheese
- Flour for rolling out pastry
- 1 sheet puff pastry thawed
- 1 egg, beaten
- Course sea salt for garnish

### DIRECTIONS

Peel shallot and cut in half lengthwise, then crosswise into ½-inch thick slices. Melt butter and 1½ tablespoons oil in large, heavy skillet over medium heat. Add shallots; reduce to medium-low. Cook, stirring frequently, until shallots are nicely browned and tender, about 10 minutes. Remove from heat.

Salt and pepper both sides of each steak to taste. Add the remaining 2 tablespoons of olive oil to heated skillet, then sear the steaks for 1 minute per side. Transfer steaks to plate and let cool for 5 minutes. Top each steak with shallots, a heaping teaspoon of mustard and a tablespoon of cheese.

Flour work surface and roll puff pastry into a 12-inch square. Cut pastry into four 6-inch squares. Brush beaten egg around the pastry in a ½ inch border. Reserve the remaining egg.

Place a pastry square over each steak. Carefully lift the meat and press the pastry around its sides, then seal tightly on bottom. Place wellingtons on a lightly oiled baking sheet. Refrigerate for at least 45 minutes.

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Brush the tops and sides with the reserved beaten egg. Sprinkle each wellington with a pinch of kosher or sea salt.

Roast on the middle oven rack until pastry in golden brown. Your meat thermometer should read 145 for medium-rare, 160 for medium, and 170 for well done. Transfer wellingtons to a rack and rest for 5 minutes before serving.



**Would you like to have a favorite family recipe featured in Clarkson Valley Living?** Simply email CVL's new Delicious Dish Contributor, Cindy Munich at [Munichs3@hotmail.com](mailto:Munichs3@hotmail.com) to have your recipe featured in the next available issue.

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# Meet Georgia Miller

This month, we want to introduce you to 5-year-old Georgia Miller. She's finishing up her Pre-K year at Ascension Catholic Church's Little School. Let's get to know some of Georgia's Favorites and Interests.

## Kids Will Be Kids

Article written by CVL Junior Writer **Annabelle Miller**  
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**What are your favorite movies?** *Frozen* and *My Little Pony*

**What is your favorite song?** "Shake It Off" by Taylor Swift

**What sports do you play?** Soccer and dance

**Do you want to play one and musical instruments?** I want to play the flute.

**What do you like to do fun?** Play on the playground, draw, read, and swim in the pool

**What is unique about you?** I know how to read. I like to read my brother's *Wimpy Kid* books.

**What do you want to be when you grow up?** Veterinarian

**Do you have any siblings or pets?** One brother, one sister, and one dog

**What is your favorite animal?** A bunny

**You could live anywhere in the world where would you want to live?** Hawaii

**Hey, kids – do you want to be the superstar of the neighborhood?** Do you want to share with the neighborhood any and all things that are important to kids your age? All you have to do is ask your parents to email Deanna at [Deanna.Ley@N2Pub.com](mailto:Deanna.Ley@N2Pub.com).

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## amazing athlete

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# Meet Avery Kline



Though graceful and often gentle, dance is a sport that takes endurance, strength, and precision. Behind every amazing recital are hours of practice. Avery Kline is a 6th grader at Kirk Day School, and she loves to dance. Avery has danced since she was 3 years old. Having lived in far-away places such as Las Vegas and Macao, Avery now dances at Renee Johnson's Dance



Floor in the valley. Ballet is her favorite type of dance, she says, because it is graceful. Even when not dancing, she still carries herself tall and proud like the ballerina she is. Avery has danced in many recitals throughout the years. She has even performed in *The Nutcracker*. Avery advises younger dancers to take the teacher's corrections without complaining.

She has two brothers, Rhys and Aidan. You might remember them from the feature article a few months ago in the Clarkson Valley Living magazine. Her brothers are also athletes, playing soccer, tennis, and baseball. Avery's favorite subject in school is history. On weekends, she likes to hang out with friends and play soccer. Avery also likes to ride her bike on nice days in her neighborhood. Her favorite types of books are mysteries. Another hobby she has is painting with watercolors. If she could go on a vacation, it would be in Colorado. Avery also plays the piano. She has been playing since first grade.

Even though Avery doesn't know where dance will take her, she is enjoying every minute on the dance floor.



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## find the adventure

Article written by Resident Article Contributor **Nick Tilley** & Sponsored by **Allen Roofing & Siding**

# Kansas City...Kansas City, HERE WE COME!

This month, 'Finding The Adventure' meant staying local - a weekend spent exploring Kansas City. I know what you're thinking - 'Nick, you've written about quitting your job and moving to New Zealand, traveling the world, almost getting trampled by a rhino in Nepal... You're gonna tell me KANSAS CITY was an 'Adventure'? Riiiiiiight...'

Yes, I am. Bear with me...

I've never spent much time in Kansas City mainly because I've never had reason to. Now, I'm dating a beautiful girl who is an alumna of UMKC's School of Dance, and she's been wanting to show me around her college stomping grounds for awhile. That, combined with UMKC hosting its annual Spring Dance Expo, provided plenty of reason to venture cross-state.

She also promised Kansas City BBQ as a reward for my accompanying her to the dance show. That sealed it.

'We're going to Kansas City! Kansas City, here we come!'

At just over 200 miles, it took just under 3 1/2 hours to drive to KC. It was an easy drive (save a few slowpokes plodding along in the left lane), and before we knew it, we were pulling in, dropping our bags, and heading out to meet friends for dinner.

The first thing I noticed about Kansas City was that everything seemed close together. All weekend, regardless of where we were headed, it was never more than 10-15 minutes away, which made moving around the city a cinch. For example, we ate dinner that first night on the sidewalk at La Bodega, a popular tapas restaurant off Southwest Blvd, and then headed to Julep, a happening cocktail lounge in the busy Westport area which was just a few miles south. The 'just a few minutes away' theme remained constant throughout the weekend, and I came to appreciate the closeness of KC.

The weekend FLEW by! In addition to the dance performance, we packed A TON into those 72 hours: a tour of The Roast-

erie - a local coffee company that specializes in air-roasted coffee (DELICIOUS); a walk through the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art and a well-earned nap on the lawn at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art; window shopping in The Plaza; brunch at Room 39, wings at The Peanut, KC-style BBQ at Joe's; drinks at Julep, Tom's Town (a small distillery on Main Street named after politician Tom Pendergast - famous for flouting federal laws during Prohibition), and Manifesto (a dimly-lit speakeasy accessed via a tiny staircase off a loading dock down a back alley).

Just walking around town was an experience, too. We strolled through the Power&Light district, down Main Street, and around the impressive World War I Memorial. Kansas City delivered with its wide variety of things to do, places to visit, and neighborhoods to explore.

And YES, it was an Adventure! Exploring a new place, meeting new people, getting out and talking to the locals, developing a feel for a new city... I love that! Those are the things that make me tick. I even enjoyed the Dance Expo. It had been awhile since I had gotten any culture like that, and it was cool to see the students perform, laying it all on the line.

Finding The Adventure, KC-style. What a great weekend! ...and having a gorgeous Tour Guide didn't hurt.

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There is nothing “natural” about it. AND THAT’S OK!

I know it’s scary to stand in front of a camera and just pray that you don’t look like a doofus. Especially since you’ve saved up your hard-earned money to pay for these pictures! What if you don’t like them? What if your butt looks big? Or your mouth looks weird because you were talking in all the photos (because the photographer told you to “just carry on and pretend I’m not here”)? What if you have three chins in the otherwise-beautiful picture of you looking down at your laughing kiddos?

My promise to you is that I will never let that happen! We are going to embrace the weirdness of having someone stare at you and point a giant camera in your face. We’re going to talk about it, laugh about it, sometimes fake it if we have to, and you know what? **It’s going to look completely natural! Sans double-chins.**

Because I am going to coach you through every photo and set you up for success before I snap a single picture. Those “natural” moments we’re going to capture will be staged first to make sure everyone looks their best, but the smiles and the giggles and love you can see if your pictures will be completely genuine!

From your website or IG feed, to the Family Portrait hanging above your fireplace, or the Boudoir album tucked into your husband’s nightstand, your pictures will be exactly what you’ve been dreaming of!

Kim and Kevin Eichelberger are on a mission to make sure that YOU exist in photographs, for yourself and for your family.

Have you been putting off updating your family portrait or professional headshot? How long have you been putting it off? Two Years? Three? Longer?? Why are we so afraid of having our pic-



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# Crossovers Are SO 2017!

Time To Trade For A Hatch Or Sedan?



Hyundai Sonata is one of several all-new 2018 mid-size sedans seeking to entice a new type of buyer.



Powerful? Yes. Aggressive? Well maybe "passive aggressive". Lincoln goes an opposite direction, touting "quiet luxury" and "experience of ownership"



The all-new 2018 Toyota Camry touts aggressive exterior character lines, low center of gravity, emotionally-charged design and performance experience

## what drives us?

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**T**raditional passenger cars (sedans, coupes, hatchbacks and convertibles) have lost market share to crossovers in recent years, but are fighting to gain back some of the buyers who may be tired of submitting to the societal conformity of driving a crossover. Hatches are gaining steam as a viable alternative to the small CUV with the promise of superior driving dynamics. Mainstream sedans have sought to shake their "ho-hum" reputations with angular design expressions and sports editions, and luxury sedan makers are also rethinking their positioning.

**Hyundai underscores this line of thinking.** Hyundai's Elantra hatchback still comprises 27 percent of their sales; buyers cite the number one reason for buying it is that it is "fun to drive." The 2018 Euro-influenced Elantra GT is one of only a few hatchbacks classified by the

EPA as a Large Car due to the total interior volume eclipsing 120 cubic feet. Manual transmission fans will like the more powerful Elantra GT Sport. Meanwhile, the all-new 2018 Sonata boasts, "dynamic lines, strong graphics and a new signature cascading grille with everything coming together in an athletic way".

**A best-seller gets better.** The eighth-generation Camry sedan is a total evolution "from a proven, dependable and safe car to one that adds a more exciting and emotional character," says Toyota describing the three primary design goals behind it: a distinctive, low center of gravity that results in a firm, wide stance; a practical-yet-emotionally styled cabin profile and a sporty and upscale image both inside and out. The red leather seats? These belong to the Camry XSE.

**Resurrection of an icon.** Sharp angles and aggressive stances seem to have been the trend for so long that it's getting to the point where many recent model sedans are starting to look alike. So Lincoln's design philosophy takes an opposite direction. Sure, the vehicles are fast and capable but they don't have to wear a wrestling singlet to prove it. Designed to provide a serene experience, the all-new Continental's beautifully detailed interior is crafted to be physically comforting, visually soothing and peacefully quiet. Perfect Position Seats – inspired by private jets and high-end office furniture – can be adjusted up to 30 ways. Rear passengers enjoy generous legroom and first-class travel amenities with such available features as audio and climate control, adjustable sunshades and reclining, heated, cooled and massaging seats. Ask your dealer about the Lincoln Black Label experience.

# Coffee Break

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5	1	4	8	9	6	3	7	2
8	6	3	7	2	4	5	9	1
7	9	2	3	5	1	8	4	6



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23 Crown Manor Dr.	Forest Hills	\$625,000	\$590,000	2/15/18	4	5	3152	3
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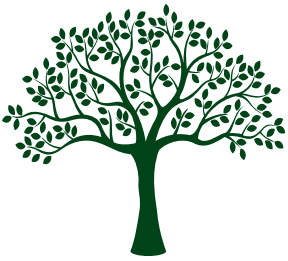
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