

# Ferguson Times

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**BREAKING NEWS**  
 Electrical Fire Damagers Brew-house Kitchen (see page 17)  
 Tiny Ferguson Library Voted Best Municipal Library in Country (see page 23)

Serving Ferguson and Surrounding Communities



## Ferguson Farmers' Market

CELEBRATING OUR 12TH YEAR!

**Saturday, July 4:** No Market.

**Saturday, July 11:** F.F.M. Annual Pie Cook-off  
 Honey & Sweeties  
 Northern Art's Council—crafts for kids 9:00-11:00  
 Ferguson Public Library—children's activities 8:00-11:30  
 Yoga 9:30-10:30  
 Band: Miss Crystal's Pretty Good String Band 9:00-11:00

**Saturday, July 18:** Dr. Dan the Pancake Man 9:00-11:00  
 Northern Art's Council—crafts for kids 9:00-11:00  
 Ferguson Public Library—children's activities 8:00-11:30  
 Kid's Cooking Event 9:00-11:00  
 Yoga 9:30-10:30  
 Band: Peaceful Fools, 9:00-11:00

**Saturday, July 25:** Joie's Kitchen's Children's Desert Day 10:00-11:30  
 Northern Art's Council—crafts for kids 9:00-11:00  
 Ferguson Public Library—children's activities 8:00-11:30  
 Yoga, 9:30-10:30  
 Band: Tom Irwin 9:00-11:00

**Come Visit Us Saturdays, Now thru October 8am - Noon**  
**20 S. Florissant, at the Victorian Plaza** (just south of the train trestle)  
 Check our our website, [FergusonFarmersMarket.com](http://FergusonFarmersMarket.com)  
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## 4th of July Schedule

**Hometown Heroes**  
 Our 40th Annual Full Day of Fun on Independence Day!

10 am Parade Starts (at Paul & So. Florissant Rd.) north to January-Wabash Memorial Park, (501 No. Florissant)  
 Noon-Close Food, Beverage and Game Booths Open at Park  
 Noon Opening Ceremony at Park

**BANDSHELL AREA**

2 to 5 pm Miss Jubilee and the Humdingers (Vintage Jazz/Swing)  
 5 to 6 pm St. Louis Karaoke  
 6 to 9 pm Street Beat (Blues/Rock)

**CHILDREN'S AREA**

Noon to 7 pm Free Show-Me Safari Exotic Animal Petting Zoo  
 1 pm Show Me Safari Racing Pigs  
 1 to 5 pm Facepainting with Sparkle  
 1 to 6 pm Roaming Enchanted Events Characters...Meet Elsa, Anna, Cinderella, Belle, Captain America... just to name a few

1 to 7 pm The Lego Experience – Build Your Own  
 1 pm Oh My Gosh Josh Show! (Magic, Juggling & More)  
 1:30 to 2:30 pm Hula Hoop Playshop with St. Louis Hoop Club  
 2 to 6 pm Sister Twister Balloon Artist  
 2:30 Oh My Gosh Josh Show! (Magic, Juggling & More)  
 3 pm Show Me Safari Racing Pigs  
 3 pm "It's a Gas" with Nitro Joe  
 4 pm Magic with Steve Corbett  
 4 to 7 pm Slime Making with Nitro Joe  
 4:30 to 5 pm Oh My Gosh Josh Show! (Magic, Juggling & More)  
 5 pm Show Me Safari Racing Pigs  
 6 pm More Magic with Steve Corbett  
 7 pm Show Me Safari Racing Pigs  
 7:30 pm Fire Performer (Breathes, Eats and Juggles Fire)

**FIREWORKS**

9:15 pm Fireworks Spectacular at January-Wabash Park

*Please...no dogs or pets, no bicycles or skateboards, no moving picnic tables, no BBQ's or tents, no fireworks.*  
 For further details, please call Nancy at the Ferguson Recreation Office, 314.521.4661.

**July 19**  
**1-4 pm**

# Sunday Funday

See details on page 6.

presented by Ferguson Sunday Parkways & the Ferguson Youth Initiative

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**MONDAY, JULY 20**  
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[www.fergusoncitywalk.com](http://www.fergusoncitywalk.com)

## CITYWALK CONCERT SERIES

**PLAZA @ 501**

### Upcoming Shows...

Friday, July 10th  
**Fanfare – Variety music featuring Kittie Moller** →

Friday, July 24th  
**Righteous Mind Project**  
*Rythum & Blues*



Free Concerts April through November.  
 Concerts take place on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month unless otherwise noted.  
 Bring a blanket or lawn chair. Coolers are permitted. No glass.  
 Concessions available for purchase on-site.  
 501 S. Florissant Rd.  
 For more information call 314-524-5197 or email [citywalk@fergusoncity.com](mailto:citywalk@fergusoncity.com)

**If You Have Items of Interest, Contact The Ferguson Times – 314-524-1958**



## Greetings from CityWalk

The summer months are now in full gear. Many of us have taken the time to enjoy the festivities including Food Truck Monday, the Farmer's Market, and the summer concert series.

Have you had a chance to stop by the Plaza on the third Monday yet for lunch? The next food truck Monday will be July, 20 2015. With plenty of trucks to choose from and ample seating for lunch, the third Monday from April to October is the way to go.

The Farmer's Market is in full swing. A special thanks to all those who continue to support the market week after week, and year after year. If you haven't had the chance to stop by on Saturday morning, we'd love to see you there. The Farmer's Market is committed to working with local vendors to bring you fresh home grown foods.

We hope that you have been enjoying the concert series thus far. Judging from the turnout at each concert, we are most certain that many residents and visitors to our City have chosen to make our summer concert series a fun-filled family event. On behalf of the FSBD, we would like to thank you for your continued support and we look forward to your comments and suggestions about the incredible performances.

We are now in the planning stages of our annual Streetfest. If you are interested in volunteering we would love to have you. We all know the rewards that come from the satisfaction of volunteering. Whether it's making phone calls, running errands, or setting up equipment, your help is much needed and appreciated. If you are eager to be a part of the Streetfest team, please send an email with to [troper@fergusoncity.com](mailto:troper@fergusoncity.com).

The FSBD would like to thank the Ferguson businesses who attended our quarterly meeting on June 16, 2015. We were very pleased with the many new faces in attendance, and of course, our constant staple of individuals who attend each breakfast. It is our goal to continue to provide you with information and communication essential and vital to your businesses. Be on the lookout for upcoming information on our next quarterly breakfast scheduled for the fall of 2015.

(This section reserved for the General Membership Businesses of the FSBD.)

Every third Thursday of the month is our board meeting. We meet at 5:30 p.m. in the offices of Pearce Neikirk located at 427 S. Florissant Rd. Our next meeting is July 16, 2015. All businesses located in the Ferguson Special Business District are invited and welcomed. We would like to see you at our meetings. If there is anything that you would want to share with your fellow district businesses, let us know, we'd be happy to help you get the word out.

Until next month, keep walking.

## The Plumber's Crack

By Oh Baby [bigohbaby@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bigohbaby@sbcglobal.net)

Hot Summer Days, fire flies popping out at dusk, small explosions everywhere, parades, celebrations, BBQ grills smoking everywhere – it's got to be July and time for another riveting addition of the Plumbers Crack.



on toilet was emptying out. I went to the front door and sure enough there was a water main break. That little tube that fills your bowl back up was shoved down the overflow too far and started siphoning out. This same thing could have happened with my hose if I was filling

OK readers of the crack, we are going to go over a few of those summertime tips that I haven't done for a couple of years. June was very wet which usually means we are heading for a drought.

a pool, a fountain, or just laying in the garden watering flowers.

For those of you that use your hose with chemical dispensers for such things as fertilizers, soap dispensers, etc., this one is for you. Many dangers lie within that hose. It can be as deadly as a poisonous snake. How is that you ask? Well Oh Baby's gonna clue you in.

The bad part about it, the Water Company does not always notify people to boil water for a couple of days. Remember if there is a main break whether or not the Water company notifies you should boil your water for a couple of days. For you long time readers, you know what's coming next. How can we protect our water system from such a travesty. Well BigOh Baby gonna tell ya. You can run down to that local hardware store and tell Kim or Dee that you want anti siphon device and they will hook you up .

Let's say you have a yard like Oh Baby's back yard it's terraced and landscaped. I hook up the old hose to the fertilizer, my phone rings. I lay the hose down, go answer the phone and it's the neighbor up the street telling there is water shooting up the middle of the street. I explain it's a water main break and you will probably lose your water while it's being repaired. It dawns on me I left the hose with chemical feeder on it laying on the terrace. I run back to find it's all being siphoned back into my water system and into the water main. Bam! now somebody can get sick or die. I just witnessed this first hand last month. Not the getting sick and causing death, but the water main break and the back siphonage.

It's time for Oh Baby's word of the month. Ready, are you sitting down. OK here it is. It's a Vacuum Breaker. A device you can screw on to your hose faucet which opens up when siphonage occurs and let's water on the ground.

I was walking thru my house and heard a sucking gurgling sound. I went in the bathroom and my tank

OK people, it's time for public service announcement – 4th July parade – be there or be square. Afterwards head to the park and join your neighbors for food fun and music. It's what has united this city forever. Special thanks to the 4th of July committee for doing this; we could always use more members; come join us. Don't forget our award winning Farmers Market every Saturday. Most of all hug dem babies, check on your neighbors and God Bless.

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**Copy or ads for the paper must be received by the 15th of the month for insertion in the following month's paper.**

## Scott Negwer to be Grand Marshall of the Ferguson 4th of July Parade

Scott Negwer, family business owner of Negwer Materials, is the 2015 Ferguson 4th of July Parade Marshall. Scott was chosen for this honor because of his continual commitment to Ferguson. His company has sponsored many events in Ferguson, including, but not limited to, the recent very successful 5K/10K Twilight Run Walk. For many years, his trucks and drivers have participated in the 4th of July Festival parade. "All we had to do was ask," said one of the many participants.

In 1924, Negwer Materials began as a Ferguson business when Scott's grandfather opened the doors on Florissant Road by the police station. His grandfather started delivering milk, then expanded to selling and delivering feed, seed, coal, sand, and gravel. After Scott's father, Bob, took over the company, it began to expand and now sells drywall, doors, trusses, wood, and other building supplies.



Scott worked at the family business as long as he can remember. After college, Scott shifted to inside sales. When his father semi-retired, Scott took over the business as President.

Scott is 58 years old married to his wife, Jennifer, for 32 years. Scott and Jennifer have three children; Michelle, Linsey, and Kurt. Kurt, who is the youngest of the children, continues the family tradition by working for the company.

In 1986, after major expansion, Negwer Materials has grown and today has 9 distribution centers across the Midwest. Ferguson is still the main headquarters and Scott said he plans on staying here and has no plans to retire. He enjoyed growing up in Ferguson and still considers it his hometown.

Scott, his wife Jennifer, his father Bob, and mother, Esther, have been tremendous supporters of the city of Ferguson and it's people for decades. Congratulations Scott Negwer for being chosen 2015 Ferguson 4th of July Parade Marshall.

## Gail Babcock Chosen As Ferguson 4th of July Citizen of the Year

Gail Babcock has generously and unselfishly volunteered her time, energy and personal resources to make Ferguson a better place to live and work.



When her daughter, Meghan, died of a drug overdose at age 23, Gail began to search for a way to help local youth who were beginning to choose the wrong lifestyle. Some of the youth who had broken minor laws had no means to pay their fines, so they avoided going to court and ended up having warrants issued for their arrests. Gail tried to find a creative way to help them learn from their mistakes, and to turn their lives around before they got into real trouble. She sought out resources that might work with her to develop an alternative to going to jail.

The result of her hard work and dedication was the start of the Ferguson Community Service Program, in partnership with the Ferguson Youth Initiative, Adolescent Resource Center, and Provident Counseling. Together, these resources make a big difference. They were in full swing by February of last year when a few teens were involved in the program. Several more joined the program at each court date. Gail strives to build a relationship with the teens so that her charges have a more positive outlook on, and feel good about their future. Her efforts have been successful. Several of the youth have now become mentors to the new teens in the program.

As if all of Gail's efforts for helping young teens were not enough, she was recently rewarded with the opening of the Boys and Girls Club in Ferguson. She was very instrumental in bringing that organization to our community. The organization offers classes, sports, mentoring and tutoring services to children ages 6 to 18. This latest and sixth location of Boys and Girls Club is located at Ferguson Middle School.

Gail's work in the Ferguson Community Service program earned her a nomination for the "Pay It Forward Award 2015."

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**MOVING TO A NEW DATE!**  
**Sunday, September 13, 2015**  
**3:00 — 6:00 p.m.**

Event location { Savoy Banquet Center  
 119 S Florissant Rd  
 Ferguson, MO 63135 } 




Gail and Councilman, Dwayne James, share an award at the Ferguson Youth Initiative Banquet.

She was selected to attend the UMSL Neighborhood Leadership Academy class in 2014. Each attendee of this academy designs a project they want to see to fruition. Gail chose to lead the Ferguson Youth Initiative group to create "Project Mural," a collaborative art project connecting teens in Ferguson and surrounding communities. The project created a mural of eight panels to spell out 'One Love' and featured a heart on the eighth panel. The panels were displayed throughout Ferguson, and participating teens worked together to encourage residents and visitors to visit the sites of all the panels. Her project was recognized in the Alumni News of NLA.

Gail has lived in Ferguson for 17 years, has two children, loves to garden and is an avid reader. She likes sitting on her back patio and reading a good book while enjoying her beautiful garden. But, she especially enjoys spending time with her twin grandsons.

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[FergusonStreetFest.com](http://FergusonStreetFest.com)

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1. Are you a resident? Join the committee, work a booth at StreetFest & meet your neighbors!
2. Are you a business? Become a sponsor by making monetary or in-kind donation.
3. Do you make unique gifts or treats? Sell your items at StreetFest!

For additional information go to [www.fergusonstreetfest.com](http://www.fergusonstreetfest.com) or call 314-524-5197.



# Ferguson Community News Page

## We can't have a community, without "unity"

By Mayor James W. Knowles III

*"Society is unity in diversity"*

— George Herbert Mead, 1863-1931 - American Philosopher, Sociologist, Psychologist



This month we celebrate nearly 240 years since our Declaration of Independence from the British Empire. We generally consider July 4th as the day that our nation was born. It is the day we all come together from different states and many different backgrounds, to unite under one flag and celebrate the common cause of unity and liberty. For all the fanfare and unity of July 4th, the truth is on July 4th 1776, the citizens of the 13 colonies were not completely united.

Sure, the Declaration of Independence proclaims that the document was in fact "The Unanimous Declaration of the thirteen United States of America." That sounds pretty clear that everyone was on board with severing ties with Great Britain. But the truth is that a number of delegates to the Continental Congress were not supportive of a declaration of complete independence. In fact government assemblies in several colonies fought back and forth regarding how they instructed their representatives to vote on such a declaration, causing it to be delayed until July.

Even after the Declaration was signed, some historians estimate as many as 20% of the men, women and children living in the colonies at the time remained loyal to the British Crown. Many of these colonists actively opposed the colonial governments and the move toward independence; some even supplied British troops and fought alongside the British forces during the Revolutionary War.

As the Revolutionary War progressed, with Patriot forces driving British from cities, it was not uncommon for some overzealous troops and their commanders to punish Loyalists by taking their land and even hanging them as a warning to others. This practice was condemned by our early government and leaders like Gen. Washington, but it does show the severity of the divide between neighbors during this conflict.

After the surrender of British Forces at Yorktown and later the Treaty of Paris, the stinging divide between the Patriots and former Loyalists to the British Crown remained. The treatment of the dissenters who supported the Crown was unfortunately harsh and contrary to the very principles that Patriots fought and died to protect. Many Loyalists felt the need to flee to Canada and Nova Scotia, some fled to other parts of the British Empire that remained in the New World. While many did flee the persecution that lingered after the war, most stayed and assimilated into this newly formed nation.

Patriots and Loyalists, even at the height of their dispute, still had a great deal of common ground to work with. Security, stability, economic opportunity, and the future of their families were all issues that men and women on both sides could agree on, and eventually citizens descending from both groups grew united on those many common issues.

Over the past two centuries, these United States have been deeply divided on a number of issues, but with one exception, we've found a way to remain united around a common set of principles. Today as our country, and our community continues to debate a number of issues that illustrate a diversity of thought and opinion, we should be reminded that our country has never universally agreed. It's not the nature of society, and certainly not the nature of man.

But in order to support civil society and community, we must find a way to unite in that diversity, and embrace it. If we are going to discuss those difficult issues, it cannot be done in a manner that silences or criticizes dissent. That will only breed animosity. Those who wish to punish dissenters or drive away those who don't conform to a certain opinion are destructive to the basic tenants of having a community. Dialogue and discourse does not always end in complete agreement, it rarely does. But it can, and should create understanding, and hopefully identify common ground that we can all unify around.

While we celebrate the many great deeds of our fore bearers this July 4th, and as we unify around the symbol of this great nation; we should work to live out the principles they fought for, while seeking to not to repeat some of their transgressions.

## City of Ferguson Hires Interim Solutions LLC, as its Management Staffing Agency

The Ferguson City Council has approved a contract with Interim Solutions, LLC, a municipal government staffing agency to employ Ed Beasley as Interim City Manager effective Wednesday, June 10, 2015.

Beasley has over 27 years of experience as a local government manager, including 10 years as City Manager for Glendale, Arizona where he was responsible for managing an annual budget of about \$1.1 billion and a staff of over 2,000 full-time and temporary employees.

"We truly understand this is a very unique situation in the City of Ferguson," said Mayor James Knowles III. "But our main focus and goal is to continue to provide the highest level of customer service to our residents and we are grateful that Interim Solutions, LLC and Ed Beasley are now a part of the team."

Interim Solutions LLC uses experienced executives and directors to temporarily fill a vacant position until it is permanently filled. "Our Interim Executives and Directors are ethical, qualified, and experienced professionals," said J. Jeff Hancock, President of Interim Solutions LLC. "I am confident that with Ed's guidance, The City of Ferguson can continue to build a stronger community until a permanent City Manager is hired."

The City has budgeted \$130,000 for the City Manager's salary and benefits of 30%, or \$39,000 in the annual budget for the upcoming 2015-16 fiscal year. The contract with Interim Solutions is for a three-month term, with one possible extension of an additional 3 three months. The total cost of the contract including the City Manager's salary and a stipend for housing, for the full six-month term is \$84,500, which is half of the budgeted salary and benefits for a City Manager.

The City of Ferguson will continue the process to hire an executive search firm to assist with the nationwide search for a permanent City Manager.



The Ferguson City Council will meet only once in July. All meetings will be held in the City Council Chambers at 110 Church Street. The meeting date are:

**Tuesday, July 28 at 7:00 p.m.**

## Ferguson Neighborhood Organizations

Dates & times subject to change. Check [www.fergusoncity.com](http://www.fergusoncity.com)

Group	Next Mtg.	Location	Contact
Forestwood Park Neighborhood Group	July 7 7 pm	Emmaus Bible Chapel 900 Highmont	Donald Stevens 314-561-0379
Jeske Park Neighborhood Assn.	Mtg as Needed Watch for signs	Ferg Community Ctr. 1050 Smith Ave	Kate Mazzacavallo katemazza@yahoo.com
Nesbit-Newton	TBA	Nesbit-Newton Park	Paul Beins 314-869-5080
Northwest Ferguson	July 20 7 pm	First Baptist Church 333 N Florissant	Shelley Davis leeshel57@sbcglobal.net
Old Ferguson East Neighborhood Assn.	TBA	Corner Coffee House 100 N Florissant	Glenda Rickard 314-364-4306 glenda.rickard@mercy.net
Old Ferguson West Neighbors	July 23 7 pm	Corner Coffee House 100 No Florissant	Larry Robinett ldrobinett@gmail.com
Robert-Superior Neighborhood Group	TBA	Robert-Superior Park	Irene Kidd kiddirene87@gmail.com
Southwest Ferguson Neighborhood Group	July 13 7 pm	Our Lady of Guadalupe 17 Hawkesbury	Atefa Young atefayoung@yahoo.com
Wabash Neighborhood Assn.	July 13 7 pm	First Baptist 333 N Florissant	Shonnette Morgan sdenisemor@hotmail.com
North Hudson Neighborhood	July 20 7 pm	TBA	Mary Simmons hudsonhills63135@gmail.com
North Hills Neighborhood	TBA	Check website or call for updates	Keith Kallstrom 314-524-1720
North Elizabeth Assn	July 20 7 pm	Ferg Community Ctr. 1050 Smith Ave	Renee Benage rbenage@sbcglobal.net

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Be sure to stop by the Recreation Office to register or call us at (314) 521-4661.

## COMMUNITY CENTER

### Facility Rentals

Use one of the Ferguson Community Center's Multipurpose Rooms for your next event or gathering. These spacious rooms are perfect for any occasion. Also, newly opened is the Ferguson Event Center, a 5600 square foot air-conditioned facility with a stage toward the front of the room, which can accommodate up to 450 guests for your next wedding reception or family reunion. Call up to the Ferguson Community Center for booking information, pricing, and any additional information at (314) 521-4661.

### Ferguson Flicks

The Ferguson summer movie series will again take place in 3 neighborhood parks as well as three nights at our new Community Center. Bring your lawn chairs and/or blankets and take this opportunity to enjoy a beautiful night under the stars. Movies start at 8:45 pm and are always FREE!

Location	Date	Movie
Dade Park	Friday, July 10	Anne
Community Center	Friday, July 24	Boxtrolls

## PROGRAMMING

### Children's Tumbling

This class starts off with coordination and balance exercises followed by basic tumbling skills such as forward rolls, back bends, and cartwheels. Gymnastic or ballet shoes, leotard and tights are highly recommended but not required. No jeans, baggy clothing, tennis shoes, or bare feet. Ballet shoes recommended.

Age: 3 ½-7 years old  
 Start Date: Mon, July 13 (8 week session); Wed, July 15 (8 week session)  
 Time: 6pm-6:50pm  
 Location: Ferguson Community Center  
 Fee: \$34/Members; \$39/Residents; \$44/Non-Residents

### Children's Tap & Ballet Dance

A wonderful opportunity for a child to learn creative movement along with simple dance steps and routines in tap and ballet. Tap and ballet shoes, leotard and tights are highly recommended but not required. No jeans, baggy clothing, tennis shoes, or bare feet. Ballet shoes recommended.

Age: 3 ½-7 years old  
 Start Date: Mon, July 13 (8 week session); Wed, July 15 (8 week session)  
 Time: 7pm-7:50pm  
 Location: Ferguson Community Center  
 Fee: \$34/Members; \$39/Residents; \$44/Non-Residents

### Hip Hop/ Jazz Dance

High energy class, starts with a warm-up and stretching exercises followed by dance skills in hip hop and jazz which will be incorporated into dance routines. Jazz shoes highly recommended but not required. Stretch pants should be worn. No jeans or baggy clothing, tennis shoes, or bare feet.

Age: 7-15 years old  
 Start Date: Wed, July 15 (8 week session)  
 Location: Ferguson Community Center  
 Fee: \$34/Members; \$39/Residents; \$44/Non-Residents

### Beginning Adult Dance

Warm-up with easy Freestyle dance steps followed by basics in Waltz, Fox Trot, Tango, Cha-Cha, Rumba, Salsa, and Swing (learning these dance styles will enable participants to dance at any social event). Class is taught by Diane Brown who has 30 plus years dance and choreography experience in the St. Louis area. Wear comfortable clothing and hard-soled shoes. No tennis shoes.

Age: 18 & Up  
 Start Date: Mon, July 13 (8 week session)  
 Location: Ferguson Community Center  
 Fee: \$40/Members; \$45/Residents; \$50/Non-Residents

### Summer Day Camp

Join the Ferguson Recreation Staff for an action packed summer of fun and excitement! Campers will spend most of their time at the Ferguson Community Center where they will enjoy games, activities, crafts, and loads of fun. They will swim twice each week at the Splash at Wabash facility. Campers will also visit several local parks and area attractions throughout the summer.

Age: 6-14 years old  
 Time: 9am-4pm  
 Location: Ferguson Community Center  
 Fee: \$70 per week/Members; \$80 per week/Residents;  
 \$90 per week/Non-Residents

Before Care:  
 Time: 7am-9am  
 Fee: \$10 per week/Members; 15 per week/Residents;  
 \$15 per week/Non-Residents

After Care:  
 Time: 4pm-6pm  
 Fee: \$10 per week/Members;  
 \$15 per week/Residents;

\$15 per week/Non-Residents  
 Before & After:  
 Fee: \$20 per week/Members; \$25 per week/Residents;  
 \$25 per week/Non-Residents

### Wayside Park Unleashed

This park is for the dogs, accompanied by responsible owners, to play without leashes. The facility offers a great opportunity for individuals to spend quality time with their dogs and friends while enjoying the park. The park features both small dog and large dog areas.

The park is open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. Registration is required and can be completed at the recreation office. Owners will need to bring up-to-date shot records: rabies, DHPP and Bordetella.

Yearly Fee: \$30 Residents; \$60 Non-Residents  
 \$5 per additional dog (three dogs per family).

## FITNESS

### Aerobics

This fitness program is designed for all skill levels. High Impact will improve your heart rate, increase energy levels, as well as improve strength and flexibility.

Age: 18 years & up  
 Date: Mon, Aug 17; Wed, Aug 19; Fri, Aug 21  
 (Ongoing 6 week sessions)  
 Time: Mon, Wed, & Fri 6pm-7pm  
 Location: Ferguson Community Center  
 Fee: \$25/Members; \$30/Residents; \$35/Non-Residents  
 To Add an Additional Day:  
 \$10/members add day; \$15/residents add day  
 \$20/non-residents add day

### Zumba

Latin-inspired, dance-themed workout featuring aerobic & interval training with a combination of fast & slow rhythms that tone & sculpt the body. Ditch the workout and join the party!

Age: 18 years & up  
 Start Date: Sat, Aug 8 (Ongoing 6 week sessions)  
 Time: Sat 9am  
 Location: Ferguson Community Center  
 Fee: \$40/Members; \$45/Residents; \$50/Non-Residents

## AQUATICS

Cool off with us this summer at the Splash @ Wabash, Season Passes on Sale Now!

**Splash Phone (314) 521-1313**  
**Open Daily May 23 through August 9**

### Parties

**Private Parties-** Call the Ferguson Recreation Office to find out more about your next private party at The Splash at Wabash, perfect for any occasion! Available daily after normal operation hours, two hour minimum required. 314-521-4661

**Birthday Parties-** Make your next birthday a Splash! Party Package includes admission, party room use for 5 hours, cupcakes, utensils, and drinks. Maximum of 25 people (adults, kids, swimmers, & non swimmers included). Available Wednesdays, Fridays, or Saturdays only. Two week advanced registration required. Call for more details.

### Open Swim

Mon, Thurs, and Sun (1:15 - 6:00 p.m.) – Tues and Sat (1:15 - 7:00 p.m.)  
 Wed and Fri (1:15 - 8:00 p.m.)

### Family Memberships

Community Center Member **Only \$99!**  
 Resident \$135; Non Resident \$210

### Individuals Memberships:

Community Center Member **Only \$50!**  
 Resident \$65; Non Resident \$125

### Non Club Membership:

Individual - \$25 Resident Mini - Member  
 (10 individual uses)

### Teen Nights at the Splash

Teens get your friends together and come enjoy nights at the Splash, there is only 1 catch, **ONLY TEENS ALLOWED IN!** Enjoy all the features of the pool, race your friends down the slides, show your best dive, and visit the concession stand. Attendance prizes will be given away as well!

Fridays from 8pm-10:00pm  
 July 10, August 21  
 \$11 Member, \$3 Resident, \$5 Non Resident

**Swim Lessons offered all summer long, sessions begin June 1st.**  
**Call and register today!**

*Parks & Rec info continues on Page 6*

**SENIORS**

**Senior Center**

The Ferguson Senior Center offers a variety of activities, classes and programs for residents. We offer a number of leisure and recreation opportunities to enhance the quality of life. Activities at the center include clubs, classes, social activities, entertainment, games, fitness, health, and education. Call the office to be placed on a list to receive our monthly event schedules.

**Lunch and Bingo**

Time to get out and treat yourself to an afternoon of Lunch and Bingo. Our May bingo event celebrates the upcoming of summer with a lunch and bingo featuring your choice of chicken or beef. Cost includes lunch as well as bingo.

Date: Thurs, July 23  
 Time: 11:30pm-2:30pm  
 Location: Ferguson Community Center  
 Fee: \$8/Members; \$12/Residents; \$15/Non-Residents

**TRIPS**

**Meskwaki Casino Tama, Iowa**

Travel with Ferguson Recreation to Tama, Iowa and Meskwaki Bingo and Casino Hall. Cost of the trip includes: motor coach transportation, all admissions, 3 \$5 coupons good at any food outlet as well as the gift shop or spa, lodging and gratuities plus \$60 in promo dollars on your card. Don't forget your photo I.D.

Ages: 21 and up  
 Date: Tues, July 14- Thurs, July 16  
 Time: 7:00am-8:30pm  
 Fee: \$136/Residents; \$151/Non-Residents

**Fairmount Park**

Join us as we make our way to the races in Collinsville, IL. Experience this popular destination as we enjoy the fantastic view of thoroughbred horse racing. We will also provide you with racing forms. A scrumptious lunch buffet will be served at the Black Stallion Room. Cost includes lunch and race admissions.

Ages: 18 and up  
 Date: Tues, July 28  
 Time: 10:30am-5:00pm  
 Fee: \$15/Residents; \$50/Non-Residents

**Tropicana Casino-Evansville, Indiana**

Bring along your good luck and join the gang on this day of fun to Evansville, Indiana at Tropicana Casino. A \$9.95 voucher towards any restaurant, plus \$10 in tokens, transportation, gratuities and a fund day is all included in the price. Remember that you MUST have a picture ID with you. Don't forget your money, bring a good appetite and we'll see you there. Cost includes: Motor coach transportation, lunch, and all gratuities.

Ages: 21 and up  
 Date: Tues, Aug 4  
 Time: 8:30am-8:30pm  
 Fee: \$34/Residents; \$39/Non-Residents

**Brewers vs Cardinals**

Travel north to Milwaukee and see the Cardinals take on the Brewers in what could be a battle for the division title. Upon arrival in Milwaukee check into the hotel before heading to a progressive meal adventure. The next day we will spend the morning visiting the Harley Davidson Museum and learning about the history and culture of this iconic American company. In the afternoon take a historic Milwaukee Boat Ride.

Ages: 18 and up  
 Date: Fri Aug 7-Sun. Aug 9  
 Time: 7:00am-10:00pm  
 Fee: \$570/Residents; \$595/Non-Residents

**North County Inc.'s Free Small Business Workshops**

The right building blocks are critical for a building's strength and longevity. Getting the right building blocks, or resources, for your business is equally important. The Building Blocks for Growing Your Business is a series of free workshops for business owners in Ferguson, Dellwood and Jennings to learn, apply and grow their company.

To register for the free workshops please visit North County Inc.'s website: <http://northstlouiscounty.com/events/business-workshops/>

The Ferguson Civilian Review Board Task Force will be hosting a **Town Hall meeting on Wednesday, July 1** at 6:30 p.m. at the Ferguson Community Center to discuss their work related to the establishment of a Civilian Review Board for the City of Ferguson.



**July 19, 2015 – 1:00-4:00pm**

Presented by Ferguson Sunday Parkways & the Ferguson Youth Initiative. **To be held at the Ferguson Community Center.**

SUNDAY PARKWAYS are FREE events for you, your family and friends to play in car-free streets. You are invited to take to the

streets to walk, bike, run, and play! Streets will be closed in different Ferguson neighborhoods for each event.

Each of these FREE events will offer free information, cold drinks, healthy snacks and a variety of fun activities for all ages, including:

**Activities**

- 3-on-3 Basketball
- 7-on-7 Flag Football
- Bike Blended Smoothies
- Boxing Exhibition
- Clowns & Face Painting
- Disc Golf
- Double Dutch
- Free Helmet Fittings
- Life Size Checkers
- Mural Paint Wall
- Obstacle Course
- Paint Balloon Fight
- Rock Climbing Wall
- Yoga

**Booths**

- Challenger Learning Center
- City of Ferguson
- EarthDance
- Ferguson-Florissant School District
- Ferguson Municipal Library
- The Strings Attached Project
- Ferguson Youth Initiative
- Community Service Program
- Earn-A-Bike Program
- Plus FREE Food!!

This event is designed for everyone... especially families!

- Promotes physical activity and fitness
- Encourages people to consider biking or walking as a viable form of transportation
- Creates social networks among neighbors who might not otherwise meet
- Builds a sense of community through shared activity in a no-pressure environment
- Returns a sense of ownership of the streets to the people
- Gives people an up close view of their town
- Builds support systems among neighbors

**Joint Venture Trains and Inspires Ferguson Entrepreneurs**

—By Bridjes O'Neil

Ferguson resident Tex Miley has some big dreams. And his hometown wants to help in bringing them to life. Miley, 42, has developed a spice seasoning that he calls "Tex-S." He has begun to sell it in small quantities to family, friends, and a butcher shop. He hopes to gain a better grasp of mass production and marketing through an entrepreneurship program called "Who Owns the Ice House," a project sponsored jointly by the city of Ferguson, Ameristar Casino, and Lindenwood University.

The weekly sessions recently ended at Lindenwood's North County location in Ferguson. David Rosenwasser, a faculty member and director of Lindenwood's Duree Center for Entrepreneurship, said he saw the new program as an opportunity to get residents on a fast track into developing new businesses. You don't need a college degree to be an entrepreneur, he said. And, in this instance, the price was right: free.

"The people over at Ameristar Casino in St. Charles came forward with a generous naming rights sponsorship, which made it possible for us to provide all of this," he said.

He said Lindenwood absorbed course expenses and provided the use of a laptop for the length of the program.

Tex Miley was among 11 program participants. After developing his spice business, he hopes to someday open a restaurant. "I learned that I could participate in different fairs that come up around the area," he said. "If I don't start my restaurant, I can maybe rent someone else's kitchen and kind of start from there."

During the session, participants have an opportunity to hear inspiring stories from other entrepreneurs like Lisa Thompson, a doctoral candidate at Lindenwood and full-time reading specialist for the St. Louis Public Schools. Thompson is a budding entrepreneur specializing in refashioning used women's coats.

Miley said connecting with others was most beneficial. He noticed that many participants had the same apprehensions that he had, including being afraid to quit safer 9-to-5 jobs.

Rosenwasser hopes to start another program this fall that will be geared toward elementary and Middle School students in Ferguson.



### Come join us for **SUMMER CAMP** at **Zion Lutheran Child Development Center!**

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See you at the Fish Fries!

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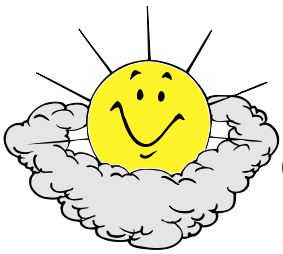


## Neil Simon's **FOOLS**

Friday, July 10 and Saturday, July 11 at 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday, July 12 at 2:00 p.m.

At Trinity Catholic High School  
1720 Redman Road

Admission: \$8.00    Students/Children \$5.00



### Vacation Bible School

Ages: Kindergarten - 5th grade  
**July 13-17**

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Ferguson Christian Church  
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### BTC Youth Group **Pasta Dinner**

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## The North County Laugh Club

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St. Stephen's Episcopal Church  
33 N. Clay Ave., Ferguson, MO 63135

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July 24-26, 2015

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Facebook: Berkeley Sr. High Alumni Class of the 90's

## Ferguson Fire Department Wants You to Have a Fun and Safe 4th of July

As Independence Day draws near, the Ferguson Fire Department would like to remind everyone of the inherent dangers of fireworks. Consider the following facts compiled by the National Fire Protection Assoc. concerning consumer fireworks:

- In 2010, fireworks caused an estimated 15,500 reported fires, including 1,100 total structure fires, 300 vehicle fires, and 14,100 outside and other fires. These fires resulted in an estimated eight reported civilian deaths, 60 civilian injuries and \$36 million in direct property damage.
- In 2010, U.S. hospital emergency rooms treated an estimated 8,600 people for fireworks related injuries; 57% of 2010 emergency room fireworks-related injuries were to the extremities and 37% were to the head.
- The risk of fireworks injury was highest for children ages 5-14, with more than twice the risk for the general population.
- On Independence Day in a typical year, far more U.S. fires are reported than on any other day. Fireworks account for two out of five of those fires, more than any other cause.

The U.S. Fire Administration states that "The best way to protect your family is not to use fireworks at home – period. The U.S. Fire Administration recommends attending public fireworks displays and leaving the lighting to the professionals."

Additionally, consumer fireworks are **ILLEGAL** in St. Louis County. That being said, history proves that many of you will still choose to celebrate using fireworks. If so, please keep the following tips in mind:

- Never light fireworks indoors or near dry grass.
- Always have a bucket of water and/or a fire extinguisher nearby. Know how to properly operate the fire extinguisher.
- Do not wear loose clothing while using fireworks.
- Stand several feet away from lighted fireworks. If fireworks do not go off, do not stand over them to investigate; douse them with water and carefully dispose of them.
- Always read the directions and warning labels on fireworks. If the fireworks are not marked with the contents, directions, and warning labels, do not light them.
- Supervise children around fireworks at all times.
- If not handled properly, fireworks can cause burn and eye injuries in children and adults. The best way to enjoy fireworks is to visit public fireworks displays put on by professionals who know how to safely handle fireworks

## Grilling Safety

- Position the grill well away from siding, deck railings and out from under leaves and branches.
- Place the grill at a safe distance from lawn games, play areas and foot traffic.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area: declare a three-foot "safe zone" around the grill.  
Use long-handled grilling tools to have plenty of clearance from heat and flames.
- Propane and charcoal grills must only be used outdoors. If used indoors, or in any enclosed spaces, such as tents, they pose both a fire hazard and the risk of exposing occupants to toxic gases and potential asphyxiation.

### Charcoal

- Use the proper starter fluid and store it out of reach of children and away from heat sources.
- Never add charcoal starter fluid when coals or kindling have already been ignited.
- Never use any flammable or combustible liquid other than charcoal starter fluid.

### Propane

- Use only equipment bearing the mark of an independent testing laboratory. Follow the manufacturers' instructions on how to set up the grill and maintain it.
- Never store propane cylinders in buildings or garages.
- If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not attempt to move the grill.

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## Groundbreaking Ceremony

St. Peter's United Church of Christ broke ground for a new building on the church property at 1425 Stein Road in Ferguson. The new building will be called the Ferguson-Dellwood Community Resource Center, LLC and has been organized as a nonprofit corporation.

The mission of the center is to address individual, and family needs in collaboration with community stakeholders, emphasizing programs that inspire, empower, and support residents of the Ferguson-Dellwood area to reach their full potential.

The center will provide space for non-profit organizations to serve North County clients, expanded space for a free medical clinic, meeting rooms, a chapel, and even more endeavors that are currently in planning stages. There will be collaborations to create relationships and provide a genuine presence within this rich community of North County. The building is scheduled to be completed within seven months.



Picture left to right: Rev. Frank Proctor-Pastor, James Knowles- Ferguson Mayor, U.C.C. Conference Minister- Rev. Allen Fluent, Reggie Jones-Dellwood Mayor, Donna Spaulding-President of Corporation, Rev. Josh Pruitt- Assoc. Minister, and Chuck Moyer-Church Council President.

Photo by Elizabeth Ruhbeck

# The Ferguson Computer Corner



by Doug Neely  
(he likes to eat, drink, & make things go BANG SAFELY!)

## New Month, New Internet Service Provider!

yes, friends, we finally ditched AT&T. no love lost there, i assure you. we chose to go with Charter Cable, as they gave us a LOT more bandwidth downstream than we have ever had: 100Mbps. coming from AT&T's 1.5Mbps, that's a big jump. and here's the clincher: the cost is the same! go figure!

so, after about 3 weeks, we had to have a service call. it seems that our speeds were fluctuating wildly, and we were well below the 100Mbps. in fact, well below 70Mbps, which is their guaranteed minimum. i told them that i believe that there is something wrong with the modem, and that the router was dead. i had a spare router, so i used that for 2 days until the team got here to fix it all. yes, team. one tech and his supervisor. they tracked down the problem: a bad modem and a dead router. it took almost 3 hours, but they stayed on point until the job was completed to my satisfaction. good men.

### Additional Notes, dept.

1. last month, i gave you testmy.net as a good place to test your speed.
2. this month, add speedof.me
3. also try <http://speedtest.charter.com/>
4. flash is required for #3, but not for #1&2
5. #3 will show you a much faster speed than #1 or #2, as the Charter server that hosts the test is in Olivette. the other sites use servers outside of our area, likely outside our state. also, your test runs thru all the servers that connect you to the test server, wherever it is, but you will have a direct

connection to the Charter server in Olivette. (this is one reason why some websites may load more slowly than others, but it is not the only reason.)

6. generally speaking, the further away the server is that serves the website you want to connect to, the more servers you have to go thru to connect. each one will slow your speed a little bit.

7. remember this: your internet speed is not constant; it WILL vary, and for too many reasons for me to address here. but, it SHOULD remain within a certain percentage of what it is supposed to be. contact your Internet Service Provider for details.

8. remember this, too: computers are very fast, but they do not do anything instantaneously.

### ME GO NOW!

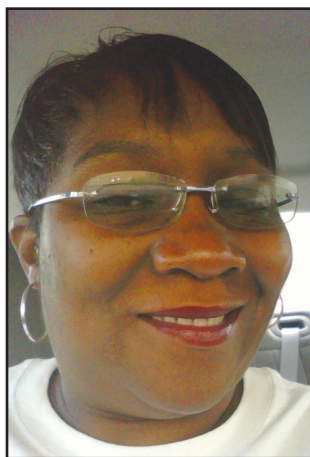
Happy Fourth of July! i hope & pray that all of us will have a safe & enjoyable holiday. please do remember that our forbearers paid a heavy price for the freedoms we now enjoy. why not say thanks to God for them all? God, guns, and guts made America, and keeps her strong today! (your connection to God is instantaneous, and it is never down!)

...it is now safe to turn on your computer!

If you would like to ask Doug for his FREE puter advice, call him at: \*314\*521\*1789\* in the afternoon or evening. EMAIL is at: [fergusoncomputercorner@aol.com](mailto:fergusoncomputercorner@aol.com). Put this into the subject line: i need puter advice. Do NOT forget to include your local telephone #, or you may not get a reply!  
ENJOY JULY 4th, 2015 RESPONSIBLY!!!

# How to Get More Out of Your Social Media Campaigns

By LaTease Rikard



The last couple of columns I've been emphasizing how important keyword and key phrase selection is. Some of you may have been thinking, 'just get to the point already!' Well, there is a method to my madness! Because this month, I'm going to show you how the discovery of relevant keywords and key phrases will increase your social media engagement levels. Use those relevant words and phrases to attract new customers who may be searching for your product.


As always, you listen to your customers, both offline and especially online. Some customers will say things online about your business but wouldn't dare say the same things offline to your face. With that in mind, consider ALL social media comments, complaints, etc. as valuable interactions. Positive comments and compliments are always welcome, but I'm a huge advocate of favoring the negative comments over the happy ones. You see, the negative comments are often closer to reality than the positive ones. When a customer is satisfied with your business, it's not because you did so well, but more along the lines of, it is an expectation that you do well. Understand, if you meet the basic expectations of the customer experience, you will most likely receive positive feedback. The problem comes in when you don't meet their expectations.

Before social media, customers would call a customer service department or even write a letter (anyone still do that?) to complain about poor service. You were lucky if your issue was resolved to your satisfaction using this method. During those times, business owners controlled the customer experience, good or bad. It was their product, their company, and no one cared if you told your friends. Today, it's a whole new ballgame. Social media has created an instant two-way street of communication where the customer can immediately receive response to their feedback; even if the experience is negative. That immediacy can cause great harm to the reputation, the credibility of the business if not handled properly. Now, the customer is in control and you, the business owner, have to work harder at building and maintaining those relationships. However, bad news can be a good thing if you manage it properly. Let me share something with you.

Whenever a customer writes a damaging comment on your Facebook Business Page or within your Twitter Business account, you should respond as soon as possible. Waiting too long to address the issue appears as if your business isn't concerned about its customers. The way to respond to negative comments or opinions is to address them head-on; begin with an apology, then restate the complaint to obtain clarification of the issue. At that point, you must become a customer service specialist and fix the problem. Once you fix the problem, it doesn't hurt to give a coupon or discount on future services to the customer. Handling negativity in the realm of social media is called digital crisis management. The way you handle any potential digital crisis is immediately, apologetically, and hopefully with a win-win resolution for all. Not having a crisis management plan ready can spell the death of a brands' image. You've worked too hard to build your company's' reputation; don't let one incident on Facebook or Twitter ruin your efforts.

Thanks for reading and keeping up with my column. It's an honor and a pleasure to provide helpful digital marketing information that will help your business grow. Next month, we'll talk about the hot topic of the moment: content creation that helps grow your Facebook Business Page!

Email me at [lateaserikard@yahoo.com](mailto:lateaserikard@yahoo.com) with column suggestions or questions about using social media marketing for your business. I'll respond within 24 hours to your email.



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## Financial Focus

By Joan Cleaveland (consultjoan@att.net)  
 Business Manager for St. Joseph's Parish in Cottleville  
 Lindenwood University BA – Business Administration.

Mayor Slay is working hard to get the minimum wage in the City of St. Louis raised. If approved the minimum wage would immediately jump to \$10 per hour and then go up \$1.25 each year until reaching \$15 per hour in five years. Last year city employees were bumped up to \$10.10 per hour and most of us didn't notice. But a lot can happen in five years, so the gradual move may not have the change he is hoping for. It may be popular with many of those who will be directly affected, however we may want to look at the possible effects.

The State minimum wage is \$7.65 which is actually higher than the Federal minimum wage of \$7.25. I personally know one person who makes less than \$8 an hour and this person isn't supporting a family. He just got his first part-time job 2 months ago and hopes his earnings will pay for car insurance and car repairs. Most of us think of this type of person when we think of an entry level job paying minimum wage. To support a family or even just oneself would be tough on minimum wage. A recent study by the National Low Income Housing Coalition figured that a worker must earn \$15.69 per hour to afford a two bedroom apartment in St. Louis. Opponents point out that minimum wage wasn't intended to be able to support a family. We know from recent events across the country that while it may not be intended there are many people attempting to support a family because they have few other job opportunities.

So what will happen to all of the people who are making about \$12 per hour? Some of these people had to start off making considerably less and thru hard work and possibly taking on more responsibilities, they got into a higher pay bracket. Will they automatically get a proportional raise? Of course, they would go up to \$15 if there aren't already there within the next 5 years. And in fairness those employees who are making less than \$15 should go up proportionally. So \$12 might go up to \$20. And when the cost of labor goes up, it stands to reason that the cost of goods will too. So this could trigger inflation which we haven't really seen in the past several years. That could be an effect.

In most jobs there are ceilings regarding how much the job is worth on the pay scale. For example at a restaurant a person hired to only sweep the floor may be paid the state's minimum wage of \$7.65 and perhaps the most this job could ever earn would be \$10 after a number of years in the job. Most positions have a pay range which indicates the estimate of how much it is worth. Over the years, we've seen jobs eliminated because a machine could do the job for less cost. And while the job may be quite important because a restaurant certainly wants clean floors, they may find "Rosie the Robot" can do just fine and she will cost less. So another consequence may be that some jobs could be eliminated.

The pay scale range for a manager at the restaurant would be considerably more than the person sweeping the floor. While the scheduling and directing that go with the job might be harder to delegate to a machine, parts of the job could allow perhaps for a less educated person to fill the position. Maybe inventory would be kept by a computer and restocking would be on auto pilot. In any case, I think we all realize that some jobs pay more than others for good reasons. And if all of these jobs start costing more because of the rise in minimum wage, businesses will need to expect increases in production to help control the cost of goods.

We may want to recall that during the mid-nineteenth century, the Industrial Revolution kicked off a period of factory workers being subjected to poor working conditions and low pay. Labor unions were formed to help workers demand more pay and better conditions. However, it wasn't until 1938 that the Fair Labor Standards Act was passed setting a minimum wage of \$.25 per hour. Just a few years before, the government had passed the Wagner Act which allowed employees to organize into trade unions. It also created the National Labor Relations Board which could require employers to engage in collective bargaining with the unions. It seems a little strange that today we are talking about the minimum wage while the state is working to pass the Right to Work Act which seems to hurt unions and possibly workers. While these two things are not directly related they both will have some consequences for the working poor.

The current Federal minimum wage is \$7.25 per hour and has been since July 24, 2009. It still doesn't seem like much even compared to the 25 cents per hour back in 1938. By the time, I got my first job, the rate was \$1.60, however because my employer was small and didn't meet the qualifications necessary to pay the minimum wage, I was only paid \$1.25 per hour. Since I wasn't trying to support myself it seemed like a pretty good amount which easily covered my expenses while in high school. Once I was on my own, I found out pretty quickly that I needed to earn more. As I mentioned earlier the people trying to live off the small amounts paid in many of the service jobs are having a tough time finding other types of higher paying jobs. When I wanted to earn more I worked at getting an education to help me and that is still pointed to as one of the best ways to improve your quality of life. So I do wonder if the solution is to raise wages without looking for ways to provide more opportunities first.

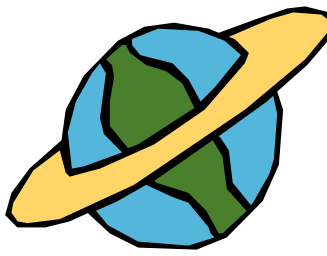
Earlier I mentioned the possible effects of the increase in wages. Jobs might be

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eliminated, costs will increase possibly causing inflation and businesses may decide to locate in other areas that have lower wage expectations. All over the country we are hearing about cities looking for ways to improve the quality of life for the working poor by raising wages. And this topic is likely to come up during the election as we are reminded of the increasing wage gaps between the wealthy and the poor. Maybe we'll hear some alternatives that might help more in the long run. I wonder if anyone would suggest a ceiling on wages that can be paid to executives?

Having people earn enough to cover their expenses and have some left over can only be good for the local economy. So maybe Mayor Slay has a point, but if we want to make lasting change I think we may need more in the way of education and job opportunities. As New York goes thru the same discussions, Governor Andrew Cuomo said "We believe if you work full-time you should be able to pay the rent and pay for food and not live in poverty. That's the basic promise of employment, and we're not there yet." While many may agree with him, finding the best solutions for this issue isn't going to be as easy as just raising the minimum wage. If you have comments or suggestions please e-mail [consultjoan@att.net](mailto:consultjoan@att.net)

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## Ferguson by Foot

By: Margaret Wolfinbarger



For many, Independence Day holds little meaning other than gathering for barbecue and a beer. I have been guilty of taking this American holiday for granted in years past, but as I grow older, and hopefully wiser, I have come to appreciate its importance. The Declaration of Independence was written by our founding fathers from a place of courage and strength, knowing full well what was to come, namely, war. It not only states the fundamental basic human rights to which we are all entitled, but also lists the wrongs done to the people of the

13 colonies. In essence, the writers laid their souls bare to expose the reasons why they were breaking ties with the country that birthed them. Say what you will about the personal lives of the founding fathers, if it were not for their bravery and leadership, we would not be standing as free men and women today.

Breaking free from tyranny is a complicated process. One must endure pain and suffering to know why they wish to be free. Then they must take steps, often in the form of great personal sacrifice, to remove the ties that bind them. In the case of our country, we offered the lives of our husbands, our fathers and our sons. We paid a high price, but the story of our nation gives me hope as I think about my own story.

For years I suffocated under the weight of intense shame over my lack of self-control. I was a slave to bad habits that were as ingrained in my consciousness as the creases on my elbows. I longed to break free but lacked the courage and fortitude to wage war with my body in order to improve my quality of life. Until one day someone pushed me too far. They called me out as unhealthy and dared to say I was apathetic about my condition. They had no idea how much I suffered and how I longed to lose weight. Basically, that person made me mad enough to do something about my wretched state. And when I say wretched, that is truly how I felt.

On a recent morning I jogged up a hill with rain drops pattering against my forehead. Thick, slate grey clouds billowed overhead and I considered the war I wage every day with myself. Again, I asked myself why I keep fighting when I frequently feel like giving up.

There are key battles I fight. Stay in bed or exercise? Eat donuts or broccoli? But win or lose, I never waver from my basic mission to live a healthy lifestyle. On May 3rd, 2010, I started what felt like the most impossible journey—to lose at least 100 pounds. I fought against the bad habits that I had clung to like a life raft for most of my life. These included binge eating, which soothed my emotional issues, yet contributed to my poor self-esteem. My habit of blaming others for my sorry state and self-pity did nothing to take the weight off. It was only by recognizing the lies for what they were, and making a point to build new healthy habits that I began to see myself clearly. I wanted true and lasting change, not a temporary fix. So I examined the reasons why I ate the way I did and felt the way I did. I made a concerted effort to build new habits. Not only did I re-learn how to eat, I thought about the reasons why I ate. I learned I could never feed my soul with food. I also found that certain foods lied to me, and—like a friend turned traitor—I cut them out of my life forever.

Freedom isn't free and there is often a high price for deliverance. For this reason, I have compassion for others who struggle as I do. If I sometimes sound harsh it is only because I am trying to lead well. I want people to know there is hope. Dark clouds will billow overhead. They block the sun and discourage us from our mission. Setbacks are normal and failure happens. During the Revolutionary War, battles like the Siege of Charleston, South Carolina, cost the Patriots not only lives but control of the southern colonies. Many prisoners of war languished on prison ships and died thinking they had lost the war. But a small battle on October 7, 1780 near Blackburn, South Carolina at King's Mountain turned the tide and gave the Patriot's hope that inevitably led to the victory at Yorktown, Virginia.

"Oh say does that star spangled banner yet wave o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?"

Celebrate Independence Day with newfound hope. If you have lost a battle, keep fighting. You have not lost the war. And while you're at it, enjoy some barbecue with a beer. And remember those that gave their lives to afford you that freedom.

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Program speakers from the Ferguson community included Mayor Knowles, Police Chief Eickhoff, City Council Woman Ella Jones, Carita Douglas, and Emerson Electric, Better Family Life, Urban League, and representatives from several churches.

There is no fee for the Work Force Training offered by JOBS AND MORE STL. It is a nonprofit organization founded by Executive Director Adrian Shropshire. Their mission is to help unemployed or underemployed men and women find jobs by providing them with the training and motivation to find work.

Next session with JOBS AND MORE STL is Orientation, Wednesday July 8, 9:30am, with Workshop on July 13-24, (Monday-Friday) 9:30am-1:00pm, Ferguson Library. Interested in enrolling in this opportunity? Contact JOBS AND MORE STL for more information at jobsandmorestl@outlook.com or 314.283.2215. JOBS AND MORE STL is a nonprofit organization. Charitable contributions may be made by check to JOBS AND MORE STL or through PAY PAL. Visit website jobsandmorestl.org

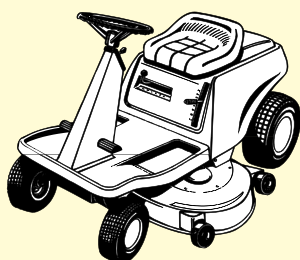
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Before the era of the Model T, gasoline-fueled vehicles had stiff competition from steam-driven and electric cars. In fact, of the 4,200 cars built in the United States in 1900, only one-fourth employed internal combustion engines. And of the approximately 8,000 automobiles on the road, most were steam-driven. Steam had been used as early as 1769 to power a road vehicle. Experimentation with steam-powered vehicles began in the United States in the 1780s primarily in the Northeast. Into the nineteenth century, steam-engine technology tended to focus on locomotives rather than cars.

Despite the simplicity of their engines, fast acceleration, low pollution, economy, and great power, the early steamers started up slowly and ran noisily, had unreliable controls and problems with freezing, and required exten-

sive engineering knowledge to operate. Although many of the steamer’s weaknesses were overcome, they suffered from little infusion of capital into their production, some untimely accidents, and vigorous competition from the mass-produced gas-powered cars that had overtaken the market by the 1910s.

The electric car, utilizing rechargeable batteries, was another promising alternative to the gas-powered vehicle. In 1900, more than one-quarter of the American automobiles produced were electric. However, twenty years later the commercial viability of the electrics had ended. As with the steamers, electric cars had some decided advantages over the motorcar: ease of operation; no emissions of foul odors and gases; and a quiet ride. Yet as a road vehicle, electric cars had a major problem: limited range. At the turn of the twentieth century, they could only go twenty miles before requiring a recharge.

In 1903, Henry Ford founded a motorcar company specializing in automobiles with internal combustion engines. When Henry Ford put his mass-produced Model T on the market in 1908, the car ceased to be a toy for the rich and firmly entrenched the internal-combustion vehicle as the standard for most families.

Throughout the twentieth century, changes in the design, size, weight, and power of automobiles all contributed to greater gasoline use. As we neared the end of the century it became clear the need to protect our natural resources and the environment. The last 30 years have brought about many changes in cleaning running fuel efficient gasoline engines; along with the rebirth of electric vehicles.

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## Nurse Uses Her Own Money to Establish Scholarships for Students

It's been almost a year since the civil unrest occurred in Ferguson. During the chaotic time, Pat Potter, an area nurse with 40 years of service, knew that there was something she must do to help deserving students in the area. As the coordinator of research for nursing and allied health at BJC, Potter decided she would start a scholarship fund to assist students within the Ferguson-Florissant School District who wanted to pursue careers in the nursing field. Potter recently awarded two \$1,500 scholarships. Courtney Spink and Ashley Jones, recent graduates of McCluer High School, are the first recipients of the Nurses for Ferguson scholarship.

The Nurses for Ferguson Scholarship was started in Nov. 2014 with an initial investment of \$5,000 from Potter, who used her own money to start funding for the scholarship. She also received funding from BJC Health System, Elsevier, the Nursing Honor Societies (Sigma Theta Tau) at St. Louis and Webster Universities, and private donors. "I received a scholarship to go to nursing school," said Potter, who has held various positions throughout her nursing career. "Through the Nurses for Ferguson scholarship, I hope to improve the level of education for beginning nurses."

The Nurses for Ferguson scholarship is administered through the Greater St. Louis Community Foundation. The foundation is responsible for screening applicants and identifying those most in need and deserving of the scholarship. Only students who attend McCluer and McCluer South-Berkeley High Schools, the two high schools that are within Ferguson, are eligible to apply for the scholarship.

"I have set no requirement to the scholarship – the student may attend any nursing school that he or she chooses," said Potter.

Spink will attend the University of Missouri-St. Louis and Jones will use her scholarship at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

In order to keep the Nurses for Ferguson scholarship active, Potter says she will annually donate \$5,000 of her own money, as well as solicit the support of other donors. The dollar amount to be awarded each year and the number of recipients who will receive the scholarship will be determined by the available funds.

## School District Staffers Are Emerson Grant Recipients

Two of the four 2015 Emerson Gold Star Grants have been awarded to staffers in the Ferguson-Florissant School District. Christine Ries and Ken Holzapfel were surprised by Emerson's Executive Vice President Patrick Sly who made the announcement when he visited Ries and Holzapfel at their work sites prior to the end of the school year.

Ries, an elementary science instructional coach, received a \$10,000 team-work grant that will be used to implement a Novel Engineering program at Bermuda Elementary School during the 2015-16 school year. Novel Engineering is an innovative approach to integrate engineering and literacy. Students use classroom literature – stories, novels and expository texts – as the basis for engineering design challenges. Ries will attend Tufts University this summer for training on the program and will return to train district teachers and staff on its use. The grant will fund training, travel, material kits for initial training, material gift cards to purchase supplies for engineering, and trade books for cohort teachers. Bermuda Elementary will also receive a \$5,000 grant from Emerson.

Holzapfel is a work experience teacher at McCluer High School. He received a \$2,500 individual grant. Holzapfel will use the grant to form a legal not-for-profit business, owned and operated by McCluer students with disabilities. The program, a catering business, teaches students business skills and prepares them for jobs in the food-service industry. The not-for-profit will serve as a fundraising vehicle to acquire a commercial kitchen and continue to expand the business. This is the second time Holzapfel has received the Gold Star grant. McCluer High School will also receive \$2,500 from Emerson.

In order to apply for the Emerson Gold Star Grants, individuals must be a current or previous Emerson Excellence in Teaching award recipient. Ries is a current recipient (2014-15 school year), and Holzapfel is a previous awardee.

## About the Ferguson-Florissant School District

The Ferguson-Florissant School District, located in suburban St. Louis, serves more than 11,000 students from preschool through 12th grade with an excellent comprehensive educational program. Fully accredited by the state of Missouri, the Ferguson-Florissant School District operates 17 elementary schools, three middle schools, three A+ and AdvancED-accredited high schools and an alternative school. In addition, the District includes a nationally-recognized early education program, the award-winning Challenger Learning Center space education facility and the Little Creek Nature Area, a 97-acre nature preserve which offers experiential learning opportunities for students in science, biology, ecology and related areas of study.

## Student Government Leaders Learn About Democracy in Human and Civil Rights

Student government leaders from McCluer, McCluer North and McCluer South-Berkeley High Schools recently had the opportunity to learn about the democratic system during a two-day program entitled, "Let Me Read You Your Rights". The workshop engaged students in studying and discussing historical human and civil rights issues to elements of justice today.

"Let Me Read You Your Rights" is sponsored through a partnership between the National Park Service and the National Alliance of Faith and Justice (NAFJ) in cooperation with the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial and Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site. The program was provided to FFSD students through collaboration with the district and NAFJ.

After discussing various human rights, conversations quickly changed to civil rights. With the unrest the community has experienced over the past year, students have witnessed the struggle for democracy when it comes to administering civil rights in today's society.

"Young people need to be educated on the right manner to have their voices heard," said a student. Taylor Strode, also an FFSD student added, "Young people react before thinking about their actions. If you have a plan of action and purpose when approaching civil rights matters, you are more likely to get further."

To provide a historical view on the civil rights struggle, students explored issues from the trial and contributing circumstances of the Dred Scott decision and its relevance to events happening today. The program concluded with the students visiting the Old Courthouse in downtown St. Louis where Lynne Jackson, a great-great-granddaughter of Harriet and Dred Scott spoke to the students about the historic case which was a major catalyst for the civil war and the abolishment of slavery.

As government leaders of their respective schools, the students participating in the "Let Me Read You Your Rights" event are expected to share with their peers what they learned in hopes of promoting increased understanding of democracy as it relates to human and civil rights.

## McCluer Students Dominate Regional Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge

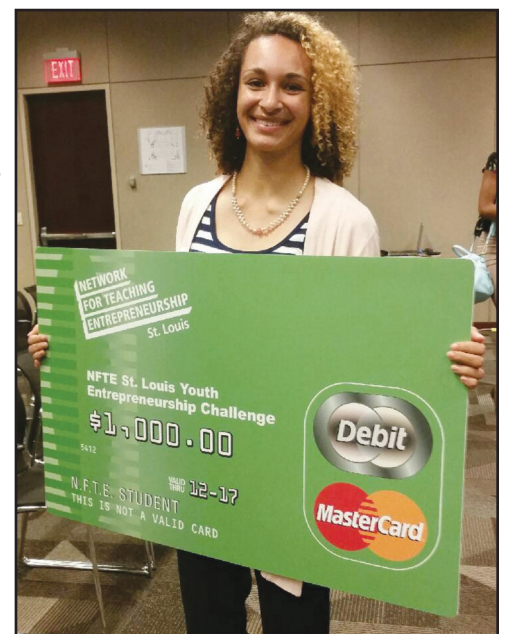
McCluer High School students who recently participated in the 2015 Regional Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge dominated their competition by winning the top three spots in the challenge. Destiny Davis was the overall winner, Jacob Tiemann took second place and Daija Jackson placed third. As the top finishers, Davis and Tiemann will travel to New York in October to compete at the national level.

The entrepreneurship challenge is coordinated by NFTE, the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship. The event was sponsored by MasterCard and hosted by Ameren in mid-May. McCluer students have participated in NFTE for the past couple of years.

"For several months, NFTE students write and prepare business plans for companies/products they would like to develop. A competition was held at McCluer to determine who would represent the school at the regional level, and five students were selected. During the regional competition, McCluer students were assigned to four breakout rooms where they competed against students from other schools, presenting their ideas before a prestigious panel of judges. The top student in each room – all of whom were McCluer students -- faced each other in the final competition. In addition to Davis, Tiemann and Jackson, Destiny Speech was also a breakout room winner. Each student received \$100 towards the start-up of his or her business. Deja Gardner, the school's fifth competitor, placed second to Davis in their breakout room.

As the overall winner, Davis received an additional \$1000 for her t-shirt business plan. Tiemann received an additional \$750 for his plan to develop an app that sneaker heads can use to sell shoes to each other, and Jackson received an additional \$500 for her plan to develop a key that you can dip into a drink that would detect if any drugs, such as date rape drugs, had been put into the drink.

Destiny and Jacob will be competing against students from around the country this fall. The winner of the national competition will receive \$25,000 to help fund their business.



Destiny Davis is the overall winner of the 2015 Regional Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge.

## June 2015 Meeting Minutes

Reported by Keith Kallstrom  
( Keith.Kallstrom@gmail.com )

Lt. Ray Nabzdyk opened the June 10th, 2015 meeting of the Ferguson On Watch, welcoming everyone.



### Code Enforcement Introductions

Capt. Dennis McBride, Supervisor with the Code Enforcement division. He gave us an introduction to the Code Enforcement Inspectors.

**Wayne Bernard** was introduced as one of their newest inspectors, and also has architectural background. Wayne is being assigned the Southwest Corner of Ferguson.

**Brian Harper** was introduced next, and has about 10 years experience with Ferguson Code Enforcement. His assignment is the "Highmont" area, also considered as Sector 3. This area is roughly identified as south of Chambers and east of Florissant Road. This area also includes the apartment areas in the southeast corner of Ferguson. Brian also attended the latest Forestwood neighborhood group meeting, and received some information about issues in their neighborhood.

**Rick Samson** was the next inspector introduced. Rick has had about 1 year experience with Ferguson, and has a very large area to cover, as well. Rick identified the area north of chambers as his domain, which also includes the Crossings at Halls Ferry area. Capt. McBride noted that Samson is the 1st one arriving in the morning, and the last one to leave City Hall at night.

Capt. McBride then explained the process that the inspectors go through daily. Upon arrival at City Hall, they review the inspections scheduled for them for the day, go out to each address with their laptop computer, and process their inspections. At the end of their inspections, they return to City Hall, and pick up their phone messages. Usually, messages left for the inspectors can get call backs the same day, in the late afternoon. On extremely busy days, the call-back would typically occur the next business day.

**Carlton Smith** was introduced next, and is the plan reviewer, and is also the field supervisor. He explained the site plan review process, including asking for inspections before the permit expires, or contacting city hall for extensions on the permit. We saw what a small plan review looked like, using a homeowner drawn plan for a deck design, and what a plan obtained at Home Depot for a deck design looked like. The inspector likes to see an abundance of detail, which the store version did not have. Carlton also showed us a large site plan document package. We heard about the inspection sharing process for the properties in the North Park area, which are included both in Berkeley and in Ferguson.

One of the audience members asked about satellite dishes. A lively discussion ensued about where the satellite dishes can be installed ( behind the front building line ), and options regarding satellite reception with the providers.

**Mary Whitley** in the Public Works office assists with detailing inspections for permits that have expired. We discussed how to deal with out-of-town home owners, and about how liens for grass cutting, boardups, etc. are placed on the property, which are not typically paid until the property is sold.

### Proactive Code Enforcement

Please don't feel that you're turning in your neighbor when you call in a code enforcement complaint. When you call in, the code inspector reviews the complaint against objective criteria contained in the code, instead of subjective criteria of the neighbors. When an inspector contacts a resident about a code issue, the inspector takes ownership of the issue, and does not identify the neighbor that initiated the call. By using this method of proactive inspection, the possibility of neighbor to neighbor disputes is minimized.

### Next Meeting – Chief Eickoff

The next Ferguson Neighborhood Watch meeting is scheduled at City Hall, and will feature a conversation with Acting Chief Alan Eickoff, at 7:00 pm on July 8th.

### CERT Update

The June 13th meeting was held at the front common area in the Police Department. We conducted an inventory of CERT equipment that was under the STARS program. We were shown what items were stored and where they were stored on the fire truck. Most fire trucks are set up with the same equipment similarly situated. This way, when they are on a mutual aid assist call, they can jump right in with assisting other Fire Departments by using the Incident Command Structure.

The next CERT event will be the parade marshalling of our 4th of July parade so there will be no July meeting. Calls will be made if an additional training event is needed.

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## Belvedere

— by Bob McCarty

*"I have spent three delightful days in Hannibal, loitering around all day long, examining the old localities and talking with the grey-heads who were boys and girls with me 30 or 40 years ago".*

~ Mark Twain to Livy, an excerpt of a letter written to his wife, May 17, 1882

I cannot think of a better way to spend time in Hannibal, MO; examining the old localities! And Hannibal has a lot of old localities to examine. The Lamb-Munger House located at 521 Bird Street in Hannibal is one of the old localities that Twain visited during his visit in 1882.

Alfred W. Lamb purchased the lot, where the house sits today, from Moor R. and Sarah A. Baird on March 18, 1858 for \$800.00. Through research, it has been established that the house was built in 1859; because there was very little residential building taking place during the Civil War. During the years 1859 through 1866, the City Directory was not published and the house is listed in the 1866 directory.

Lamb was a prominent attorney, who represented the citizens of the 2nd Congressional District from 1853 through 1855 as a Democrat for the Thirty-Third Congress. Later in his law career, his offices were located where the current Mark Twain Museum is now located. In the letter mentioned above from Twain to his wife, Livy, he tells her, "Spent an hour, yesterday, with A.W. Lamb, who was not married when I saw him last. He married a young lady whom I knew."

In April, 1885, Lamb and his wife Mary sold the property to Lyman P. Munger for \$7,000.00, which is the equivalent to \$200,000.00 today. Munger had bought out his partner and under the name of Munger Brothers carried on a wholesale business in agricultural machinery until 1871. Upon opening the Munger Lime Company where they provided the lime that is mixed into the mortar used in the construction of brick structure. Before that, the brick masons had to slake, (burn), their own lime in pits at the job site. The Munger Lime Company revolutionized the brick and stone industry.

In 1884, E. F. Perkins wrote of Munger in The History of Marion County, Missouri, "Mr. Munger may be regarded as a typical American. Making his own way from an early age unaided, he takes pride in the fact, that, boy and man, he has always been prepared to meet all obligations at maturity; still he has found time for the intellectual culture, that gives life its chiefest charm and most abiding value".

The house is built in the Italianate style featuring 5 windows across the front. It boasts six chimneys, stone window sills, and elaborate wood window hoods. The eaves/cornices are supported with Italianate style wood corbels and brackets under the low-pitched hip style roof with a large 'Belvedere' at the center of the roof. 'Belvedere' is an Italian word for 'beautiful view.'



The house sits upon a limestone foundation that supports the brick façade. The solid, yet soft brick were meant to be painted. Currently painted white, many colors have adorned the house over the years. Originally, a brick red lime wash was used to stain the brick and the mortar and was a type of coloring system that was used into the 1870's.

All of the original 6 over 6 windows, except two, are still in use today. The muntins, which divide the panes of glass, on the new windows, which were replaced sometime in the 1890's, sport a much wider profile and are not as delicate as the originals. The first floor windows on Bird Street, front of the house, are pocket windows that work kind of like pocket doors. These pockets allow the window to be opened through the top of the window jamb into an opening in the wall above, allowing enough head room for people to walk out of the parlors directly onto the front porch.

The house could be considered a five story, 7800 square foot house. The walk out basement featuring nine foot ceilings, 1st, 2nd, 3rd floors and the 'Belvedere', which is perched atop the roof. The first floor of the house features the Billiard room, where Mark Twain spent some time in the spring of 1882 while visiting the first owner of the house, A.W. Lamb. The Family room, Library, and Front Parlor have all been completely restored and the completely updated kitchen featuring a center island surrounded by handmade cabinets that opens to the Dining room. There are a total of five bedrooms including the Master suite. The three room Master Suite consists of the Bedroom with a fireplace, a Sitting room and the Master Bath. There are three second floor bedrooms and a two room, two story suite on the third floor and the 'Belvedere,' all with private baths.

The Lamb-Munger House was chopped up into apartments with drop ceilings throughout and the caliber of the tenants put the house in serious danger of abandonment. In 2008, Bob and Pat Yapp purchased the property, and although the house was listed on the National Register of Historic Places as part of the Central Park National Historic District, in 2011 it became the first 'Local Individual Landmark' in Hannibal.

After extensive restorations, the Yapps have opened there house as Hannibal's newest Bed and Breakfast. Offering their home as a place to come and unwind so that you can relax and enjoy the surroundings of a simpler time. The Belvedere Inn will be your destination while visiting Hannibal, MO. There contact info is [www.belvedereinnhannibal.com](http://www.belvedereinnhannibal.com) where you can make your reservations or if you have any questions or just give them a call, 217-799-6086, you'll get to talk with Pat and she will be more than happy to help you out.

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### Olivia “Junie” Haux



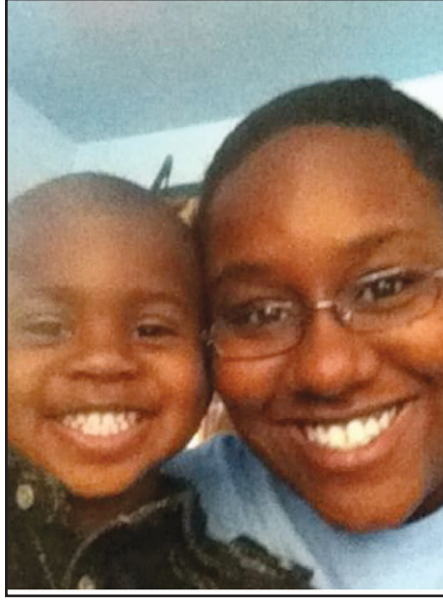
Junie, daughter of Mary and Hadley Haux, a graduate of Ritenour High School, has excelled in many facets of her academic career, including the National Honor Society, and Ritenour Cardinal Ordinates, and the Symphonic Band. Along with many musical awards, Junie has found time to do volunteer work, including band tutoring.

Junie connects with the Ferguson community by working at the omelet booth at the Ferguson Farmers' Market with her family. She loves the live music, good foods and the friendly market goers. She also enjoys the community events such as the Summer Concert Series, the Streetfest, the 4th of July and Northern Lights parades and festivals.

The family owned business located in Ferguson hold a special attraction for Junie because of the welcoming atmosphere they present to their customers.

Junie plans to attend Forest Park Community College on the A+ program then on to Mizzou to major in English.

### Parris Nathan



Parris, daughter of Merle and Harry Nathan, will be a senior of McCluer High School in the fall. She is on the Student Library Advisory Council, National Honor Society, Student Government and College Ambassadors. She also plays tennis and is the on the Varsity Swim Team, as well as the Ferguson Swim Team.

Parris did not grow up in Ferguson. In fact, after spending time in several different cities in Florida and Wisconsin, she was just getting comfortable in her new surroundings when she moved to Ferguson. “I gave no one a chance,” says Parris. “I was always giving my parents attitude and I was convinced I’d find a way to get back to Florida; back to my grandparents, my godparents and my ‘real’ friends.” When Parris started Ferguson Middle School she finally made great friends who are ‘like family’ to her now.

When Parris started high school she became involved in the Ferguson Youth Initiative where she is still very active.

“Ferguson is a model community,” says Parris. “I’ve never felt welcome and a part of a community before. I can’t see myself living anywhere else.”

### Danielle Doherty



Danielle, daughter of Dan and Sandy Doherty, is a graduate of Trinity High School. She is a great student and top notch athlete, but what really sets Danielle apart is in her own words.

“The true test of my Ferguson community was this past summer on August 9th. The name ‘Ferguson’ became infamous throughout the world. Our town was looted, businesses burned and an attempt was made to destroy Ferguson’s reputation. I listened to helicopters at night. I watched as the media portrayed a ‘Ferguson’ that isn’t mine. That did not stop my community. We came together, we worked, we lived and prayed together. There were people helping clean up, putting up boards over windows, and others making donations for those who were affected. It proved to me that there is hope for my community . . . Ferguson can and will endure anything and I know it is a strong community that I will always call home.”

Danielle plans to attend Bellarmine University in the fall with hopes to major in engineering.

### Hannah Moll



Hannah, daughter of Anne and Keith Moll, is an Incarnate Word Academy graduate who has been on the Honor Roll, 1st Honors all 4 years.

Hannah’s teachers commend her for outstanding initiative, reliability, integrity, enthusiasm, responsibility, organization and originality. In the newly formed Diversity Leadership Team, Hannah helped lead conversations and helped create a safe and respectful environment for students to share their stories. Her message of peace for all was heard by many.

Hannah is very involved in volunteer work and service, particularly with the Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Parish. She has volunteered with Catholic Charities in Logan, West Virginia, Whole Kids Outreach in Ellington, Missouri, and with Amigos for Christ in Chinlinda, Nicaragua.

Hannah plans to attend Saint Louis University to work towards a degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders / Speech Language Pathology to become a Speech Pathologist.

### Tyrone (T.J.) Griffin



T.J. is the son of Colisha Johnson and is a graduate of McCluer South Berkeley.

T.J. is very interested in music, so much so that he plans to attend Webster University to study Jazz and Music Technique. He is also very interested in Literature, com-

pleting classes in American, British and World History. Combining these interests with his love of math, he wants to be a full time musician with audio engineering.

T.J. has 4 years of baseball at Berkeley, plus 4 years of marching band, and was the captain of the marching band and first place Drumline winner. He also is a musician at Mt. Beulah M.B. Church.

T.J. is an Alpha Scholarship recipient and volunteers as a Lights of Alpha member and a Ferguson Youth Initiative Board Member where his suggestions of programs, monitoring of younger board members and engagement with activities has helped the FYI be successful.

About Ferguson, he has this to say, “It doesn’t matter who you are; there are people in Ferguson who will comfort and help you.”

### Damien Sanders



Damien is the son of Tylisha Sanders and just completed his senior year at McCluer High School. Although Damien competed in cross country and wrestling, his real love is baseball

and soccer, both of which he was voted captain his senior year.

Damien completed Honors Literature class and Honors Biology. He has volunteered at the Matthew Dickey Boys and Girls Club and at the Florissant Civic Center. Damien plans on going to college and hopefully playing ball and pursuing a degree in English.

He has many nice things to say about the Ferguson-Florissant School District. “The teachers care a lot about the students and I’ve been able to build some really strong relationships with most of them.

“Since the tragic Mike Brown situation, the city has gotten stronger and although the media is making Ferguson out to be a violent place, I love how we have stuck together and become a better community.”

## Ferguson Police Announces Promotion of Two Sergeants

The City of Ferguson Police Department proudly announces the promotion of two officers to sergeant, including the first African American female sergeant in the city's 120-year history.

"We are very pleased and excited to enter into this new era for our police department," Mayor James Knowles III said. "Promoting these two fine officers to sergeant is just another step in the right direction for the City of Ferguson."



Dominica Fuller was initially hired by the City of Ferguson as a full time corrections officer in November of 1999. Six years later, Fuller enrolled in the Eastern Missouri Police Academy, graduating in October of 2005 to become a police officer in the patrol division for Ferguson. During her career at Ferguson, Fuller has received two commendations, and also participated as a focus group panelist for Ferguson-Florissant School District Parents as Teachers, as well as Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD).

"Sergeant Fuller has been an important member of our department for several years," Ferguson Acting Police Chief Alan Eickhoff said. "She has outstanding leadership qualities and professional skills that will be very beneficial in her new position."



Mark Leone was hired in February of 2001 as a dispatcher for Ferguson, and in November of that year, he transferred to the corrections department. Shortly thereafter, Leone entered the Eastern Missouri Police Academy, graduating in June of 2002 to become a patrolman for the City of Ferguson. Leone, who was promoted to detective in 2006, has earned five commendations during his time at Ferguson.

"Sergeant Leone cares very much about the City of Ferguson," Eickhoff said. "His loyalty to the police department, along with his years of experience and commitment to the community, will go a long way."

"I am confident that with these promotions, our police department will be better able to continue providing Ferguson residents with the highest level of protection and service," Knowles said.

## Recall Efforts of Mayor James Knowles III

The City of Ferguson received notification that the recall petition submitted for Mayor James Knowles III, lacks the required number of valid signatures according to the St. Louis County Board of Election Commissioners. The petitioners turned in signatures to the City of Ferguson on Wednesday, May 28, 2015. The St. Louis County Board of Election Commissioners began verifying all signatures on that same day.

According to the Ferguson Charter Section 8.4 the Ferguson city clerk must complete a certificate specifying the insufficient number of valid signatures and provide notice to the petitioners' committee. The committee has two days after receiving the certificate to file its intent to file an amended petition with additional signatures. Those additional signatures must be filed within ten days.

"We understand the rights of the petitioners and their recall efforts," said Ferguson Mayor James Knowles III. "But for as long as I am Mayor, I will continue to work with Council and Staff to bring together the citizens of Ferguson, and to move our community forward with the many reforms and initiatives that we have been working on for several months." added Knowles.

According to the City Charter, if a petition is certified insufficient and the petitioners' committee does not elect to amend the petition with additional signatures, the clerk shall promptly present the certificate to council and the certificate shall be a final determination as to the sufficiency of the petition.

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## Ferguson City Council Appoints Judge Donald McCullin as Municipal Judge

Ferguson City Council members appointed Judge Donald McCullin as the new municipal judge for the City effective Wednesday, June 10, 2015. McCullin replaces Judge Roy L. Richter who was appointed by the Missouri Supreme Court to handle Ferguson court's caseload after the release of the U.S. Justice Department investigation of the Ferguson police department and the court system.

Judge Donald L. McCullin was approved by unanimous decision on Tuesday, June 8, 2015. McCullin currently serves as a hearing officer for the St. Louis City Parking Commission and the Civil Service Commission. He also serves as Disciplinary Hearing Officer for the Advisory Committee of the Supreme Court of Missouri.

"Judge McCullin's experience in the judicial system will be beneficiary to the residents of the City of Ferguson," said Ferguson Mayor James Knowles III. "He's very well respected throughout the state of Missouri and we're looking forward to working with him in the future," added Knowles.

Judge McCullin attended public schools in the city of St. Louis and earned his B.S. from Southern Illinois University, his M.A. from Webster University and J.D. from St. Louis University Law School where he serves on the Dean's Council. He is a member of the Missouri, Illinois, and California bars.

He was appointed by Governor Mel Carnahan as circuit judge in the city of St. Louis in 1999. He is the recipient of numerous awards including: The Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis President's Award; The Honorable Theodore McMillian Award, the Judicial Council Distinguished Service award and he received recognition as a Legal Legend by the Mound City Bar Association.

"I am truly honored and grateful to begin to work with the City of Ferguson and its judiciary system," said Judge McCullin. "I plan to work closely with the Ferguson Police Department and City Council members to ensure that the residents in the City of Ferguson receive fair treatment in the court system," added McCullin.

Meanwhile, the City of Ferguson has already begun to make groundbreaking changes in the municipal courts. In September, 2014 the city repealed the failure to appear charge and no fines have been issued. Also in September, the Ferguson City Council repealed a number of fees it had been assessing to defendants through the municipal court and set a ceiling on its budget item for municipal court revenue at 15 percent of the city's total estimated revenue.

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## Organic Farm

—by Jenna Fleischmann,  
EarthDance Marketing Coordinator

### EarthDance Organic Farm School Receives USDA Organic Certification

EarthDance is thrilled to announce that on March 19, 2015, the nonprofit Organic

Farm School in Ferguson, Missouri was awarded its long-awaited official organic certification!

The organization operates the historic Mueller Farm, a property that has been farmed organically since 1883. Certification for EarthDance, then, is sealing a long-standing tradition of practicing agricultural methods that steward the land and community. This makes organic certification a meaningful and momentous step forward for EarthDance and its customers. It is also meaningful for consumers of organic foods who also prefer locally-grown: EarthDance is the only certified organic farm in St. Louis city or county.

#### What is Organic?

Certified organic crops are grown in compliance with the standards established by the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Organic Standards Board: Organic farming methods must “integrate cultural, biological, and mechanical practices that foster cycling of resources, promote ecological balance, and conserve biodiversity.” The following substances and practices are not allowed on organic farms: irradiation, sewage sludge, synthetic fertilizers, prohibited pesticides, and GMO (Genetically Modified Organism) seeds. Farming operations must “demonstrate that they are protecting natural resources, conserving biodiversity, and using only approved substances.”

What does “organic” look like at EarthDance? Cover cropping, composting, and crop rotation are just a few organic practices employed.

#### The Certification Process

The preparation process is rigorous (EarthDance worked towards getting its farm certified for 3 years) but not necessarily in the ways one might expect. It is a commonly held belief that the application process and inspection itself pose the most time-intensive challenges. For EarthDance, that challenge was, according to Founding Director Molly Rockamann, establishing and maintaining “record-keeping systems for the farm.”

If you are asking yourself if certification is worth working towards for your farm, Rockamann offers key points of advice: 1. “Farmers who are already using sustainable practices - like we were - go ahead and do the paperwork to get certified as organic” because “the recordkeeping makes you a better farmer.” 2. “The costs of certification can be significantly offset (75% or up to \$750 of the total costs) through the federal organic certification cost-share program.”

#### Farmer & Consumer Benefits

Certification allows farmers to sell, label, and represent the crops they work hard to grow organically. Being able to use the most recognized and universally-accepted term for sustainably-grown, “organic”, provides a major marketing advantage. In addition, consumers and communities gain confidence in knowing that a third party inspection and process has verified the farmers’ claim of organic practices.

## News From Oak Hill Baptist Church

Samuel Mwangi, Youth Director of Oak Hill Baptist Church, 3166 Pershall Road in Ferguson, was ordained as a Minister on Sunday, May 24. Stephen Chege, Pastor of Full Glory Church in Kenya, officiated the ceremony. Stephen Chege is a family friend from Kenya, Africa.

In attendance were Esther, Samuel’s wife and son, Sammy. Mr. Mwangi recently graduated from Washington University in St. Louis. Oak Hill Baptist Church is noted as a friendly church, which welcomes one and all.



Pictured above from the left is Samuel Mwangi, Stephen Chege and Pastor Harry Birlew.

## Students Chosen for Wash U’s Prestigious College Prep Program

Five students from the Ferguson-Florissant School District will be among 48 rising high school sophomores to participate in the prestigious Washington University College Prep Program.

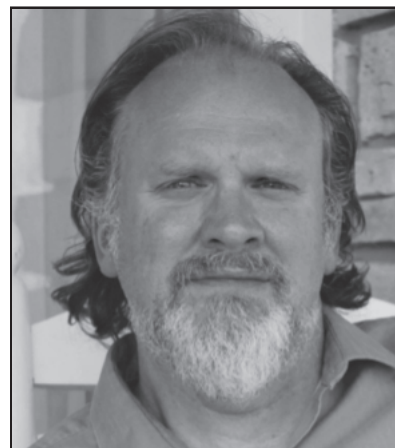
The students . . .  
Teighlor Carroll (McCluer South-Berkeley)  
Destiny Houston (McCluer)  
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Jacob Vivian (McCluer)

. . . were selected from more than 100 who applied to the free program. The students will lived and studied on campus June 7-19.

Washington University introduced College Prep in 2014. The goal of the program is to prepare students academically and socially for college. Students take classes for college credit, draft a college essay and become part of a community of scholars. They also engage in health and fitness activities, develop leadership skills, and make new friends.

In addition to the initial two weeks of the program, College Prep scholars also attend workshops, lectures and campus activities throughout the school year. They return, for three weeks, to Wash U each summer after completing their sophomore and junior years for additional college preparation. Many of the participants are the first in their family to attend college. Students are nominated to College Prep by a teacher or member of the St. Louis community who can attest to the student’s love of learning.

## New Pastor for St. Peter’s United Church of Christ



Rev. Patrick D. Chandler has been chosen to be the next pastor of St. Peter’s United Church of Christ at 1425 Stein Road at West Florissant in Ferguson. Rev. Chandler is a graduate of Barton College (BA in Religion and Philosophy) in Wilson, NC, and The Candler School of Theology at Emory University (MDiv) in Atlanta, Georgia.

With 15 years of leadership serving local congregations and having been highly involved or employed at the congregational, regional, and general levels of the church, Patrick has a deep love for God and a pas-

sion for God’s justice best revealed when the Church throws open wide its doors to be a place of extravagant welcome and radical hospitality to all people.

Rev. Chandler is married and is the parent of three children. He began his ministry June 21st.

## Historical Facts?

In George Washington’s days, there were no cameras. One’s image was either sculpted or painted. Some paintings of George Washington showed him standing behind a desk with one arm behind his back while others showed both legs and both arms.

Prices charged by painters were not based on how many people were to be painted, but by how many limbs were to be painted. Arms and legs are ‘limbs,’ therefore painting them would cost the buyer more.

Hence the expression, ‘Okay, but it’ll cost you an arm and a leg.’ (Artists know hands and arms are more difficult to paint.)

As incredible as it sounds, men and women took baths only twice a year. (May and October) Women kept their hair covered, while men shaved their heads (because of lice and bugs) and wore wigs. Wealthy men could afford good wigs made from wool. They couldn’t wash the wigs, so to clean them they would carve out a loaf of bread, put the wig in the shell, and bake it for 30 minutes. The heat would make the wig big and fluffy, hence the term ‘big wig…….’

Today we often use the term ‘here comes the Big Wig’ because someone appears to be or is powerful and wealthy.

—Thanks, Tom Lemp

## Djeli Tales

By Mama Lisa Gage

### Fundisha Turns 20!

Oh my, has it been 20 years already? What a grand journey it has been. Though new to Ferguson, Fundisha Enterprises is not new to St. Louis.

Armed with three young children aged five, four, and two years old, I took up the challenge of trying to raise them alone. Being a divorced, single mother not only changed my life, but helped me to develop a better relationship with my community. Like all moms, I needed help with finding local activities geared towards enriching my kids. Yet, my desire was to have them immersed in Black Arts.

By the mid 1990s, I had already danced with five dance companies. I gained my first professional experiences with the St. Louis Black Repertory Company under director Ron Himes and choreographer Terri Brown. My feet danced on to the beats of Cambooley (Oswald Moses of Trinidad), Afi Ama Folk Performing Company, Unity Art Ensemble, and the McCree Theater dancers of Detroit. I stretched my skills to include drumming and song and became inspired to delve deeper by get training in costume making and design.

I began to travel throughout the year to attend African dance conferences. These dance feasts always included people from around the world sharing their cultural and oral traditions in dress, language, foods, and folklore. I was on fire as I gallivanted to Los Angeles, New Orleans, Boulder, New York, Chicago, Washington D.C., San Diego, Denver, Indianapolis, Atlanta, Orlando, Oakland and East St. Louis in search of my roots.

Rooting myself deeper helped to propel me to an epiphany; why send my kids to other programs for arts enrichment? I can do it myself! And I did. In 1995, I founded Fundisha Enterprises, a cultural arts education company. I decided to focus on Pan-African legacies that were kept alive not only Africa, but in the Caribbean and in the Americas as well. The company has since provided music, song, dance, folklore, and craft arts instruction to thousands of kids in the St. Louis metro area.

In those early years, I catered to single moms. Having three kids under the age of six meant that no one wanted to babysit for me. So, I empowered myself by hosting other families of children which gave those moms a chance to grocery shop or take a nap without the worry of rushing to pick up their kids from weekend classes. Nearly 30 students spent four-hour sessions with me, and I even fed them lunch. We grew together to enjoy one another in Mama Lisa's little village. The lessons began to spread to places outside of the home-studio and spilled into schools, churches, colleges, and museums. The performances and workshops helped to fund field trips, supplies, and costumes. Today, several of my students can literally attest to having 20 years of African cultural training with Mama Lisa at Fundisha Enterprises! Wow!

In celebration of our achievements, we would like to invite you to join us at the Missouri History Museum on Sunday, July 12 at 2 p.m. Fundisha will present a FREE folktale performance, Buseji the Sacred Mask Tree. I will spin a tale of where masks come from as the stage comes alive with music, song, and dance. Many of the performers and musicians are former company members and supporters whom have been with us along the way, including folk arts master Kasa Panzu of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

How can your kids get involved? Bring them to our free African dance class on Saturday, July 11 at 10:30 a.m. to learn dances from the show. (Missouri History Museum) As an added bonus, I will also be partnering with Carol Swartout Klein, author of Painting for Peace in Ferguson, by leading a free dance workshop on Tuesday, July 28 at 11 a.m. (Missouri History Museum).

Thanks so very much St. Louis for an incredible opportunity to service our children and families for the past 20 years. Be sure to hang on for what we will be providing in these next 20 years. And as always, I encourage you to put a little life in your culture and some culture in your life. ([http://www.mohistory.org/files/\[field\\_directory-raw\]/event\\_brochure/Fundisha.pdf](http://www.mohistory.org/files/[field_directory-raw]/event_brochure/Fundisha.pdf))

## 2015 Summer Reading Program

Summer reading at the Ferguson Municipal Public Library continues! There is still time for you to sign up and track your reading for some great prizes! Everyone is invited to join. All you need is a valid Ferguson library card to participate. Visit the library or call 521-4820 for more information today!

### Summer Tutoring at the Ferguson Municipal Public Library

Tutoring continues this summer at the Ferguson Municipal Public Library on Wednesdays from 6pm to 8pm. Our tutors can handle just about anything – math, science, English, even some foreign languages! Registration is not required, but our tutors do ask that anyone interested in participating to please fill out the form at [tinyurl.com/fytsummersignup](http://tinyurl.com/fytsummersignup) so that they have enough tutors to accommodate everyone. Call the library at 521-4820 for more information. Thank you to our tutors and students who have made this program a success!

### Big changes to the library!

We hope that you will pardon our dust as we make some improvements to the Ferguson Municipal Public Library in the coming months!

- We have a new self-serve copier/fax machine, with lower prices and new functionality. Faxing now costs a flat fee of 50¢ a page and copying now costs 10¢ a page. You can also scan an item and send it to an email address.
- We have updated all the computers and networking infrastructure and added presentation equipment, all thanks to a LSTA Library Improvement grant from the Missouri State Library. This project is supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Sciences under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Missouri State Library, a division of the Office of the Secretary of State.
- We have added new computers to the children's area and a mobile computer lab thanks to a phenomenally generous donation from the Laura Arrillaga-Andreessen Foundation and HP.
- We are installing new carpet throughout the library for an updated look and feel. This may make getting to some areas tricky while carpet is installed at that point, so please bear with us and ask a staff member for help.

**Come by the library and check out the changes today!**

### Readings on Race Book Club

Join our Readings on Race Book Club for a discussion on this month's selection. Anyone having trouble getting a copy of this month's book should contact the library director, Scott Bonner, at [sbonner@fergusonlibrary.net](mailto:sbonner@fergusonlibrary.net). For more information, please contact the group facilitators, Dan Sachs at 202-309-5875, or Carla Fletcher at 314-524-3644.



The 3rd annual The Taste in Ferguson fundraiser event for the Robbie McGartland the Samantha Lipka Memorial Scholarship Fund has moved to a new date this year, Sunday September 13th, 2015. The event will again be held at the Savoy Banquet Center located at 119 S. Florissant Rd. from 3-6pm.

We are excited to announce Centene Corporation as this year's major event sponsor. The Clayton base management health care company is building a new claims processing facility at 2900 Pershall Road at the old Ackerman Buick site. The center is expected to open by the end of the year and is bringing 200 new jobs to Ferguson. One of Centene's core beliefs is becoming involved in the very community that they work and live in. As they found out more about how The Taste in Ferguson event is raising scholarship money for grade school and high school students and the success we had in the first two years, they are just as excited to be our major sponsor. We are very grateful for Centene's support as well as the support of all our other sponsors, and food vendors, The City of Ferguson and our volunteers. We are expecting another great event this year.

Many of your food vendors are returning this year, along with new restaurants who will be serving up delicious food samples to satisfy your appetite. This year's event will include beer and wine tasting, music entertainment, cooking demonstrations, children's activities and a silent auction. A food, family, fun event on a Sunday afternoon in September!

Tickets this year will be \$20.00 for adults and children age 11 years and older. Children age 10 and under are free. Tickets go on sale July 15, 2015. You can purchase them at the Whistle Stop, Robinwood Automotive, and Ferguson Farmers Market on Saturdays or on-line at [www.thetastein Ferguson.com](http://www.thetastein Ferguson.com).

For anyone who would like to get involved with our fundraiser event, we have volunteer opportunities available. We have room for a few more food vendors. Business or individual sponsorships are also available. Our email address is [info@thetastein Ferguson.com](mailto:info@thetastein Ferguson.com) or visit the website at [www.thetastein Ferguson.com](http://www.thetastein Ferguson.com).

So clear your schedules, save the date, mark your calendars, program your smart phones, bring the family, grab a group of friends for the 3rd annual The Taste in Ferguson event on Sunday September 13, 2015 3-6 pm at the Savoy Banquet Center.



Mama Lisa and Fundisha Enterprises

## The Best of Ferguson

This column is devoted to the people of Ferguson whose efforts and dedication make Ferguson the "Community of Choice"

– by Ruffina Farrokh Anklesaria, M.A.

**JEFF FINNEGAN**  
Pastoral Associate, Blessed Teresa of Calcutta parish



"Self-effacing, kind, approachable, inclusive, humble, service, available, willing, caring." These are some of the words that come to mind when I think of Jeff Finnegan, Pastoral Associate at Blessed Teresa of Calcutta and this month's featured "Best of Ferguson."



Pictured at the left is Father Rosy with Jeff Finnegan at Blessed Teresa of Calcutta parish office. Pope Francis is in the framed picture and the digital display features Father Rosy's recent trip to Rome.

I met Jeff about 12 years ago when I first came to Ferguson. My girls had enrolled at our local Catholic school, then Sts John and James, now Blessed Teresa of Calcutta. I met with him privately after a parent/teachers' meeting to discuss a matter of faith that had been on my mind. I found him easy to talk to, open to what I had to ask and skillful in his reply to a difficult question. He was grounded in his knowledge of the church, having

been in the seminary for six and a half years. He was personable as a guide to parishioners like me needing advice.

I heard from my girls over the years of his various activities with their classes. I met him at school engagements. He came to my home the day after my husband passed away, with a rose and kind words. He called on us and invited my daughter, Anahita, to participate in youth group retreats, to the annual pro-life march in Washington, D.C., to out-of-state projects, to weekly youth group meetings, to volunteer at Karen House, a Catholic Worker shelter for homeless women and children, and to do service hours with the parish. Annie was traditionally home-schooled until Grade 2. She joined Keystone Online High School from Grade 7 on, when my husband became gravely ill. We felt it was the best thing for our whole family to keep her close to him during the last 2-3 years of his life. Being home-schooled, it meant a lot that Jeff kept her in the loop and invited her to go along with old BTC friends on various excursions.

Going to church at BTC, I often met Jeff, smiling and welcoming with a big hug. There was something soft, gentle, yet firm and kind, that came with his smile. When you spoke to him, you had his full attention. Over the course of my life, I have met people of diverse backgrounds and in many settings. Just a handful stand out for the radiant grace they bring with them and share with all those around. Jeff is one of them. I feel God's presence in his humility and service to our community and to the Blessed Teresa of Calcutta parish.

As I began my interview with Jeff, he tried to convince me to focus on the various group activities, not on him; so like the Jeff I admire! I told him that his silent and supportive work for everyone for the past 25 years is a great asset to us all and it is in keeping with my goal to focus on the "Best of Ferguson."

Jeff gives religious classes once a week at BTC school which has a 40% non-Catholic, though Christian, student population. He serves in the BTC parish that brought together the cities of Ferguson, Dellwood, Kinloch, Berkeley, part of Jennings, Normandy, and Calverton Park, under its wing 10 years ago.

Two days a week Jeff works with the St Vincent de Paul Ministry of the BTC parish, picking up food from the warehouse of Operation Food Search to stock local pantries on Fridays. He is quick to inform me that many volunteers make this drive possible. On Tuesdays he takes food to the Old Fire House for distribution.

Twice a month he assists with Room At The Inn at BTC. This is a national organization run by the Sisters of Divine Providence, with over 60 congregations participating. Women and children are accommodated at the parish center two nights a month. Guests are given hospitality and dinner, spend

## Ferguson Library Chosen as "Best Municipal Library"

Our own little library became the model for all libraries in the country when it was selected as the 2015 Gale/LJ Library of the year. Ferguson Library was chosen because of how it reacted to the crisis and the aftermath of riots brought on by the shooting of Michael Brown in August of last year. Incidentally, second place in the competition when to Nashville, TN servicing a population of over 500,000

The library with its part-time staff, a growing number of volunteers and partners, and its director, Scott Bonner, who is the library's lone full-time employee, was the one venue that stayed open to serve and support the community during the many months of unrest that followed the incident.

When the first outbreak of civil unrest occurred, Bonner was in just his fifth week on the job. It would have been easier to close the library as many expected. Instead, Bonner had the courage and commitment to the community to keep it open and to partner with teachers and community agencies to provide education, information, and emotional sustenance to the citizenry, including its children.

John N. Berry III writes, "The schools were closed, the streets were in chaos, and the emotions of the residents were at a breaking point. The Ferguson Library, concerned for the safety of its citizens, especially children, stayed open throughout the crisis, providing a place for learning and in which students and teachers could meet to create a level of normalcy. The library became the center of community support. It was where people came to get help."

Art teacher Carrie Pace from the Walnut Grove School asked Bonner if the library space could be used by teachers to provide an educational experience for Ferguson children during that difficult time. The school district closed indefinitely at the beginning of the school year, so the library created an "ad hoc school on the fly," with volunteers and teachers and programs for children centered in one area of the library. The demand grew so high that the program was expanded and more space was found in the nearby Baptist Church. In the beginning, roughly 40 students came to the classes, but three days later the enrollment grew to 150, and by the end of the week, more than 200 students and over 100 teachers and volunteers participated in both locations.

The program continued after area schools reopened and teachers returned. The staff at the St. Louis headquarters of Teach for America (TFA) stepped in to take over. Later on, magic shows, crafts, and other activities kept the kids entertained and alleviated pressure on caregivers and parents.

There is so many more positive events happening at the library, space does not permit their retelling, but go to the Gale/LJ and Ferguson Municipal Library websites and read why we should be very proud of our little library.

Even though it's been almost a year since our community was and still is bombarded with negative publicity, it feels good to be proud of Ferguson.

the night and have breakfast before leaving. Jeff picks up guests and volunteers bring meals and prepare and serve them. My daughter Julee did this at another local church, slept overnight with the women and children in this program, and I picked her up after she had helped serve breakfast. This helped her to get the service hours she needed to complete her semester work at BTC. This is one of the things I really appreciated about the education at BTC - it produced well-rounded students who focused both on academics and on service to the community.

Both my girls also volunteered at Karen House Catholic Worker in downtown St Louis, while they were BTC students, under Jeff's supervision. They watched the kids, folded laundry, did dishes and whatever else was required to make this full-time shelter for homeless women and children a little brighter. The facility is staffed by volunteers who live in the community.

As Pastoral Associate, Jeff visits hospitals to take communion and to pray for the sick. He conducts prayer services and serves communion at the BTC chapel.

He takes BTC students to volunteer once a month with the Missionaries of Charity, another emergency shelter for homeless women and children and to Oak Knoll Nursing Home and Christian Care Home for seniors. In summer, he takes youth groups to Mission trips in West Virginia, cleaning up after floods, or to Ellington in southern Missouri for home repairs. In July, he will take Catholic youths to the Youth Conference in Springfield, MO.

Jeff represents what is best in our city through his numerous activities in the parish and community, his joy in serving all and his approachable and friendly nature. I asked him what would be his motto, and he said: "Allow God to use us as conduit for His work." I salute Jeff as he truly embodies this motto.

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### Ask Grandma

#### Rain, Rain, Go Away

As I write this, it has rained for days and days. It reminds me of a time in the late 1970s when we were experiencing torrential rains.

My daughter, Ann, worked down at Grand and Hwy. 40 and to get home at the end of the day would come north on Grand to Hwy. 70 and back to Ferguson. That particular night she was caught in heavy traffic with water standing on the road; cars going through several inches of water and her own car hydroplaning a few times.

She finally got to South Florissant Road and it was dead stop. She got out of the car and walked down to the bridge over Maline creek (between Faracci Pizza and Marley's). The creek water was running over the bridge as well as under, and every car that tried to go through was stalling. A whole group of people were pushing the car off the bridge and then proceed to push the next one. Ann decided to park her car and walk home (we lived on Tiffin).

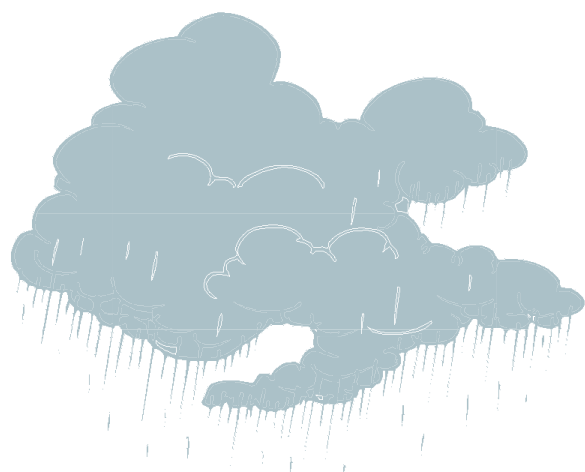
She got as far as Weigel and fell in a hole. She went completely under the water and when she got back on her feet continued to walk across the bridge. I've been reading lately that 6 inches of water can sweep you off your feet and 12 inches of water can sweep away a car. I think she was very lucky to somehow manage to stay on her feet.

As she headed up Suburban, two men in a canoe were paddling down the middle of the street. They lived on a small street off of Suburban and were having a party, but they ran out of beer. They were on their way to St. John's Liquor store (now the Brewhouse) and decided to take the canoe rather than risk driving their car. Little did Ann know that her sister was at that party and was at their house patiently waiting for the beer. Well the two men got a ticket . . . I'm not sure what the charge was (walking in the street – oops I mean paddling in the street; PWI paddling while intoxicated?).

Well, Ann finally arrived home after spending 3 hours on the road and drenched from head to foot. As she walked in the door she expected all kinds of sympathy. Instead our sewers were backing up into the basement and everyone was downstairs standing on the sewers trying to block the water from getting in. Ann claims I yelled at her to quit crying and stand on one of the sewers. I don't remember that part but the sewer backup was a regular occurrence. Years later I read in the Post Dispatch that the head of Metropolitan Sewer District said that his company was going to become 'kinder and gentler' (whatever that means).

Since his name was published in the paper, I called him. And, what do you know, he answered his phone. (It was lunch time and I think his secretary was out of the office.) He listened to my long story about the many times

we called MSD and someone would come out and say there was nothing to be done. He didn't believe it until he looked up the records.



It turns out, the sewer was collapsed right down the street from our house. The manhole in front of our house would fill with water and then backup in our house and the two houses next to us. MSD dug up the street and fixed the

sewer and that was the end of the backups.

As I recall, we had lots and lots of rain that year . . . almost as bad as 1993. Because of the wet weather, a huge backhoe sat in our front yard for a very long time. I never complained because it could sit there all year if it fixed the sewer problem.

Incidentally, Ann is still very wary of heavy rain. I wonder if she has ventured outside the last few weeks or so.



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### Historical Facts?

In the heyday of sailing ships, all war ships and many freighters carried iron cannons. Those cannons fired round iron cannon balls. It was necessary to keep a good supply near the cannon. However, how to prevent them from rolling about the deck? The best storage method devised was a square-based pyramid with one ball on top, resting on four resting on nine, which rested on sixteen. Thus, a supply of 30 cannon balls could be stacked in a small area right next to the cannon. There was only one problem.....how to prevent the bottom layer from sliding or rolling from under the others.

The solution was a metal plate called a 'Monkey' with 16 round indentations. However, if this plate were made of iron, the iron balls would quickly rust to it. The solution to the rusting problem was to make 'Brass Monkeys.' Few landlubbers realize that brass contracts much more and much faster than iron when chilled. Consequently, when the temperature dropped too far, the brass indentations would shrink so much that the iron cannonballs would come right off the monkey; Thus, it was quite literally, 'Cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey.'

(All this time, you thought that was an improper expression, didn't you.)

### Calendar of Events In and Around Ferguson

Complete Details of These Events Throughout the Paper

- Town Hall Meeting – Comm. Center . . . . . Wed., July 1
- 4th of July Festival – Florissant Rd. and January Wabash Pk. . . . . Sat., July 4
- North County Chamber Membership Mtg. . . . . Thurs., July 9
- Concert Series – Fanfare . . . . . Fri., July 10
- Pasta Dinner – BTC. . . . . Sat., July 11
- Neil Simon's FOOLS – Trinity High School. . . . . Fri., Sat., Sun., July 10, 11, 12
- Ferguson Christian Church Bible School. . . . . Mon.-Fri., July 13-17
- Meskiwaki Casino Trip . . . . . Tues.,-Thurs, July 14-16
- Sunday Parkways. . . . . Sun., July 19
- Food Trucks at 501 Plaza . . . . . Mon., July 20
- Lunch and Bingo – Community Center . . . . . Thurs., July 23
- Concert Series – Righteous Mind Project. . . . . Fri., July 24
- Two Tmes Two – St. Peters . . . . . Fri., July 24
- Fairmount Park Trip . . . . . Tues., July 28
- City Council Meeting. . . . . Tues., July 28
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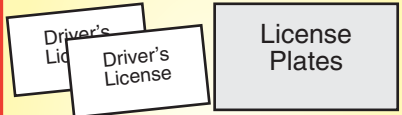
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