

# Ferguson Times

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CITY OF FERGUSON, MO.

October, 2016

Serving Ferguson and Surrounding Communities

## Ferguson Farmers' Market

CELEBRATING OUR 14TH YEAR!



### Saturday October 1st:

- Chili Cookoff, Judging at 11
- Music: Retro Band, 9-11

### Saturday October 8th:

- Straw Hat Aquaponics Demo, 9-11
- Author's Fest
- Northern Arts Council, Crafts for Kids, 9-11
- Music: Not Wired Right, 9-11



### Saturday, October 15th:

- Ferguson Eco Team
- Music: Boeing Peaceful Fools, 9-11



### Saturday October 22nd:

- Final Market of the Season
- Northern Arts Council, Crafts for Kids, 9-11
- Music: Plain Label Band, 9-11

20 S. Florissant, at the Victorian Plaza  
(just south of the train trestle)

Check our our website, FergusonFarmersMarket.com  
"LIKE" us on facebook

The Indoor Market will resume on the 3rd Saturday of the month at  
St. Stephens Church, starting in November

Sunday, November 27th  
2:00 to 7:00 p.m.

## FERGUSON NORTHERN LIGHTS

Lighted Parade Starts at 5:00 p.m.  
Theme: "Favorite Christmas Movie"

Parade and Vendor Application at  
FergusonCityWalk.com

Join the planning committee,  
Tuesday, October 6th at 5:50 p.m.  
and every Tuesday thru November 22nd  
314-324-4298

## Thank YOU for making Ferguson StreetFest a Success!

See event photos at  
[www.fergusonstreetfest.com](http://www.fergusonstreetfest.com) &  
[www.facebook.com/fergusoncitywalk](http://www.facebook.com/fergusoncitywalk)



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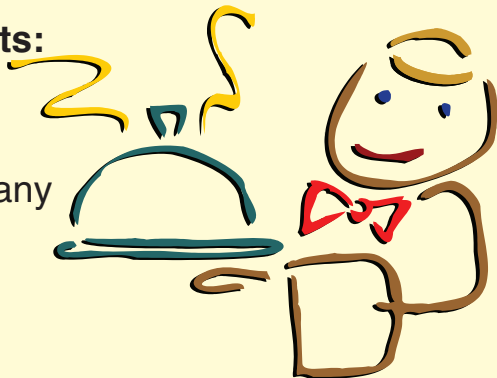


North County Incorporated, Christian Hospital, Tax Prep Zone, Florissant Valley Community College, Emerson, McCluer High School Key Club, Marley's Bar & Grill, Ferguson Brewing Company, Hewkin Auto Body, Corners Frameshop & Gallery, Tim & Thea Larson, Kathy MCourt, Sam's Club, I Love Ferguson, Robinwood Automotive, Montrey's Cigar Lounge, Mobile Eye Care, Cricket Wireless, Home Depot, Circus Kaput, the StreetFest Committee and Volunteers.

## DINE OUT: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH To Benefit Ferguson's Farmers Market

### Participating Restaurants:

Cork Wine Bar  
Corner Coffee House  
Drakes's Place  
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Mimi's Subway Bar  
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[www.fergusoncitywalk.com](http://www.fergusoncitywalk.com)

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Upcoming Show...  
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October 9

FREE

[www.fergusoncitywalk.com](http://www.fergusoncitywalk.com)

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501 S. Florissant Rd.  
[www.fergusoncitywalk.com](http://www.fergusoncitywalk.com)

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



## Greetings from CityWalk

September was a busy month! Our Citywalk Concert Series at Plaza 501 featured three local bands for the last concert of the season, delicious late summer produce was available at the Farmers Market, and the month ended at Victorian Plaza rocking to the diverse music of six different bands.

We also said goodbye to Toni Roper, who has been the public "face" for Citywalk events and promotions the past three years. We will miss her huge smile and seemingly unending energy! We wish her well in her new position at the family business, Roper's Ribs.

Some new businesses opened in September on Citywalk. One of those is the Community Birth and Wellness Center at #8 Church Street in the historic Bindbeutel Building. They are staffed with certified nurse midwives and offer complete prenatal, birth and postpartum care, as well as breastfeeding support.

October will bring some good reasons to get out and enjoy the (hopefully) nice Fall weather on the Citywalk. Shepherding Images Gallery has the photography of Henry Chaney, entitled *The Awakening*, on exhibit until October 8th. FYI has some of the painted boards on display until October 30th as part of the multi-venue *Outside In/Paint for Peace* exhibit and they will also have a Slam arts event for teens on Friday, October 7th. Local authors, including Ferguson resident Braxton DeGarmo and Immanuel Church's pastor Jimmy Watson will be at Corners Frameshop & Gallery also on Friday evening, October 7th. Weekend nights usually brings live music to be heard at various restaurants and bars on the walk, and October is the last month to shop at the award-winning outdoor Ferguson Farmers Market on Saturday mornings.

Next month we'll have wonderful November events to talk about, but it is not too early to plan your float for the Northern Lights parade! This year's theme is Favorite Holiday Movies. Watch this paper for details and entry applications. Till next month, see you on the walk!

(This final notice is for Citywalk business owners only.)

The Citywalk Advisory Board meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month from 5:30 till 7:00pm in the office of Pearce Neikirk. All Citywalk business owners are welcome and encouraged to attend.

## Tall Tale from Vienna Graveyard

Chris Cross, a tourist in Vienna, is going passed Vienna's graveyard on October 31st. All of a sudden he hears some music. No one is around, so he starts searching for the source. Chris finally locates the origin and finds it is coming from a grave with a headstone that reads: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827. Then he realizes that the music is the *Ninth Symphony* and it is being played backward! Puzzled, he leaves the graveyard and persuades Tim Burr, a friend, to return with him.



By the time they arrive back at the grave, the music has changed. This time it is the *Seventh Symphony*, but like the previous piece, it is being played backward. Curious, the men agree to consult a music scholar. When they return with the expert, the *Fifth Symphony* is playing, again backward. The expert notices that the symphonies are being played in the reverse order in which they were composed, the 9th, then the 7th, then the 5th. By the next day the word has spread and a throng has gathered around the grave. They are all listening to the *Second Symphony* being played backward.

Just then the graveyard's caretaker ambles up to the group. Someone in the crowd asks him if he has an explanation for the music.

"Oh, it's nothing to worry about" says the caretaker. "He's just decomposing!"

## The Plumber's Crack

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

Temperatures on the decline, leaves turning different colors, baseball playoffs in full swing, ghosts and goblins in store windows, candy aisles loaded with 5 times the normal amount of candy, football is getting exciting again; it must be October and time for another edition of the Plumber's Crack.



Well my friends I feel like I should be writing this article in the spring instead of the fall and I hate writing about what I'm about to. The last couple of months my company has turned into a real estate subcontractor business. Homes are going up at an alarming rate. In some cases this is a good thing. In others not so much.

Let's start with the good part. If you're getting ready to sell your home for any reason the first thing you need is a real estate person who won't pull any punches with you. A good agent will do a walk through and tell you what to paint or what needs to go, for example.

The next thing your agent should do is call in professionals to look at possible code violations or other repairs that might be needed. This way a potential buyer that brings in their home inspection company will have to stay on the up and up. Most Realtors have their own home inspection companies they use. Conflict of interest maybe, but realtors also have contractors they count on to make things right. Those are the one you want to look at your property and most of them do it for free for their realtors.

Now for the bad side I unfortunately have been doing work for a company that buys houses for half of what their worth, fixes them up to

minimum standards and rents them. I know a lot of these are family estates and they don't want to deal with the hassle of selling and all that normally goes with it.

My advice to anyone wanting to move property fast find a good realtor that knows how to do it to get the most out of your property and keep values in your neighborhood up. I've seen similar houses next door to each other sell for \$50,000 difference. If your "under water," find a realtor that is a specialist in short sales or find what's available in government help. I guess all I'm saying is get the most out of your investment and protect the neighborhood.

On that note I would like to tell the world how great Ferguson is. Those of you who attended StreetFest saw the real Ferguson. When outside interests stay out your business, you see the real deal good people coming together having a good time.

So I'll close with the same old stuff. Check on your neighbors get involved with your community, hug them babies, especially with Halloween, being on your toes and walk with your children. Most importantly, May God bless you all.

Oh Baby

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See Bob on Job column on Page 17

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or by email: [cider@att.net](mailto:cider@att.net)  
Copy or ads for the paper must be received by the 15th of the month for inclusion in the following month's paper.

## Job Openings

### DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

The City of Ferguson, Missouri is located in the northern portion of St. Louis County. With close proximity to downtown St. Louis and St. Louis Lambert International Airport, the City serves as world headquarters to a Fortune 500 company, Emerson Electric. The community is a mix of well-established and diverse neighborhoods along with quaint Victorian and historical homes. This well-established, mature city is undergoing significant change and has an opportunity available for a Director of Finance.



The successful candidate will have exceptional interpersonal skills and experience with modern financial management issues and trends. Must have demonstrated experience in participatory, collaborative budget processes, revenue and expenditure forecasting, and technologically progressive approaches to bill payment and other customer service programs. Ability to plan and direct financial operations of the City, including financial planning, budget administration, general accounting and reporting, payroll, purchasing, treasury management, debt administration, revenue billing and collection, and pension administration.

*Reports to City Manager.* Must work effectively and positively with elected and appointed officials, other City employees and departments, and finance department staff.

#### Qualifications

Bachelor degree in business, finance, public administration or related field desired. CPA and/or master's degree desired. 5+ years of progressively responsible municipal management experience.

#### Special Requirements

SEND COVER LETTER AND RESUME TO: City of Ferguson - Human Resources, 110 Church Street, Ferguson, Missouri, 63135, FAX 314-524-5173 or email [hr@fergusoncity.com](mailto:hr@fergusoncity.com). Open Until Filled. AA/EOE

### POLICE OFFICER

The City of Ferguson, Missouri is located in the heart of the St. Louis metropolitan area, with close proximity to downtown St. Louis, Clayton, and St. Louis Lambert International Airport. The city serves as world headquarters to a Fortune 500 company Emerson Electric. The community is a mix of historic and diverse neighborhoods, a business district, and big-box stores in the I-270 corridor. The City provides a full range of municipal services with approximately 110 full-time employees. The well-established, mature city is undergoing significant change and has an opportunity available for a Police Officer in the Police Department.

The City of Ferguson offers a benefit package which includes health, dental, vision, life insurance, vacation/sick days, and tuition reimbursement. The position of Police Officer is vital to the success of the City of Ferguson. A person in this position is responsible for enforcing and upholding the laws and ordinances of our City, the laws of the State of Missouri, and the laws of the United States. All Police Officers work under the direction of the Police Chief.

The ideal candidate is willing to protect the people, property, and maintain peace in our diverse community. Promote public safety and thrive on community involvement and service.

#### Qualifications

Applicants must be 21 yrs. old, high school diploma/GED, P.O.S.T. Certified and physically fit.

#### Special Requirements

Apply to City Hall – Human Resources, 110 Church Street, Ferguson, MO 63135 or email [hr@fergusoncity.com](mailto:hr@fergusoncity.com). EOE  
Please provide copies of certificates.

### POLICE DISPATCHER (Part Time)

City of Ferguson Police Department is looking for a part-time Police Dispatchers. High School diploma or GED required. Mules Certification and Police Dispatch experience preferred. Excellent communication skills and good customer service skills. 24 hour operation with three shifts available. Must be available weekends and holidays.

#### Qualifications

High School diploma or GED required.

#### Miscellaneous Information

Please submit online application.

### THE SENILITY PRAYER :

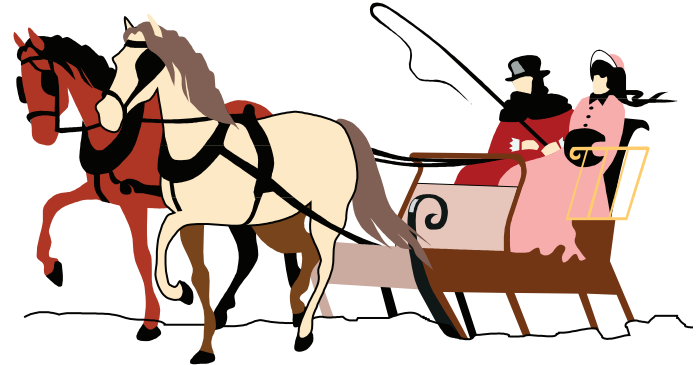
Grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.



## FREE\* CARRIAGE RIDES

Thursday, December 8th  
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Plaza @ 501

(at the corner of South Florissant Road and Suburban Ave.)  
Enjoy hot cocoa, toasty fire pits,  
and a great movie, *A Christmas Story*.

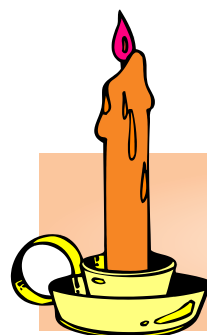


\*FREE for Ferguson Residents and Businesses only,  
Proof of Residency Required.

## Have a Safe Halloween

Halloween is a fun and spooky time of year for kids. The Ferguson Fire Department wants to make trick-or-treating safe for your little monsters with a few easy safety tips from the National Fire Protection:

- When choosing a costume, stay away from billowing or long trailing fabric. If your child is wearing a mask, make sure the eye holes are large enough they can see out.
- Provide flashlights to carry for lighting or glow sticks as part of their costume.
- Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper are highly flammable. Keep these and other decorations well away from all open flames and heat sources, including light bulbs and heaters.
- It is safest to use a flashlight or battery-operated candle in a jack-o-lantern. If you use a real candle, use caution. When lighting candles inside jack-o-lanterns, use long, fireplace style matches or a utility lighter. Be sure to place lit pumpkins well away from anything that can burn and far enough out of way of trick-or-treaters.
- Remember to keep exits clear of decorations so nothing blocks escape routes.
- Tell children to stay away from open flames. Be sure they know how to stop, drop and roll if their clothing catches fire. Have them practice stopping immediately, dropping to the ground, covering their face with hands, and rolling over and over to put the flames out.
- If your children are going to Halloween parties at others' homes, have them look for ways out of the home and plan how they would get out in an emergency.



#### Did You Know . . .

Decorations are the first thing to ignite in 900 reported home fires each year. Two of every five of these fires were started by a candle. BE SAFE!

## Great Christmas Gift for All Ages!



### Painting for Peace Coloring Book

available at  
Corners Frameshop  
and  
I Love Ferguson Shop

Great gift for the person who has everything. Give a gift that also helps the community.

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## Making Progress in the Face of Adversity

By Mayor James W. Knowles III

“Without a struggle, there can be no progress.”

—Frederick Douglas 1817-1895,  
Abolitionist, Author, Activist



It's now been two years since the previous council and I began the important process of making reforms within our city government, courts, and police department. That process included town halls, community conversations, neighborhood meetings, staff meetings, visits from law enforcement experts, and a serious inward examination of our policies and procedures to determine what we were doing right, what was wrong, and what we should be doing better.

In March of 2015, the City of Ferguson approved an agreement for reform with the Department of Justice, more commonly referred to a Consent Decree. In that agreement, the city and the Department of Justice laid out a number of reforms to the city government, courts, and police department that the city would implement over the next year. The document consists of a comprehensive list of reforms along with benchmarks and timelines to ensure progress is made and the reforms are successfully implemented.

Even before the approval of our Consent Decree with the Department of Justice, the City of Ferguson had proactively made tremendous efforts at reforms and has worked sincerely with stakeholders from around the community to rebuild trust in our city government. Citizen led groups like the Civilian Review Board Task Force, Neighborhood Policing Steering Committee, and other have also contributed greatly to this effort, and their work is still ongoing.

While the work toward reform has been ongoing for sometime, last month was the first opportunity for the city to report on the progress the city and community has made before the federal judge overseeing the Consent Decree. As I sat in the courtroom and listened to the Justice Department, the Federal Monitor, the City, and the Judge report on the progress, the overall feeling in the room was very positive.

At the hearing, the City outlined a long list of reforms in the Consent Decree that had been completed as well as future deadlines for reforms that are still forthcoming. This outline, by the way, can be found on the city's website, [www.fergusoncity.com](http://www.fergusoncity.com). The judge praised the city's efforts so far, stating that the city had done “a huge amount of work”, but conceding also that we still have a lot of work left to do.

By all objective measures the city has made tremendous progress instituting significant reforms and has led the region, and really the state, in making much needed changes to the way we do things. Many communities are still making those same mistakes that we all made several years ago, and very few have heeded the call to look at their practices and adopt meaningful reform. But you should all be proud that Ferguson is setting the standard for how things should be done in the future.

This reform effort has not been without adversity, and the progress we've made has not been without regular setbacks. Instituting widespread reform while continuing the necessary services that people expect from their city government is difficult under any circumstances. The city has found itself trying to achieve this lofty goal while working with a tight budget and a skeleton crew. The city administration is running as lean as ever, with vacancies in major department head positions throughout this effort. The Police Department has been short staffed and is working overtime to keep this community safe while making efforts to be more engaged in our community organizations and neighborhood groups.

What we've accomplished toward implementing the consent has been in the face of constant adversity, but the city has not let that stop us from making continual progress. The dedication from the city leadership and the city staff, and the commitment to this task ensures we will continue to make progress, no matter what obstacles come in our way.

## Ferguson Neighborhood Organizations

Dates & times subject to change. Check [www.fergusoncity.com](http://www.fergusoncity.com)  
Unsure of your group? Call 314.524.5257

Group	Next Mtg.	Location	Contact
Forestwood Park Neighborhood Group	Oct 4 7 pm	Emmaus Bible Chapel 900 Highmont	Donald Stevens 314-561-0379 ddd-stees@att.net
Jeske Park Neighborhood Assc.	TBA	Ferguson Community Ctr. 1050 Smith Ave	katemazza@yahoo.com
Nesbit-Newton	Oct 27 7 pm	Nesbit-Newton Park	Paul Beins2016 314-869-5080 pbeins@yahoo.com
Northwest Ferguson	TBA	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	Nov 3 7 pm	Corner Coffee House 100 No Florissant	Larry Robinett ldrobinett@gmail.com
Robert-Superior Neighborhood Group	TBA	Ferguson Community Ctr. 1050 Smith Ave	Irene Kidd kiddirene87@gamil.com
Southwest Ferguson Neighborhood Group	Nov 14 7 pm	Our Lady of Guadalupe 17 Hawkesbury	Atefa Young atefayoung@yahoo.com
Wabash Neighborhood Assn.	Nov 7 7 pm	First Baptist 333 N Florissant	Shonnette Morgan sdenisemor@hotmail.com
North Hudson Neighborhood	TBA	Ferguson Community Ctr 1050 Smith	May Simmons hudsonhills63135@gmail.com
North Hills Neighborhood	Nov 14 7 pm	Our Lady of Guadalupe 17 Hawkesbury Dr.	Keith Kallstrom 314-524-1720
North Elizabeth Neighborhood	TBA	Ferguson Community Ctr. 1050 Smith Ave	Renee Benage rbenage@sbcglobal.net
Ferguson Woods	TBA	North Hills Methodist 10771 Trask Dr	Ella Jones Ejones@fergusoncity.com Rosalyn Lee Rlee@fergusoncity.com

## Leaf Clean-up

Fall is upon us and the leaves will be turning beautiful colors. Unfortunately the beautiful leaves will begin to fall.

Each property owner is responsible for cleaning up the leaves in their yards. We are fortunate to have unlimited yard waste pick-up through Republic Services/Allied Waste. You can either put the leaves in your own 30-gallon trash can marked as “yard waste” or use paper yard waste bags available at hardware stores. Then put the bags out on your weekly trash pick-up day. If you have an extremely large number of yard waste containers you may want to contact Republic Services/Allied Waste at 636-947-5959 to let them know.

Leaves cannot be blown or raked to the curb or in the street. The city street sweepers are not equipped to clean up leaf debris. Anyone blowing leaves into the street may be visited by one of our code enforcement officers.

If you need to dispose of tree branches they must be cut into 4 foot lengths and bundled no larger than 18 inches (1.5 feet) in diameter and must be tied with string or twine.

If you have any questions or concerns about yard waste disposal you can contact Republic Services/Allied Waste at 636-947-5959.

The Ferguson City Council will meet twice in October.  
The meetings will be held in the City Council Chambers  
at 110 Church Street. The meeting dates are:

Tuesday, October 11 at 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, October 25 at 7:00 p.m.

Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 a.m. on

# Sunday, November 6

Your clocks should FALL BACK one hour  
on Sunday morning

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City Hall: 110 Church Street, 63135, 314-521-7721. Website: [www.fergusoncity.com](http://www.fergusoncity.com). Contact Us by Email: [Information@fergusoncity.com](mailto:Information@fergusoncity.com)

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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.

## PROGRAMMING

### Private Dance Lessons

Are you going to a wedding, on a cruise, or will you be attending a social event that includes dancing? Are you an engaged couple that need to learn a routine for their first dance? Or do you just want to learn to dance for fun and fitness in a class designed to teach you the styles of dance you want to learn? Private dance lessons are the answer. Classes are taught by Diane Brown, instructor and choreographer of 30 years. Diane can teach you most any style of dance including Ballroom, Latin, Swing, Salsa, Hip Hop, Tap and Ballet. For wedding dances, she can teach the bride and father-of-the-bride and the entire wedding party, as well as the bride and groom, a dance to the music they have selected for that special day.

Fee: \$45 for a one hour class for up to 4 students  
\$5 more for each additional student  
Beginner's discount: receive a discount for 6 classes if paid in full at the first class. \$38 per class.

### 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 over 30 years dance and choreography experience in the St. Louis area.

Wear comfortable clothing and hard-soled shoes. No tennis shoes.

Private dance classes are available.

Age: 18 & Up  
Start Date: Mon, 9/12 (8 week session); Mon, 11/7 (8 week session)  
No Class 12/25 or 1/2; Mon, 1/16 (8 week session)  
Time: 7:45-8:40pm  
Location: Ferguson Community Center  
Fee: \$40/Members; \$45/Residents; \$50/Non-Residents

### 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.

Age: 3 1/2-7 years old; 8-12 years old  
Start Date: Mon, 9/12 (8 week session); Mon, 11/7 (8 week session)  
No Class 12/25 or 1/2  
Mon, 1/16 (8 week session)  
Time: 5:45-6:40 (Age 3-7)  
6:45-7:40 (Ages 8-12)  
Location: Ferguson Community Center  
Fee: \$34/Members; \$39/Residents; \$44/Non-Residents

### Tap & Ballet Dance

A wonderful opportunity 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.

Age: 3-7 years old  
Start Date: Wed, 9/14 (8 week session); Wed, 11/9 (8 week session)  
No class 12/27 or 1/4  
Wed, 1/18 (8 week session)  
Time: 5:45 pm-6:40 pm  
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: 8-13 years old  
Start Date: Wed, 9/14 (8 week session); Wed, 11/9 (8 week session)  
No class 12/27 or 1/4  
Wed, 1/18 (8 week session)  
Time: 6:45-7:40pm (Age 14-18)  
Location: Ferguson Community Center  
Fee: \$34/Members; \$39/Residents; \$44/Non-Residents

### Computers for Seniors

Do you feel like you're left in the Stone Age while technology keeps moving

forward? Do you have grandchildren who you would like to keep up with through social media? If so, then sign up for Ferguson's Computer for Seniors course. This class will start with teaching you very basic computer functions and extend your knowledge until you surfing the World Wide Web with confidence and ease. Note: This class requires participant to create an email account.

Age: 50 and older  
Dates: Tues, Oct 4 (6 weeks)  
Times: 11:00am-Noon  
Location: Ferguson Community Center  
Fee: \$20/Member; \$25/Residents; \$30/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.

### 2016 Wayside Dog Park memberships now on sale.

Yearly Fee: \$30 Residents; \$60 Non-Residents  
*Half price through the end of the year*  
\$5 per additional dog (three dogs per family).

### Aqua Fitness

Stay fit this fall, join us for this low impact water exercise class at McCluer South Berkeley High School indoor pool. This class is great for all exercise abilities as you can make the workout as challenging or laid back as you want. The ability to swim is not required.

Days: Mondays & Wednesdays – September 19 – October 19  
5:30-6:30pm  
Fee: \$5 drop in Or  
\$35 Residents; \$40 Non Residents per 5 week session  
Class is offered free as part of our *Silver Sneakers* Membership, sign up at the Community Center today!

### Swim Lessons

The ability to swim is an invaluable life skill, let us help you learn or refine your skills. Join us this fall as we offer swim lessons for ages 4 and up at McCluer South Berkeley High School indoor pool.

Days: Mondays & Wednesdays – September 19 – October 19  
6:30-7:15pm  
Fee: Preschool Lessons (Ages 4&5) \$35 Residents;  
\$40 Non Residents  
Group Lessons (Ages 6&up) \$30 Residents;  
\$35 Non Residents  
7:15-8:00pm  
Adult Lessons (Ages 16&up) \$35 Residents;  
\$40 Non Residents  
Group Lessons (Ages 6&up) \$30 Residents;  
\$35 Non Residents

Private Lessons will be available by special request, please call the Community Center for more information.

## FITNESS

### Silver Sneakers

The Ferguson Community Center is now enrolled in the Silver Sneakers program for seniors! This program offers free admission to the Ferguson Community Center and Silver Sneakers exercise classes. Check with your health insurance provider to see if you apply! For more information call the Ferguson Community Center, 314-521-4661.

### Silver Sneakers Cardio Circuit

Silver Sneakers Cardio Circuit combines fun with fitness to increase your cardiovascular and muscular endurance power with a standing circuit workout. Upper body strength work with hand-held weights, elastic tubing with handles, and a Silver Sneakers ball is alternated with low-impact aerobic choreography. A chair is used for standing support, stretching, and relaxation exercises.

Days: Tuesdays and Thursdays  
Dates: Ongoing  
Times: 8:55 am – 9:55 am  
Fee: FREE/Silver Sneakers Members  
\$3/Everyone Else

### Silver Sneakers Water Aerobics

Offers lots of fun and shallow water moves to improve agility, flexibility, and cardiovascular endurance. No swimming ability is required and a special SilverSneakers techniques will be used to develop strength, balance, and coordination.

Days: Monday and Wednesday  
Dates: Ongoing  
Time: 5:30 pm  
Location: McCluer South Berkeley  
Fee: Free/ Silver sneakers members  
\$5/ Non- Silver sneakers members

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**Tap Dancing for Fun & Fitness**

Get a fun and creative workout while learning a new skill--Tap Dancing. Easy yet energetic tap steps enhance the rhythm of the song and motivate you to move with the music. You'll enjoy hearing the tapping of your feet and will hardly realize you're working out and burning calories! The class ends with a cool down and light stretching Tap or hard-soled shoes are highly recommended. No tennis shoes

Age: 16 years old and up  
 Start Date: Wed, 9/14 (8 week session); Wed, 11/9 (8 week session)  
 o class 12/27 or 1/4  
 Wed, 1/18 (8 week session)  
 Time: 7:45-8:40pm (Age 14-18)  
 Location: Ferguson Community Center  
 Fee: \$34/Members; \$39/Residents; \$44/Non-Residents

**Intro to Fitness**

Join the Ferguson Community Center staff and learn how to properly use the fitness equipment in our fitness center. This class is offered once a month and you must pre-register at the front desk.

Age: 1 6 years old and up  
 Start Date: Tues, 9/13  
 Tues, 10/11  
 Tues, 11/15  
 Tues, 12/13  
 Tues, 1/10  
 Time: 7:45-8:40pm  
 Location: Ferguson Community Center  
 Fee: FREE/Members; \$2/Residents; \$3/ Non-Residents and Guests

**Aerobics**

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

Age: 18 years & up  
 Start Date: Mon, 9/12 (8 week session); Wed, 9/14 (8 week session)  
 Mon, 11/7 (8 week session) No Class 12/25 or 1/2  
 Wed, 11/9 (8 week session) No class 12/27 or 1/4  
 Mon, 1/16 (8 week session); Wed, 1/18 (8 week session)  
 Time: 6pm-7pm  
 Location: Ferguson Community Center  
 Fee: \$25/Members - 1 day per week  
 \$30/Residents - 1 day per week  
 \$35/Non-Residents - 1 day per week  
 Additional Days: \$10/members add day  
 \$15/residents add day; \$20/non-residents add day

**Slide Dance**

Do you want to enjoy a great workout while having fun? Join our Slide Dance class. Slide Dance is a fun 1 hour dance class designed to learn basic and intermediate slide dance routines and popular variations. Participants will become more confident on the dance floor at social events. Slide dancing is a low impact aerobic exercise. Students should wear comfortable clothing and adhere to 3 rules: have fun, forgive themselves and keep moving.

Ages: 18 and up  
 Date: Mon, 9/12 (6 week session); Mon, 10/24 (6 week session)  
 Mon, 12/05 (6 week session) No Class 12/25 or 1/2  
 Times: 6:30pm-7:30pm (Beginners)  
 7:45 pm-8:45 pm (Intermediate)  
 Location: Community Center  
 Fee: \$25/Member; \$30/Resident; \$35/Non-Resident

**Athletics**

**Sand Volleyball Tournament**

Get your team together for our Inaugural City of Ferguson Sand Volleyball Tournament at the new complex. Teams consist of 4 -10 play-ers, up to 6 in rotation on the court during play, guaranteed at least 2 games. Every player on a roster will receive a t-shirt and concession voucher. Champions will win a team trophy, champion t-shirts, and their team picture on the cover of our next brochure.

Ages: 21 & up  
 Day: Saturday  
 Date: October 22nd  
 Time: 4:00pm-10:00pm\*  
 \*times may vary based on number of teams registered  
 Fee: \$150/ team

Register by October 1st for guaranteed t-shirts day of event

**Coed recreation – sand volleyball league**

Join us for inaugural sand volleyball league at the new complex at the Community Center. This league is purely for recreation; games will be self-officiate and report. Come out and have a great time with your friends, family, or coworkers. Teams consist of 4 or more players, up to 6 in rotation on the court during play. Our concession stand will be open during the game for all your concession favorites. Playoff champion team will receive a trophy!

Ages: 18 & up  
 Days: Wednesday Nights

Time: Games starting at 6:00pm – 6 weeks plus playoffs  
 Fee: \$40/ team Resident; \$50/ team Non-Resident

**Seniors**

**Gambling in Oklahoma**

This overnight “Gambling Getaway” takes us along the OK-MO-KS border to a “Las Vegas Style” casino! On the way home we’ll be stopping at the Indigo Sky Casino. Also on Wednesday, a side trip will be included to Sandstone Gardens in Joplin, Missouri. Comps for this trip include: \$25 worth of slot play, 1 lunch and 1 dinner and \$3 off in the food court. This is the total between both casinos. Cost includes: motorcoach transportation, lodging, taxes and gratuities. Only 10 spots left!

Ages: 21 and up  
 Dates: Wed, Oct. 26 – Fri, Oct. 28  
 Time: 7:00 am – 8:00 pm  
 Fee: \$138/Residents; \$153 Non/Residents (double occupancy)

**Mystery Trip**

Join us for a 4-day mystery tour; and they’re always exciting! Head North, South, East, or West to arrive at our destination. The crystal ball reveals meals and entertainment but nothing else specific. Come along as the trip unravels before your eyes! Here’s a hint; We will do this and that, and see stuff and things. You won’t want to miss this one.

Ages: 18 and up  
 Dates: Wed, Oct. 12 – Sat, Oct. 15  
 Time: 7:00am – 9:00 pm  
 Fee: \$550 Residents; \$575 Non-Residents (double occupancy)

**Teens**

**Six Flags Fright Fest**

Dates: Sat, Oct 15  
 Time: 12:00pm- 11:00pm  
 Fee: By 10/2:\$15 Resident; \$20 Non Resident  
 After 10/2: \$20 Resident; \$25 Non Resident

**Special Events**

**Pancake Breakfast with Santa**

Join us for a morning of pancakes and a visit from Santa! Santa is flying his reindeer down from the North Pole to visit his friends at the Ferguson Community Center. Admission includes all you can eat pancakes, sausage, and orange juice and a coloring book for children. Pre-registration is required for this event, space is limited.

Featuring Chris Cakes Pancakes!  
 Date: Sat, Dec 17th  
 Time: 9:00am – 11:00am  
 Location: Ferguson Event Space  
 Fee: \$3 children; \$5 adults

**Ferguson CityWalk Carriage Rides**

Horse drawn carriages, toasty fire pits and hot drink! A perfect way to enjoy the holidays in Ferguson Citywalk.

Date: Thursday, December 8  
 Time: 5:30pm – 9:00pm  
 Location: Plaza at 501



## Ferguson Lions Club POKER TOURNAMENT



50/50  
Drawing

1st, 2nd, 3rd  
Place  
Prizes

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Bar

**Saturday, October 8**

Noon Entry – Starts at 12:30 – Play 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm

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**Saturday, December 10**

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The Ferguson Youth Initiative is proud to announce the First Annual FYI Pinewood Classic. FYI is transforming this age-old Scouting event into a community spectacular for all ages. Shape a block of wood into a sleek racing machine or showcase your creativity in the design competition. Enter solo or form a pit crew. Challenge your friends, dare your business rivals, take home the trophy.

Three derby events on four-lane track:

- 1-3 p.m. **Teens Classic** (ages 13-19) \$5 entry
  - 4-6 p.m. **Open Adult Classic** \$30 entry
  - 7-10 p.m. **Corporate Classic** \$150 entry
- Corporate Classic includes Live Music, Finger Food & Cash Bar*  
\* All Show & No Go Concept Competition \$20 entry

## FLIERS (Friends of the Ferguson Library) FALL BOOK SALE

**Thursday, October 20**  
4:00 to 7:30 p.m.

**Friday, October 21**  
9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

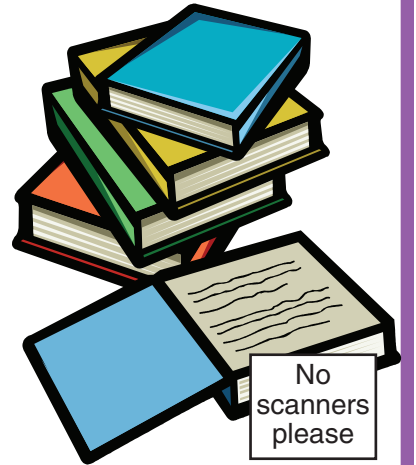
**Saturday, October 22**  
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

All proceeds go to the library and all workers are volunteers

**Library Auditorium**  
35 No. Florissant Road

Along with our usual categories of books, this sale includes some especially nice books on golfing, gardening, animals (especially horses), health, paperbacks, lots and lots of children's books and many jigsaw puzzles.

All military-rated books will be 1/2 their marked prices.



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The Ferguson Historical Society invites you to tour the History House on October 15 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The History House is located behind the Ferguson Community Center, 1050 Smith Ave.

Our displays include photographs and artifacts from the 1850's to 2016.

## St. Peters UCC Girls' Volleyball

### Where?

St. Peter's UCC  
(Gym)  
1425 Stein Road  
Ferguson

### When?

Tuesdays  
5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

### Who?

6th - 8th Grade Girls

**Girl's volleyball starts back up on October 4th.**

### QUESTIONS?

Please call 314-521-5694



## Fall Church RUMMAGE SALE

Friday, October 7th  
5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

and  
Saturday, October 8th  
8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Lots and lots of great items at below "goodwill" prices! Clothes, books, collectibles, toys, shoes, small furniture, videos . . . you name it, we probably have it! Don't miss this sale . . . line forms early each day. Come and enjoy a long-standing tradition of bargains.

St. Stephen Church 33 No. Clay (corner of Darst and Clay)

The Ferguson-Florissant (North County) Branch of the American Association of University Women presents the film . . .

**The Hunting Ground**  
Saturday, October 15th at 10:00 a.m.

Lower level meeting room of the Lutheran Church of Living Christ  
2725 Concord Dr. (at New Halls Ferry Road) in Florissant  
It is a documentary about sexual assault on college campuses and what is perceived to be a failure of college administrations to deal with it.  
It is free and the public is invited  
314-517-8973, 314-831-5359,



## FERGUSON HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Ferguson HRC would like to invite you to the showing of the movie "Crash" with discussions after the movie.

**DATE:** Friday, October 21st  
**TIME:** 6:00 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Ferguson Community Center  
Gymnasium

### CRASH

Los Angeles citizens with vastly separate lives collide in interweaving stories of race, loss and redemption. The movie is rated "R".





## Walk / Run Against Domestic & Sexual Abuse

Saturday, October 8th – 8:30 am to 12:30 pm  
Starting at January Wabash Memorial Park

Registration:

Team members \$25 each – Individuals \$20 each  
Kids 12 & Under \$15 each

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### Envisioning a Safer Community

A Sunday afternoon town hall was hosted by the Ferguson Collaborative and a group of regional social justice organizations on September 18 to explore the topic, Re-Envisioning Public Safety. The meeting was the third in a series of similar town halls seeking to broaden the community's thinking regarding solutions to crime.

A presentation at the beginning of the event was critical of the current model of crime prevention, which it called "reactive" and overly based on arrest and incarceration. The Collaborative cited figures showing that 41% of the city's budget is spent on arresting and incarceration, but crime is still relatively high.

As alternatives, the group put forward three solutions. The first, Problem Oriented Policing, reduces the role of police by encouraging them to work with partners—mental health providers, educators, job trainers and others—to solve community problems. Second, they suggested that we can reduce calls for police service by finding alternatives to calling police. Third, they recommended a "holistic public safety" model that would invest in solving the root causes of crime rather than reacting after-the-fact. Breakout groups explored these topics in more detail, and report-backs to the whole group were an opportunity to share ideas.

The series of town halls was funded by a grant from the Rockefeller Family Foundation.

John Chasnoff



**Membership Meeting**  
Thursday, October 13th  
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### Mary Nichols to Display Her Art at Pearce Neikirk Office and Gallery

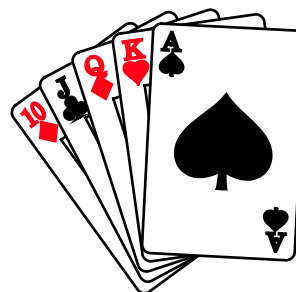


I grew up in Ferguson as Mary Louise Crume and have spent most of my childhood and adult life in this wonderful town. Playing outdoors was what we did, and I spent hours at a time in Jeske Park or walking to January Wabash with my friends. The library, the soda fountain at Quillman's Drug Store in downtown Ferguson, the record shop and the Savoy were regular hangouts.

I developed a love of creating at a young age, and it continued through high school and college. My love of sunflowers is more recent, although I always will admire van Gogh's wonderful sunflower paintings and style of working. But growing sunflowers is a pleasure--the colors and varieties are endless. Once we were able to grow over 100 sunflowers, and the variety of birds and insects that visited were just as interesting as the flowers.

My children, Melisa and Andy Holman, are fourth generation Ferguson people and we are proud that this is our hometown.

Mary Nichols



Mark your calendars! Immanuel Fellowship's **Annual Card Party** Thursday, Oct. 13, 2016.

Doors open at 10:00 a.m., Lunch at Noon  
Doors close at 3:00 p.m.

**Tickets \$10.**

Raffle Tickets \$1 each or 6 for \$5.  
Raffle is Handmade Quilt, Afghan, and much more!

For tickets call Chris at 314-522-1886 or the Church office 314-521-7324 or buy them at the door.

Immanuel United Church of Christ, 221 Church Street, in Ferguson

# The Ferguson Computer Corner



by Doug Neely *CERTIFIED to feed ghoulies & ghosties, and kill thingies real good! can also take care of things that go bump in the night! :)*

## OCTOBER, 2016

Halloween is coming sooner than we thought! get ready for all the ghoulies & ghosties now, while there's still time! };0>

### Ghosts In Your Puter?, dept.

yes, some have called me to tell me there are thingies in their puters that should'nt oughta be there! well, maybe not ghoulies or ghosties, but real thingies! (infections!) and these same people have been telling me that the only thing they have recently installed is an update for Firefox. they say that all of a sudden, this tiny little window popped up, telling them that there is a java update available for Firefox, and don't they wanna get it now, to make Firefox up to date & safer!

i want to tell you right now that Firefox updates do NOT work like that. depending upon the version you have, you will get a notification somewhere in (on, actually) your browser, usually on the right side on the top or the bottom; NOT inside the browser's window. you can also simply ask Firefox if there is an update available by going to help (top left, where you see File, Edit, View, History, Bookmarks, Tools, HELP), and just click on help. when you do, a drop-down menu will appear. go all the way to the bottom (usually) and click on

ABOUT FIREFOX. now a window will open, and in the middle, at the near top, it will say FIREFOX in big letters, directly below that, it will say the version of Firefox you have and the line below that will say Firefox is up-to-date, OR that there is a newer version available, and to get it, click here. it is SAFE to update in this manner.

the reason it is safe is because it is coming directly from the Firefox webpage at MOZILLA.ORG; remember that! these little windows that pop up all of a sudden are NOT from MOZILLA.ORG; they will display some other funny website that you have never heard of before. that is because they want you to download an infection, under it being a guise for a genuine Firefox download. this is the trickery they use to get YOU to infect your own puter, as they cannot do so at this stage of the game. once you do, they then can further infect your puter, as their foot is now in your door, so to speak.

now this is a good lesson for everyone: do NOT just click on a window ANYWHERE just to get it to go away, because the chances are very great that the WHOLE WINDOW is a BIG YES BUTTON so your puter WILL DOWNLOAD THE INFECTION! in order to close such windows,

usually clicking CLOSE on the little minimized window tab at the bottom in the taskbar, or use the windows task manager to close the window. if the thing still does not close, close all your browser windows, and/or re-start your puter by telling windows to re-start. these are the ONLY SAFE ways to do this. READ ALL WINDOWS THAT POP UP, ESPECIALLY THE TITLE BAR; GIVE THIS INFO TO YOUR TECH, AS IT WILL HELP HIM TO FIX IT!

these windows pop up as a result of you visiting a website which has certain "ads" being displayed. the interesting thing is that it does NOT HAVE TO BE a BAD website; it can be a TRUSTED website! and you don't have to even click on the ad. as a matter of fact, the website probably will not even be aware of the thing until they get a complaint about it. this is because websites must generate their own income to pay for the webspace, and they usually do NOT have enough techs to VET the ads they are paid to run. that's it in a nutshell!

so, if you have had anything like this already happen to you, and you clicked on something, and now you have a bad thingie in your puter, you will need help to get it out. this being the case, make sure you contact someone who KNOWS HOW to KILL it. this must be a tough thing for some of you to do, as i get calls from people who tell me that their puter has been acting kinda funny for the past few months. not taking immediate & proper action will allow the infections to grow, usually making it far more difficult to clean things up. and that usually costs you more, in more

ways than one. go figure.

if YOU find yourself with any computer issue, you can always call me for my FREE puter advice, which is ALWAYS FREE. not only that, but i don't ever charge anyone for the FREE PUTER ADVICE. just so you know. :)

### ME GO NOW!

well, the thingies have been taken care of; the ghoulies & ghosties are still out there somewhere, and i have to go to prepare them a treat. just MAKE SURE YOU ALWAYS TAKE CARE OF ALL OF YOUR THINGIES, GHOULIES & GHOSTIES, or i can guarantee you that you will regret it! so there! (PS--- there are NO thingies, or ghoulies or ghosties in heaven, so that's THE ONE place you do NOT have to worry about! and if you are interested in going there someday, and would like a little FREE INFORMATION about heaven, i think i can help you with that, too! :) see you there!)

...it is now safe to turn your puter on! (or off, for that matter; after all, you've gotta turn it off when the cute, hungry, little buggars come knocking!)

IF you would like to getcha summa Doug's FREE PUTER ADVICE, calling is best, but you can email him as long as you give him a good phone # to call you back. \*314\*521\*1789\* in the PM HOURS! email: fergusoncomputercorner@aol.com HAVE A SAFE & FUN HALLOWEEN, AND A BLESSED ALL SAINTS DAY!

## 1956 Chevy

The proud owner of a magnificent 1956 Chevrolet convertible, wrote to say he had restored the car to perfection over the last few years, and sent this... On a very warm summer afternoon he decided to take his car to town. It needed gas, as the gauge was practically on empty, but he wanted ice cream, so he headed first to his favorite ice cream shop.

He had trouble finding a parking space and had to park the car down a side street. He noticed a group of young guys standing around smoking cigarettes and eyeing the car rather covetously. He was a bit uneasy leaving it there, but people often take interest in such an old and well-preserved car, so he went off to enjoy his ice cream.

The line at the ice cream shop was long and it took him quite a while to return to his car. When he did, his worst fears were realized...his car was gone!

He called the police and reported the theft and then went back and bought a quart of pistachio ice cream. About ten minutes later the police called him

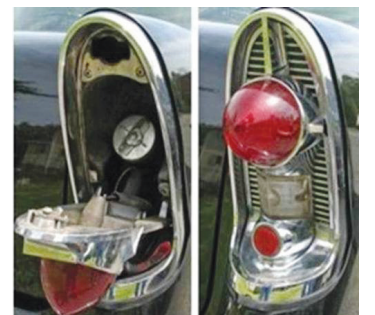
to say they had found the car abandoned near a gas station a few miles out of town.

It was unharmed and he was relieved. It seems just before he called, the police had received a call from a young woman who was an employee at a self-service gas station. She told them that three young men had driven in with this beautiful old convertible. One of them came to the window and prepaid for 20 dollars-worth of gas.

Then all three of them walked around the car, looking at it carefully, and then just walked away ... without filling the tank.

The question is, why would anybody steal a car, pay for gas that they never pumped, and then abandon the car later and walk away?

Answer: They couldn't find where to put the gas!



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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.

The economic results just came out and depending on who you listen to these results are good or not so much. This area affects us all and in this election year, we've heard more bickering over things that are insignificant than how we can work together to make things better. Each party is trying to out shock the other. With the real issues we hear more promises without much real substance to back them up. It's sad that most people seem to be voting for one candidate just to prevent the other major candidate from winning. If only there were a chance for a third party to win, that would really shake things up. No matter what, many people are focused on how a new presidency might affect their own pocket book.

So if we look at a couple of the results just announced maybe it can reinforce that we've been on the right track. Or does it prove that things have taken a turn for the worse. Unemployment is down and that's a good thing. Unemployment is measured in several ways and if we look at the number of jobless claims filed in the first week of September it seems there were 4,000 fewer than before. However, you could also notice that income has been down since the recession started. Although we have seen some improvement, we still haven't recovered to the levels prior to 2009. As most realize recovery always takes time and with our government changing every few years with elections it's hard to imagine ever digging our way out. Our elected officials seem incapable of working together towards a common good, so any change seems nearly impossible. So I am not sure either candidate can do much without cooperation from both sides.

Of course, if you are one of those unemployed or underemployed, statistics don't matter. You are having tough times now. And no matter how many new jobs are created we will need skilled workers to fill them. This leads me to look at another area that affects the economics of everyone in the country and that is education. It affects us all now and down the road as our students of today graduate. Recently, I heard a business owner on talk radio discussing the good paying jobs that he can't seem to fill. There don't seem to be enough skilled workers to fill those jobs. What an opportunity? Perhaps the education of our young people should become a bigger priority for all.

While our candidates haven't spent much time on the subject, they do have some plans. Just a few of the problems in education are: disparity among various economic classes, costs of secondary education and a poor system of accountability among educators. These problems obviously affect the poor more adversely. The schools that are doing a great job are typically in wealthier communities. Parental involvement also has much to do with how well education works. Good teachers who are able to teach and not spend more time dealing with disruptive students is another factor. There are many related problems to really address, but these three issues are at the top.

So here are some of my findings on how education can be improved with some of the candidate's plans. Hillary plans to make college available free for all students from families earning less than \$125,000 at in-state universities. Of course, I use the term "free" loosely because we all know nothing is really free. Her plans also include addressing the costs of higher education and tying some of the perks to service programs like AmeriCorps. I do like that idea, being involved with service to our country is good for everyone. She doesn't want to evaluate teacher's based on student results. In some ways I can understand her reluctance to hold teacher's accountable when in fact there are many other factors involved in whether or not a student succeeds and much has to do with what is happening at home. However, we really need to have some way to reward those educators who are getting the job done and eliminate those not able to provide the teaching that is required.

If we look at Donald Trump's ideas, the biggest contrast is the implementation of school choice and the reduction of government involvement. He plans to return control to the states. He says "Education should be local and locally managed." He also supports merit pay for teachers although I haven't heard how they would be evaluated. Like Hillary, he favors school choice, but in her case she has emphasized that the choice would be within the public school system. He hasn't given much detail except to say he plans to allocate \$20 billion to implement a school choice program. As a businessman he feels that school choice would improve education with a more competitive system than our current public education model. While this does sound appealing, the ability to really improve education for all students may need more help, and again, the method of measuring results needs to be figured out.

The Libertarian candidate Gary Johnson like Trump wants the control of education returned to the states. Keeping decisions that affect our children closer to home, rather than involving bureaucrats and politicians is his goal. That is why he believes we should eliminate the federal Department of Education. He is a believer in school choice and believes parents should be able to use a voucher for any school they choose as he has suggested for New Mexico. He insists that those remaining in public schools would get more spent per student because of those voucher dollars and the continued tax support for public schools. So he disagrees with Hillary who feels we would be hurting public schools if full choice is allowed. Gary also recognizes the need to measure performance in schools. Like Hilary he doesn't want to use testing results as a way to punish or reward teachers, but more of a method of finding ways to improve and utilize the methods that are showing the best results.

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The Green candidate is Jill Stein. One of her plans is to create a bailout for student debt which she estimates at \$1.3 trillion. That is actually less than 25% of what was spent on the banking bailout. Like the others she recognizes the need for testing for the purpose of seeing if standards are being met and insists that curriculum needs to be written by teachers. Involving corporate contractors just complicates matters and doesn't improve education, in her opinion. Creating "lifetime learning" is her goal which covers more equitable funding for education and eliminating disparities. She feels very strongly about the current system of testing saying "In general, high stakes testing is more than counterproductive--it is destructive. It is used as a political tool against teachers--targeting low-income and people of color". It was pointed out in one place that if everyone with student loan debt were to vote for Jill she would probably win.

Education does have a great deal to do with the future of our country and our economy. So I hope it becomes more of a focus for whoever becomes the next president. And when you go to the polls think about the person best able to accomplish things that will keep us on the right path. Listening to media and the prime candidates causes many people to feel that they can't make a difference. Some of the ideas I've mentioned seem drastic, but that seems to be what makes our most unlikely candidate, Mr. Trump so popular. And maybe because we haven't seen much improvement in education since the Department of Education was formed in 1979 by Jimmy Carter, it's time to agree with its abolishment. However, just as I mentioned earlier, due to our turnover in government some ideas don't always have time to work.

When Reagan got elected after Carter he quickly made significant budget cuts to the Department and even would have preferred to eliminate it then. For anything to work, we must have officials who can get things done. So maybe we need to worry more about our elected officials in Congress.

If you have any comments please e-mail me at [consultjoan@att.net](mailto:consultjoan@att.net)

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Her bedroom for the overnight stay looked out over the drive. The countess had considerable difficulty sleeping; it was a humid, moonlit night and as the clock outside her bedroom door struck 12, she heard the noise of horses' hooves on the gravel outside, and the sound of wheels. Intrigued, she rose, and opening the wooden shutters, looked out to see who could be arriving at that time of night.



The moonlight was very bright, and she saw clearly a hearse drive up to the door. Instead of a coffin, it was crowded with people. The coachman sat high up on the box: as he came opposite the window he drew up and turned his head. His face terrified her, and he said in a distinct voice, 'There's room for one more.'

The countess, fearful for her life, drew the curtain, ran back to bed, and covered her head with the bedclothes. In the morning she was not quite sure whether it had been a dream, or whether she had really gotten out of bed and seen the hearse, but she was glad to continue her journey south and leave the old chateau behind her.

Before visiting her sick mother, the countess went shopping in a world renowned store in which there was an elevator: a modern invention at that time. She was on the top floor, and went to the elevator to descend. It was rather crowded, but as she came up to it, the elevator operator turned his head and said, 'There's room for one more.' It was the face of the coachman of the hearse.

'No, thank you,' spluttered the countess. 'I'll take the stairs.'

She turned away, the elevator doors clanged closed, there was a terrible rush and screaming and shouting, and then a great clatter and thud. The elevator had fallen and every person in it was killed.

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## Ferguson by Foot

By: Margaret Wolfinbarger



I was recently lying on my back in bed with an ice pack under my lower back and a grimace on my face. Now don't get me wrong, this isn't something I generally do for fun, but rather because I pulled my Sacroiliac joint out of place. I wish I could say this happened because I was doing something noble like, washing my neighbor's car for free, but the truth is actually quite boring. I was stretching. You see, I woke up late that morning and decided to skip my workout. I figured stretching was kind of like Yoga and Yoga is sort of like exercise. This is lesson number one; never make excuses and skip your workout.

So after I made an emergency visit to the chiropractor, I crawled into bed and found a position that caused the least amount of pain. Then I began to pout. Pouting has great existential benefits if you like to wax philosophical like me, but it is practically useless for pain relief. So after I finished pouting I began to ponder the unfairness of my body. This was especially relevant because the one thing I was able to do on my back was scroll through my social media feed. And what do you suppose popped up? Do you think Facebook read my mind and started sending me back remedies? Um, no. It took a big gob of salt and rubbed it in my wound via pictures of my fit and sweaty friends posting selfies after their recent workouts. And all I could think (after "I hate you for being skinny!") was, I don't know when I'll be able to work out again. And then I started to cry. Because if you like to eat as much as I do, and you don't want to gain weight, exercise is pretty much one of the only comforts you have. So lying on my back was a real sucker-punch to my pride. Now before you start feeling sorry for me, you have to understand I can be rather vain. One of my earliest childhood memories involves me wishing I was thin and blond so more people would like me, as if size and hair color ever made anyone happy. But when you're little and pudgy, and all the other girls seem to fit better into societal norms, you kind of develop these strange complexes whereby you begin to determine your self-worth by your body as compared to others. Let me be clear, this kind of thinking is so incredibly wrong, but it is still a natural tendency for this brittle-bodied woman. And since vanity and pride go together like PB&J, it takes concerted effort to change my mindset, especially in light of pain and disappointment.

It's kind of like the time early in my journey to lose weight that one of my dear friends baked chocolate chip cookies and invited me to eat just one. She really wanted to do something kind for me. And since she had known me a long time and knew I loved cookies, she thought offering just one was a kindness when in reality it was the worst kind of torture. Before I became acclimated to my sugar free lifestyle, the very thought of not eating cookies sent me into a tailspin. In that particular instance I did not eat a cookie, hurt her feelings, and then hid in my cubicle and cried. And all I could think was, how can I possibly live like this for the rest of my life? Who wants to be thin if you can't eat chocolate chip cookies?

Now I think this kind of all or nothing attitude has definitely added fuel to the obesity epidemic and overall fat acceptance movement by avoiding the real issues that contribute to people wanting to overeat. But that is another topic for another column. What I would like to point out here is this, as human beings we have power to decide how to govern our thoughts and our bodies. So crying in my cubicle over uneaten cookies and crying in my bed over missed workouts is pretty much the same thing. And since self-pity is ugly and I have learned that nothing good comes from it, I decided something must be done to move forward (psychologically speaking—my back prevented any other kind of movement!). Sometimes we can focus so much on what we don't have that we forget the good things we do have. I.e., counting our blessings. But even this argument breaks down in the face of searing pain. For perspective I called a friend of mine who had responded to my pity party on Facebook and listened to her talk about the 2 year anniversary of the death of her 19 year old daughter and how it has changed her parenting style. Suddenly my aching back didn't hurt so much and my frustration over my inability to be thin seemed rather foolish. As any parent who has lost a child will tell you, the pain never lessens and you learn to hug the remaining children you do have a little tighter. But for those who have lost their one and only, what can you say to them?

I guess the point I'm trying to make is that we all have to learn to fight for the truth. Sometimes our perceptions about our lives and culture, and our misunderstandings about who we are in response to them, can cloud our judgment. We think we are alone in our suffering but there are others aching around us. We give more importance to our appearance than we do to our hearts. We think what we want is the only valid argument and we sidestep real truth. We snatch and steal. We try to eat the ache away. We wallow in self-pity and let envy and greed steal our joy. All of this can create quite a puddle of misery, but if we are brave, we seek out the truth and learn that stepping out of the puddle of pain is possible.

So as I laid in bed with tears streaming down my face, I began to recount the many times I have felt grief or loss or pain, and I remembered how I got through those moments. How did I walk up Powell hill? How did I jog to the end of the Ted and Pat Jones bike trail for the first time? How did I lose 140 pounds? Your answer may be different than mine, but that is where your journey begins, and until you take that first step out of the puddle, you will never know how wonderful or beautiful or warm standing in the sunshine can really be. For more inspiration, follow me on my blog: [www.destinationdiscipline.com](http://www.destinationdiscipline.com).

## Gentlemen of Vision

In the world of competitive stepping,  
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Stepping or step-dancing is a form of percussive dance in which the participant's entire body is used as an instrument to produce complex rhythms and sounds through a mixture of footsteps, spoken word, and hand claps.

According to their website, Gentlemen of Vision Rites of Passage Enterprises, Inc. (G.O.V.) was founded in 2009 by Mr. Marlon Wharton and the late Mr. Paul Albea on the campus of Riverview Gardens High School in North County. Both Mr. Wharton and Mr. Albea saw an increasing and alarming need to address the issues and concerns of young socioeconomically disadvantaged males. Mr. Wharton believes that there is a lack of counseling, academics, mentoring, and programs that specialize in fostering manhood among young males that would curtail the increasing dropout rate.

The Gentlemen of Vision organization was created to curtail the dropout rate among "proven-risk" high school males. In Missouri, the Black male graduation rate is 65.7%. To date, G.O.V. members have maintained a 100% graduation rate since the organization's inception in 2009. Thus the motto "Changing the lives of young men, one statistic at a time".

G.O.V. is a community-based program currently servicing males from various school districts within the St. Louis Metropolitan Area. The organization has an impeccable 100 percent high school graduation and college admission/retention rate. Since 2009, every member has successfully completed high school and has been accepted into a college or university. In addition to servicing high school members, G.O.V. has extended its services to middle school Y.M.O.V. (Middle School) members, Collegiate members, and the GOV/NJROTC Drill Team.

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In September, Channel 9 PBS showed a private screening of GOV. In November, this video will be shown at the St. Louis International Film Festival. The video will also be entered into national film festival competitions.

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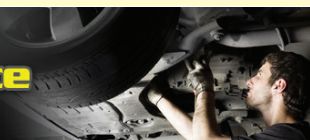
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By Bob McGartland

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Modern electric and gas-powered cars began appearing in the 1880s, but they were mostly open-bodied, with no windows and certainly no heat. As cars grew in popularity, demands for more comfort increased. In 1907, the first enclosed cars emerged, including glass windshields. These helped keep the elements at bay. In the meantime, motorists used heavy clothing and portable heaters such as gas lamps and burners to warm up the interior. These were the same heaters used in horse carriages for centuries.

Engineers and users soon tired of these portable heaters, which were inherently dangerous. Instead, they realized exhaust fumes could be used as a cheap onboard heat source, so by 1917, the first heaters turned up that circulated exhaust gases into pipes. These gave off faint heat in the cabin.

In the late 1940s and early 1950s, car makers began using

outside air for climate control. Outside air was pulled in and warmed using a heater core... technology still being used today. By the early 1960s, modern heaters became standard on all GM cars, with other manufacturers around the world following soon after.

The Cadillac was the first car with fully automatic climate controls, adjusting interior temps to those outside. Since then, little has changed, in the fact the basic heater core design is the most efficient system to keep the passengers toasty warm during the winter.

What has changed in this age of electronic controls and computerize systems is how precise the temperature can be maintained inside the vehicle. The cars of the 1950s you either had full hot air blasting all the time or nothing. The cars of this century you set the temperature at 75 degrees and don't have to do anything else. It's all automatic. Even the passenger can set their side for completely different temperature level.

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Captain Dennis McBride opened the September 14th, 2016 meeting of the Ferguson On Watch, welcoming everyone. He passed out the July and August Ferguson Crime Review, which contained the monthly crimes sorted by FBI types (Assaults, Burglaries, etc.)



#### Ferguson 911 Dispatching

Ferguson Dispatcher Lisa Wegert gave tonight's presentation on Ferguson's Dispatch operations.

By "Keith Kallstrom"  
<keith.kallstrom@gmail.com>

Lisa is a 28 year resident of Ferguson, and is a full time Communications Dispatcher. The dispatchers watch the various cameras installed around the city, as well as the cameras in the police station. The dispatchers are the nucleus of the station, as every call for service comes through them. The 7 digit line (314- 522-3100) gets about 130 calls per day. Back in 2014 during the height of the unrest, they were receiving about 600 calls per day.

Call topics are for service, vacation watch, welfare checks, etc. The vacation watch service obtains information about when you are leaving, when you are returning, contact information, and puts it in a desk book so that all the officers and detectives know if the resident is out when they get a call for something happening at that address. Welfare checks can be used whenever a relative can't reach someone in Ferguson, and is worried about their welfare.

911 calls for 2015 numbered about 37,000 for the year. St. Louis County has 327,000 for the year. That means Ferguson has the 2nd highest call volume of the 911 centers in the region. During any given day 30-40 "buttdials" are received. Any phone with power can dial 911. Lisa told us about a 2 year old that kept dialing them, and what they did to contact the parents to alert them to the incidents.

Lisa handed out "How to Use 911" brochures to the audience, which contained helpful hints when calling for emergency services.

911 is a universal number that is used when emergency services are needed, i.e. Police, Fire Department, Emergency Medical Services. It should only be used in case of:

1) Threat to life – in danger of bodily injury or death, or missing/kidnapped persons

2) Threat to Property/ Structure - when physical property ( homes, buildings, aircraft, etc are in danger of fire/explosion, collision, serious water damage, natural disasters; especially if these pose a threat to life. )

3 )Hazmat Emergencies – Hazardous materials include certain gases, liquids, radioactive and infectious materials that can be potentially flammable, explosive, corrosive, toxic and poisonous which can cause serious illness, injury, and/or death. If you do not recognize a particular smell, liquid, or substance, do not touch or approach it, call 9-1-1 and describe it and/or your symptoms to the dispatcher.

Helpful hints when calling 911:

- Stay as calm as possible – This is very important so that the operator can get the proper information to determine where you are, what's going on, and the type of service needed.
- Do NOT hang up – It is crucial that you do not hang up on the operator. Even if you called by mistake, tell the operator about the mistake, and they will thank you so that you can then hang up without them automatically sending police. Otherwise, they will attempt to re-establish the call to find out what's going on.
- Answer the questions being asked – these questions are to obtain the place of the emergency, what is going on, and what types of emergency services are needed. The questions asked are for personnel safety as well. Do not "story-tell" when answering questions, only answer in a calm and quick manner. The more information you add that is not immediately relative to the emergency, the longer the response time may take.

Central County dispatches the ambulances for medical emergencies.

Our main goal is that the residents are taken care of, and that the officers go home safe, which is why the radio calls and 911 calls take priority over answering the non-emergency line.

Service calls that get reports numbered about 21,000 last year, and they are approximately on track for the same number this year.

Currently the Ferguson 911 Dispatch Center has 5 full time dispatchers, and 5 part time dispatchers, which is down from last year of 7 full time and 9 part time dispatchers. The dispatcher on the phone may respond by repeating what you are saying, because the 2nd dispatcher in the room is typing the information in the CAD system and is dispatching the call on the radio or another line. If a call comes in from a home phone, the address displays on their screen. If a call come in from a cell phone, the carrier & phone number is all that displays. When you make a 911 call, tell them where you are.

Alarm company calls are about 20-30 per shift. Alarm calls usually require 2 officers be dispatched, for officer safety purposes. When the weather is bad, alarm companies don't know about the weather because most of them are out of state. Some alarms are for businesses that are no longer in business.

## Mary Jo Henckler – 1916-2016

Mary Jo Henckler, former Ferguson City Clerk and 1985 Ferguson Citizen of the Year was actually 100 years old when she passed.



Many people called my attention to the fact that I mistakenly put the wrong birth date in last month's *Ferguson Times*.

My apologies.

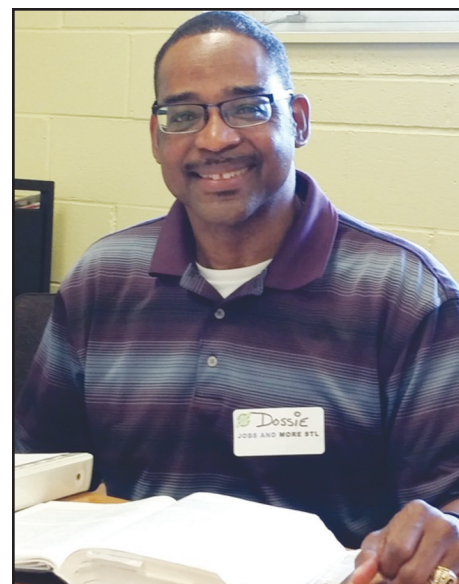
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Here are some thoughts to share:

- Potential: Never underestimate the power of dreams and the influence of the human spirit. We are all the same in this notion: The potential for greatness lives within each of us. Wilma Rudolph
- Success: Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed. Booker T. Washington
- Vision: It isn't where you come from; it's where you're going that counts. Ella Fitzgerald

JOBS and MORE STL, is a Ferguson-based 501(c)3 non-profit, providing training and motivation in the job search process. JOBS and MORE STL's goal is to arm job-seeking achievers with the skills and drive necessary to find employment that aligns with their individual strengths and interests.



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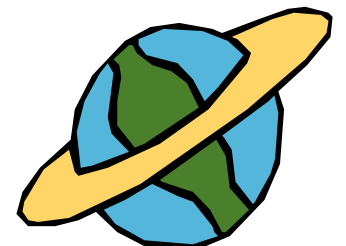
RISE ABOVE Workforce Training Workshops is offered weekdays from Tuesday October 11 to Friday October 21, starting at 9:30am at the Ferguson Municipal Public Library. Training topics include Keys to Professional and Personal Success, Resumes, Practice Interviews, Interpersonal and Communication Skills, and more.

Interested in participating in this opportunity? Or have questions? Contact JOBS AND MORE STL at [jobsandmorestl@outlook.com](mailto:jobsandmorestl@outlook.com) or 314.992.5059, or visit the web at [jobsandmorestl.org](http://jobsandmorestl.org)

## And Now a Word from Our Planet . . . .

Now that it's fall and leaf raking time, consider mulching your leaves. If you do collect them, they are a gift to the compost pile.

(This message is provided by the Ferguson Eco Team.)



Crime Clearances

Captain McBride gave us examples of how crime clearances and follow-up investigations occur.

Next meeting:

The next Ferguson Neighborhood Watch meeting scheduled for City Hall will be at 7:00 pm on October 12th, 2016. The guest speaker will be Ferguson C.E.R.T. leader Keith Kallstrom, and the topic will be about Emergency Management Preparedness.

## Change Your Clocks, Change Your Batteries

As fall approaches the Ferguson Fire Department would like to remind you of the importance of having properly installed smoke detectors in your homes.

### Why should I have a working smoke alarm?

A properly installed and maintained smoke alarm is the only thing in your home that can alert you and your family to a fire 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Whether you're awake or asleep, a working smoke alarm is constantly on alert, scanning the air for fire and smoke. According to the National Fire Protection Association, almost two-thirds of home fire deaths resulted from fires in properties without working smoke alarms. A working smoke alarm significantly increases your chances of surviving a deadly home fire.

### Install smoke alarms in key areas of your home

Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, including the basement. Many fatal fires begin late at night or early in the morning, so the U.S. Fire Administration recommends installing smoke alarms both inside and outside of sleeping areas.

Since smoke and many deadly gases rise, installing your smoke alarms at the proper level will provide you with the earliest warning possible. Always follow the manufacturer's installation instructions.

### Smoke alarm maintenance

Is your smoke alarm still working? Smoke alarms must be maintained! A smoke alarm with a dead or missing battery is the same as having no smoke alarm at all. Remember to test them monthly and replace the batteries according to manufacturer's recommendation. A smoke alarm that sounds while you're cooking or taking a shower with lots of steam is just doing its job. Disabling a smoke alarm or removing the battery can be a deadly mistake.

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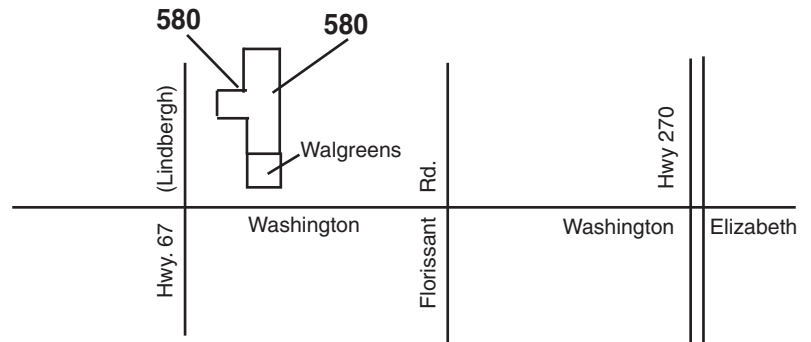
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## Provident Names Kevin Drollinger as New Executive Director

Behavioral health non-profit veteran to lead St. Louis' 156 year-old human services agency

Kevin Drollinger, MBA, MSSW, joins Provident as the agency's executive director, effective immediately, concluding a national search conducted by the Provident Board of Directors.

Drollinger brings extensive experience in the social services arena, having served with agencies providing emotional, behavioral and developmental support to children, families and seniors. Most recently he was chief executive officer of Epworth Children & Family Services. Kevin currently serves in a consultative role for the national Alliance for Strong Families and Communities and has served in numerous advocacy roles with the Governor, Missouri Legislature and statewide coalitions.

"Provident will be well served by Kevin's proven leadership and advocacy talents," said Larry E. Thomas, Provident Board Chair. "We are an agency poised for significant growth and have the staff, board and executive to take it there."

Provident maintains a staff of 41 and 127 volunteers delivering counseling, crisis and community service to more than 35,000 individuals and families throughout the St. Louis region. The agency serves individuals and families in five offices located throughout the metro area, offering help across the spectrum of needs, including treatment for anxiety and depression, teen self-injury, child play therapy, and court required ex-offender therapies.

## Adopt-A-Block Hosts Neighborhood Barbeque

Music, food, games, and people filled the parking lot in front of Sam's Market on West Florissant Avenue at Adopt-A-Block's neighborhood party on a beautiful Saturday afternoon. Clergy and others representing more than ten faith communities helped children play games, while people of all ages enjoyed hot dogs and barbecued chicken while listening to lively music by BOJO Ministries on September 17.



It was an information sharing time, too, with invitations to Vacation Bible School, opportunities to participate in questionnaires about neighborhood policing available all afternoon.

Adopt-A-Block was initiated in 2014 by the Billy Graham Crusade under the leadership of Pastor Jose Aguayo, who remains active in the Ferguson area. "The purpose is to bring unity to our community" says Pastor Jose. Warm hugs, new introductions, and heart-felt conversations would indicate the event was a step in that direction.

Jose Aguayo <revjoseaguayo@gmail.com>

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## Plaster vs. Drywall

– by Bob McCarty

Yes, that old plaster may have a few cracks or maybe a loose area, but those areas can be repaired. And a little repair goes a lot further than removing the plaster, cleaning up the dust, replacing the removed plaster with drywall, taping, floating, and sanding. Believe me, I know about dust! And that dust gets everywhere no matter how much you try to protect the area!

So, if you have plaster ceilings and walls, keep them. You have a product that has already proved it's longevity.

Now if you're not lucky enough to live in an older home, or if someone has already gone to the trouble of removing the plaster, drywall is what makes up the expanse of the ceilings and walls in your home. If you do have drywall, no worries, it is the most common and economical method of covering the ceilings and walls in the majority of the homes that have been built since the 1950's.

Drywall, also known as plasterboard or wall board is made with two paperboard's that sandwich gypsum, a white sulfate mineral that is lightweight and non-combustible. It also saves a lot of time when constructing a house because there is no time lost when it comes to preparing the surface for the plaster, mixing the materials, and after all of the intensive labor of application is complete, waiting for the house to dry, taking up to 30 days.

Advantages of having plaster walls are as follows;

- The plaster finish is much harder than a drywall finish. It's has a more masonry feel. If your little one's, or even yourself are always bouncing off the wall, you won't be needing to worry about putting a hole in the plaster. On the other hand, hanging things on the walls won't be as easy as with drywall.
- Although drywall is non-combustible, plaster is more fire-resistant.
- Plaster's acoustics may create a more echoey domicile, but I'm sure your furnishings will absorb enough of the sound that you yourself will be creating to take care of those echoes. And with it's mass, plaster is a much better sound barrier. A friend was at my house one evening and as we sat inside, you could barely make out the sound of the fire truck speeding by. Upon moving out of doors, the sound created by the horn of the fire truck still makes me jump out of my seat.

Of course, all things have their downsides, and plaster is not without it's own.

- Plastering is not easy. You can watch a plasterer and you'd think, "I can do that"! You can't . . . not without a lot of trial and error. And you can't sand plaster! For instance, when we moved into our house, I put a plaster veneer over our existing plaster. I wasn't going to use any of that modern stuff that makes everything easy, I was going to do it the way it was done when the house was built. So I mixed up my lime putty and allowed it to dwell for the required 48 hours. On a large tray, I would make a ring of the lime putty and put a dollop in the middle of the ring. After sprinkling a plaster retarder on the dollop, I would fill the ring with a pool of water. At this point, I would sift the gauging plaster into the water and allow it to soak up the water. I would then mix the entire batch together into a putty about the consistency of peanut butter. (Or so the theory goes!)

After repairing any imperfections in the existing plaster, I mixed up my batch. When I had the perfect mix, I would toss plaster onto my tray, run up from the basement, where I mixed my concoction, and right up the steps of the ladder. Pushing my trowel into the plaster on my tray, it was met with a 'thud!' The freshly mixed plaster had set up and was as hard as a rock and into the trash it went. The next batch was mixed a little differently and it was so runny, it wouldn't stay on the tray. Upon completion of my plastering adventure on my new old house, I figured I had used close to 400 pounds of plaster where if I had had the experience of knowing how to mix plaster, I could have completed the job with 100 pounds of plaster.

As with plaster, drywall has it's advantages such as;

- Economical and easy to install. The taping is the hardest part, but with a little patience, practice, and sandpaper, a DIYer can present a pretty respectable job.
- Non-combustible.
- Can be painted the next day, no waiting for the plaster to dry all the way through. Of course the dis-advantages include;
- Even though the surface doesn't bounce the sound as much as plaster, it's not a very good sound barrier.
- If it gets wet, you need to dry it pretty quickly because there is always a chance of mildew and mold, but the entire board is susceptible to becoming soft and just falling apart.
- If it get damaged beyond repair; drywall goes into the land fill, it becomes wet and is mixed with other organic materials and turns into hydrogen sulfide which is a rotten egg smelling gas that is lethal to humans in high doses.
- Gypsum is mined and areas around gypsum mines are prone to ground collapse if surface development disturbs the cavities below.

So there you have it, everything you wanted to know, and more, about drywall and plaster.

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## Social Media

By LaTease Rikard

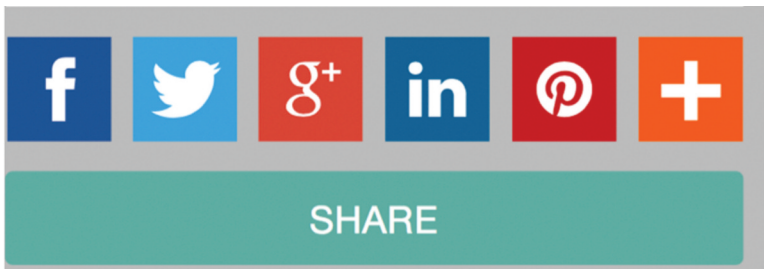
One thing social media does well is introduce you to people you don't know, businesses you've never heard of, as well as keeping you up to date with events. On an individual level we're able to benefit from this rapid feeding of information just by taking quick glimpses of our timelines and newsfeeds. As a business owner you may see this information dump as potential – potential new customers, potential new business allies. However, the question now becomes how do I find these people?



Let me tell you, the numbers are astonishing on social media. Take Instagram for instance (of which Facebook now owns). According to Channel Advisor, "98% of Instagram users exclusively access the platform using a mobile device." Also, on Instagram, user interaction is 400% higher than on Facebook and Twitter. But then again, Instagram is about pictures and short videos, and we all love looking at pictures. Our attention span for online watching is not long, so those short videos are easy to watch, even if you watch over and over again. So for sure, there are lots of potential customers on Instagram, you just have to post consistently by taking lots of pictures of your products and services so people know you exist. This is the new hands-on way to market, and you can either spend time doing it, or hire someone to do it for you.

It's a fact that businesses that don't use social media as a method to advertise don't make as much money, and lose market share. Their business becomes a job as it struggles along trying to make something happen. To maximize any of these methods of social media, whether it is mobile marketing via SMS/text, or YouTube, Facebook, Instagram, SnapChat, etc., start with what you know. Start advertising upcoming events, sales, specials, or speaking engagements. It can be overwhelming, but the most important part is to just get started!

If you have a website, add social sharing buttons at the top of each page. Everything you do should be shareable, and make it easy for your visitors to do so. I don't like to search for the social share buttons on a website when I like something I've read. Those Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc., icons should be visible. These should be the first things your reader sees. For added traction, place those icons at the bottom of your pages as well!



Most importantly, don't miss the boat on social media. It is expanding with more and more options to get your message out there. You have to figure out which one you like, and learn how to use it. Master one and work it for all it's worth. Something to look out for is SMS/Text marketing. I predict it will enhance and mix well into your other social media efforts. Think about this, everywhere you go, people are using their smart phones to get on Facebook, to watch videos, and to send and respond to text messages. According to Marketo, there are more mobile devices in the world (7.8 billion) than people (7.1 billion,) with 75% of those over 13 years of age. Your customers are right there in front of you and they will connect with you through a device they hold in their hands. You might want to consider using ways to reach them where they are.

I'm an SMS/Text marketing consultant. If you'd like to learn more feel free to reach out to me at 314-495-2497.

## Ferguson Hardware is now Ferguson True Value

Kim Taylor, owner of Ferguson Hardware has announced that her store is now a True Value store. Kim explains that she was looking for a different supplier and after exploring her many options, decided that True Value offered a different and better selection of products, better advertising and a chance to offer her customers the True Value Rewards program.



"Changing suppliers also gave me a chance to update the exterior of my building with new signage, new paint and new awnings," says Kim. "With the addition of new products, including the new True Value paint line, we are excited to have our customers come in, see our changes, and celebrate our Grand ReOpening."

Kim has made a real commitment to the City of Ferguson by purchasing her building. After the unrest a few years ago, she decided she plans on staying and offering the best product and service possible to our community.



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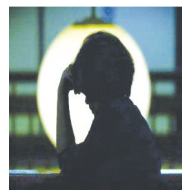
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## Ferguson-Florissant School News

### Little Creek Nature Area to Host Fall Honeysuckle Pull

The public is invited to assist in maintaining the balance of plant species at the Ferguson-Florissant School District's Little Creek Nature Area by participating in its second annual Fall Honeysuckle Pull from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1 at Little Creek, 2295 Dunn Rd. in Florissant, MO.

Invasive honeysuckle is a non-native species that grows wild in east central Missouri. Left untouched, it can choke out all other plant species and disrupt local ecosystems. Enjoy a nature-filled morning while helping Little Creek to remove the obstructive plant from its grounds. Participants should wear long sleeves/pants, bring a good pair of gloves and have a love for the outdoors. Refreshments will be served.

For further information, call 314-831-7386.

### It's Time to Enroll in Free Preschool!

If you have a young child, birth to age 5, and live in the Ferguson-Florissant School District it is time to enroll in the district's early education programs.

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A free developmental screening is designed for all young children, ages 3 months to 5 years. Hearing and vision are also checked. If any type of concern is indicated, in-depth testing is offered.

For children ages' birth to 5 years, Parents as Teachers offers a free program for all families. PAT provides free personal visits, parent-child activities, developmental information, screenings and prenatal visits. This free program with degreed, certified parent educators is available to all families who choose to participate.

Don't wait. Enroll today! Limited spaces available in some programs. Call 314-506-9066. [earlyed@fergflor.org](mailto:earlyed@fergflor.org)

### Schnucks Gives \$40,000 to the Ferguson-Florissant Foundation for Education

The Ferguson-Florissant Foundation for Education has received \$40,000 from hometown grocer Schnucks Markets, Inc. The funds will provide much-needed support for educational programs and activities that are not funded by the district's normal operating budget.

"We are elated to receive this donation to our education foundation which will be used to provide additional enrichment programs and opportunities for our students," said Laura Modrusic, co-chairman of the Ferguson-Florissant Foundation for Education. In the past, funds from the foundation have been used to provide mini-grants to teachers for classroom projects and to provide funding for small projects and programs that students have attended.

According to Todd Schnuck, chairman and CEO of Schnucks, many organizations benefit from the grassroots efforts of in-store teammates and managers, as well as from the highly personal involvement of Schnucks' corporate leaders in community-wide programs.

"For more than 75 years, Schnucks' commitment to the communities in which we do business has focused on a wide variety of programs and organizations, with particular emphasis on those that focus on hunger, human services and health & wellness," said Todd Schnuck. "Schnucks provides support in the form of financial, promotional, volunteerism, food banks/product donations and urban community support."

Schnucks operates three stores in the Ferguson-Florissant School District.

### Voya Financial Honors Florissant Teachers with \$2,000 Voya Unsung Heroes Grant for Innovative Teaching Program

This year marks 20th anniversary of Voya Unsung Heroes program

Since inception, nearly \$5 million has helped turn creative education ideas into reality

Voya Financial, Inc. (NYSE: VOYA), a leading provider of retirement plans for educators, announced today that Timothy Ryan and Robert Huitt, teachers at McCluer North High School in Florissant, Missouri, have received a \$2,000 grant as part of the company's 2016 Voya Unsung Heroes awards competition.

Through the Voya Unsung Heroes program, Voya Financial awards grants to K-12 educators nationwide to honor their innovative teaching methods, creative educational projects, and their ability to positively influence the children they teach. This year marks the program's 20th anniversary. Since 1996, it has awarded nearly \$5 million in grants to more than 2,000 educators across the United States.

## American Legion Post Donates Three Flags to the Ferguson Community Center

On a bright Saturday morning, August 27th, 3 new flag poles were dedicated to the Ferguson Community Center by Ferguson's American Legion Post 161.



The following persons were in attendance: Post Members Larry Morie, Lonnie Morie, David Proost, David Toettcher, Terry Lanning, Grant Willis, George Ridley, Thomas White, Richard Robbins & Keith Kallstrom. From the Ferguson City Council, Mayor Pro-Tem Ella Jones, Ward 1 Councilmember, participated in the flag hand off ceremony, attending also with Council Members Laverne Mitchom from Ward 2, Wesley Bell from Ward 3, and Keith Kallstrom from Ward 3. There were also wives, friends, boy scouts, and others in attendance.



The flags consist of the United States flag in the center, the Prisoners of War Remembrance flag to the left, and the Ferguson flag to the right.

Thanks, Williams-Owen-McGuire Legion Post 161.

## Letters to the Editor

### HISTORY HOUSE

We attended the Ferguson Historical Society's grand opening on June 5th at their new History House located behind the Ferguson community Center. The Ferguson Historical Society took an old building that was formerly the nun's home that was in distress, and turned it into a bright and welcoming home for the memorabilia that they have been gathering since 1972.

A small group of dedicated board members spent many hours researching and documenting file cabinets full of information on Ferguson's history. We were overjoyed to see the large number of people who came to see all of the displays. The walls are full of framed photos and the many display cases are filled with artifacts from the 1850's to 2016.

We thank each of the loyal, dedicated workers for their tireless efforts over the past 2 years to make a History House Museum that our town can be proud of for years to come. We hope they will get new members and new volunteers to continue adding to the treasured history of our beloved community. We will be at the next open house on Saturday October 15th, it will be open from 11am till 2pm and we wouldn't miss it. We hope they have another terrific turn out for all of their efforts.

Neil and Kathy Noelker

### DISC GOLF

The Friends of Ferguson Disc Golf would like to thank all who came out for the "One Disc Challenge." We had 36 men and women show up to try their arm at the challenging Hudson Park using only one disc of their selection. We'd like to thank our tournament sponsors, Cork, The Ferguson Brewing Company, Vincenzo's and Paul's Market for donating some of the fabulous prizes.

We also like to thank two new hole sponsors, Sportsprint and St Louis Community College at Florissant Valley. They were gracious enough to help fund and push us almost to 100% course sponsorship. Right now, we are 1/2 sponsor down, so if you know someone who might want to help achieve full sponsorship, have them get in touch with us or send us the name and we'll do the leg work.

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Thanks, Friends of Ferguson Disc Golf

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**MONDAY, OCT. 17 FROM 6:30-8 PM**

Learn more about the National Novel Writing Month (affectionately known as NaNoWriMo) and how you can write a novel in 30 days or less. NaNoWriMo representatives will be on hand to answer questions and share their tips and tricks.

### GREAT PUMPKIN PARTY

**MONDAY, OCT. 31 FROM 4-6 PM**

Join us for some Halloween fun! Stop by the library in your costume before you go trick or treating to play some games, get your picture taken, and pick up some sweet treats. Fun for all ages!

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All Are Welcome

*I printed this last month, but I feel it is so important, I'm repeating it. With the upcoming holidays, I think this may become a major problem.*

### New Auto Theft Scam

I locked my car. As I walked away I heard my car door unlock. I went back and locked my car again three times. Each time, as soon as I started to walk away, I would hear it unlock again!! Naturally alarmed, I looked around and there were two guys sitting in a car in the fire lane next to the store They were obviously watching me intently, and there was no doubt they were somehow involved in this very weird situation. I quickly chucked the errand I was on, jumped in my car and sped away. I went straight to the police station, told them what had happened, and found out I was part of a new, and very successful, scheme being used to gain entry into cars.

Two weeks later, my friend's son had a similar happening.... While traveling, my friend's son stopped at a roadside rest to use the bathroom. When he came out to his car less than 4-5 minutes later, someone had gotten into his car and stolen his cell phone, laptop computer, GPS navigator, briefcase.....you name it. He called the police and since there were no signs of his car being broken into, the police told him he had been a victim of the latest robbery tactic.

There is a device that robbers are using now to clone your security code when you lock your doors on your car using your key-chain locking device..

They sit a distance away and watch for their next victim. They know you are going inside of the store, restaurant, or bathroom and that they now have a few minutes to steal and run. The police officer said to manually lock your car door-by hitting the lock button inside the car -- that way if there is someone sitting in a parking lot watching for their next victim, it will not be you.

When you hit the lock button on your car upon exiting, it does not send the security code, but if you walk away and use the door lock on your key chain, it sends the code through the airwaves where it can be instantly stolen.

This is very real.

Be wisely aware of what you just read and please pass it on. Look how many times we all lock our doors with our remote just to be sure we remembered to lock them -- and bingo, someone has our code...and whatever was in our car.

*Thanks to Mike & Marge Duenke for this alert*

## MU Extension, Women's Financial Education Series

If you'd like to gain confidence in your ability to make financial decisions and learn how to manage your money more effectively, then a class this fall sponsored by University of Missouri Extension can help.

The Women's Financial Education Series is designed to help individuals, especially women, increase their current level of financial knowledge, develop confidence in their decision-making ability, and gain control of their lives through informed money management.

This five-session series will be held 6-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, October, 6, 13, 20, 27, and November 3, at the University of Missouri Extension Center, 132 E. Monroe, Kirkwood.

Instructors include University of Missouri faculty and local experts. The fee is \$49, which covers five sessions, a financial workbook and other financial management resources. Session topics include financial management, credit, insurance, planning for retirement, investing and estate planning. Registration is required. The deadline to register is September 29. Partial scholarships are available thanks to financial support from Wells Fargo. A brochure/registration form is available at [extension.missouri.edu/wfes/](http://extension.missouri.edu/wfes/).

For more information, call Suzanne Gellman, Consumer Economics Specialist, at 636-970-3000 or email [gellmans@missouri.edu](mailto:gellmans@missouri.edu). Additional information about upcoming classes and events at University of Missouri Extension in Saint Louis County may be found online at <http://extension.missouri.edu/stlouis>. Please follow us on Twitter. Like us on Facebook.



## Thank You to a Generous Community

On a picture perfect sunny afternoon, the 4th annual The Taste in Ferguson fundraiser event was held once again in downtown Ferguson at the Savoy Banquet Center on Sunday September 11th.

EXTRAORDINARY is the word that best describes this year's event. Twenty-three food vendors generously served up a spread of tasty food samples to feed a hungry crowd of 800 people. Many of our vendors were back again this year along with several new food vendors. A big thank goes out to Banana Yummies, Bo Bo's Fundraising, Breakaway Café, Drake's Place Restaurant, EarthDance Farms, Ferguson Brew House, Ferguson Fire Department, Ferguson Police Department, London's Wing House, Marley's Bar & Grill, Mayuri Indian Restaurant, Mr. B's Salsa, Papa Murphy's Pizza, Paul's Market, Pearl Café, Ray Ray's Kettle Corn, Roper's Ribs, Sam's Club, Schnucks Markets, Starbucks, Sugarfire Smoke House, USA Market and Whistle Stop.

Nine spirit vendors were on hand to quench the thirsty crowd. Thank you to New Holland Brewing Co., Ferguson Brewing Co., Urban Chestnut Brewing Co., Mastermind Vodka, Cardinal Sin Vodka, Schlafly Beer, Fitz's Root Beer, Grey Eagle Distributors and The Vino Gallery. Please support all these businesses and let them know you were at The Taste in Ferguson.

Asher Benrubi better known as "Smash" came in from Phoenix, Arizona as this year's event emcee. That voice we heard for many years on St. Louis radio interacted superbly with the crowd. Smash visited with each vendor and described to the crowds the delicious food that was being served. Smash led our 9-11 tribute. During this time a large American flag was raised by the Ferguson Fire Department. The Boy Scouts presented the colors, and a moment of silence was observed for our fallen heroes. Kelly Hill from St. Louis Police Wives Association beautifully sang the National Anthem and God Bless America. It was a moving moment.

The challenge was on between the Ferguson Police Department and the Ferguson Fire Department during the 1st Annual Chili Cook Off competition. The Ferguson Fire Department proudly took home the winning trophy.

This year we added a special section to our event; we served a barbeque meal to the surrounding community police, fire and EMS departments. It was our way of sending a message of thanks for all they do for our community. Thank you for the generous support of Sugarfire Smoke House who provided the barbeque meal and to Sweet Divine who provided the desserts.

Back by popular demand was our Celebrity Chef Cooking Demonstrations. This year under the big tent was Adam Pritchett, the Grill Master from Sugarfire Smoke House, Jason and Jenna Siebert from The Sweet Divine, winner of season 6 "Cupcake Wars" and Peio Aramburu a renowned local French Chef.



First Responders with Gateway Guardian Super Heroes.

An extraordinary thank you goes out to over 40 sponsors who generously partnered with us in large and small ways. Centene Charitable Foundation was back again as our premier event sponsor. Eagle Bank, Travis Noble Attorney at Law, Sam's Club, Starbucks, Marketing Plus, The City of Ferguson, Savoy Banquet Center, Branham Electric, Gateway Hose and Fitting and our own Ferguson Times were a few of our sponsors who stepped up in a big way. All of the sponsors are listed on our website at [thetastein Ferguson.com](http://thetastein Ferguson.com).

The annual event comes together because of the fantastic support and help from our volunteers and planning team members. Our volunteers are very much appreciated. Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket and came to the event. You know how to show your love and support. We are truly blessed for all the support that is shown by this long list of businesses and people. Because of all of you, the 4th annual The Taste in Ferguson got to shine a bright light on our great community, thank our First Responders. We raised \$36,000 for the Robbie McGartland and Samantha Lipka Scholarship Funds. Extraordinary is the far reaching positive impact we will have on our local youth!

Thank you from the McGartland and Lipka Families.

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## 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.



### David Bohlen, Owner of Bohlen Family Farms



David Bohlen and the author at his booth at the Ferguson Farmers' Market

I shopped at the booth run by Bohlen's Family Farms at the Farmers' Market in Ferguson, every Saturday, after I had collected my CSA share from the Earthdance booth next door. David Bohlen, a young man of 22, or his brother, Thomas, usually sold me their produce which was superior to what was sold by other farmers. His organic produce was bigger in size, really delicious and low priced. I think of his oversized tasty heirloom tomatoes, his gigantic sweet watermelons, large well formed carrots, golden potatoes, garlic and so much more, all of which I purchase from him weekly.

I was impressed that a young man and his family had taken up farming in a serious way and was planting and producing such high quality vegetables. Most of his vegetables come from his farm in Perryville, MO, about 90 minutes away, or from his farm in Godfrey, IL.



David Bohlen and his wife Celeste and their son David Jr.

David was born in Okinawa, Japan; his father was a marine and his mother was in the air force. They had five kids and David is the second eldest. His Mom home-schooled them to seventh grade, quite an accomplishment! He grew up eating lots of fresh produce in home cooked meals prepared by his Mom every day. At the time, he didn't realize how fortunate he was to be able to do this, and was unaware of the cost involved. This changed as he

settled into his own family life.

Four years ago, David decided to start growing his food on a small scale. He grew more than he could use and decided to expand. He moved to Ferguson. His neighbors, Mike and Louis Arman had a three-acre property next to his and he was inspired by what they did, as well as by senior farmers Clyde and Trapper Bruckerhoff, who had a 300 acre farm and no children of their own to assist them. He also helped out another family, the Commeans, on their farm. They had dairy cows, chicken and produce and they needed help.



David and farmer Trapper Bruckerhoff picking melons in Perryville, MO

The Bruckerhoffs needed someone to take over their farm, including beef production. Clyde became like David's father and David inherited the property. He is now the farm operator. According to David, Missouri heat is extreme; it is good for crops but hard for working!

On a daily basis, David has two people doing maintenance on the farm, including a beekeeper. For crops, he has four adults: him, his brother and the two Commean daughters. Clyde specializes in tomato crops (delicious and large!) and the farm produces just about everything except fruit, strawberries and cherries. They do grow asparagus, potatoes, sweet potatoes, squash, zucchini, onions, scallions, garlic, lettuce, beets, sweet corn among others. They have all the farm machinery and equipment, from tractors to farm accessories for planting and making light work.

David has chosen to focus on the agricultural side of the farm, not husbandry. He wakes up at 3.00 a.m. to go to his farm in Perryville with his brother. His wife Celeste also helps, but she takes care of their six-month old son, David Jr..

David hopes to expand his supply to St Louis restaurants with his excellent produce and to strike a balance between cost and quality. He hopes to be able to supply produce that is native to the cuisine that it is required for and not just American-adapted versions. The American market requires standardized growing and expects uniformity of color and size for packaging. These are some of the considerations for choosing a particular crop here in the US. These are not the same parameters in other countries.

I learned a lot from David about organic farming and was totally inspired by his passionate approach to his work. We are so blessed to have such excellent organic food grown and sold right here in Ferguson. I salute David Bohlen for his hard work and for his successful organic farms. He represents what is the Best of Ferguson! Congratulations David!

The author teaches Transcendental Stress Management meditation to members of the public; and provides these services to the family courts in St Louis. She conducts Retreats here in Ferguson, across the U.S. and abroad. She is also a Motivational Speaker and her lectures include corporate presentations on Wellness. [www.BestAgainstStress.com](http://www.BestAgainstStress.com) 314.521.4390



## Ask Grandma

The Great Forest Park Balloon Race

It isn't often that the hot air balloons taking off from Forest Park come up north during the Great Forest Park Balloon Race. But, about 20 years ago, on a bright, sunny Saturday afternoon, my daughter and her 2 little kids walked up to the house and said that they could see the balloons. My husband and I, with daughter and kids in tow, hopped in the car and tried to follow them. On South Florissant Road, we could see them over UMSL, heading right for the airport. Oh, oh . . . that could be a disaster.

We followed them as they turned south of Natural Bridge, and weaving in and out of small streets and alleys, watched as they got closer and closer to the ground. At one point we could even talk to the people in the balloons. As we neared 170, we saw one land on the highway. Well . . . that was scary. It turned out they were on the edge of 170, but as we watched, other balloons were landing nearby.

The police quickly arrived and blocked 170 both from the north and the south. The bunny (Energizer) balloon (the one they were chasing) had landed on the other side of the highway, so all of the balloons were very close. Another daughter who lived in St. John's at that time called that evening to say that the Energizer Bunny landed at the end of her street, so if she had known we were right across the highway, she could have waved to us.

That year was one of the shortest balloon races ever. The Energizer cut short the chase because he was, as we guessed, too close to the airport.

### What is the Great Forest Park Balloon Race?



This is an annual September event where hot air balloons

from around the country converge on St. Louis to chase the Energizer Bunny. The bunny takes off first and then shortly afterwards the "chase" balloons try to catch it. The balloon that drops its sandbag closest to the Energizer wins the race.

Unfortunately this year's race was cancelled because of rain and the wet grounds.

A number of years later, my son and daughter-in-law gave my husband and me a trip in a hot air balloon as a Christmas gift. Apparently it is necessary to take off in the morning or the evening . . . something about the surface winds. That summer we drove to the Chesterfield Airport and got in the van that transported us out near Lake St. Louis. It so happened that we took off



from a school that my grandchildren attended. In fact the son who gave us the hot balloon gift lived very close by. So I called him and told him where we were and he found us right before we took off. I didn't feel anything and began wondering when we were going to start rising . . . until I looked down and there were cows below us as big as ants. Very quiet, no wind (of course there was wind, but since we were traveling at the very same speed, I couldn't feel it). Sound must travel up, because as we flew lower, we could hear dogs barking, people talking, and various other sounds from the ground.

We flew over highway 70, clipped a few trees, and landed at the

Wentzville Fair Grounds. Landing was bumpy and we bounced a few times. But there, waiting for us, was the chase car as well as my son ready to welcome us.

Yes, we all had champagne before heading home.

### The Breakfast Club, Inc. 5th Annual Pink Posse **ROUND UP FOR A CURE BENEFIT DANCE**

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## Calendar of Events In and Around Ferguson

Complete Details of These Events Throughout the Paper


BTC Fall Festival . . . . .	Sat., Oct. 1
Lombard Peace Center – 1st Presbyterian . . . . .	Mon.-Fri., Oct. 3-7
Computers for Seniors – Comm. Ctr. . . . .	Tues., Oct. 4
Women's Financial Education Series – Kirkwood . . . . .	Oct., 6, 13, 20, 27
St. Stephens Annual Rummage Sale. . . . .	Fri., Sat., Oct. 7, 8
<i>Having Our Say</i> Play – St. Peters . . . . .	Fri., Sat., Oct. 7, 8
Medical Equipment Donation Day – Various Walgreens. . . . .	Sat., Oct. 8
Resume Building – Library . . . . .	Sat., Oct. 8
Ferguson's Got Talent Classes Begin – Library . . . . .	Sat., Oct. 8
Poker Tournament – Lions Den. . . . .	Sat., Oct. 8
Concert Series (Last of Season) Plaza @ 501. . . . .	Fri., Oct. 8
Rise Above Workshop – Library . . . . .	Oct. 11 thru 21
Council Meeting . . . . .	Tues., Oct. 11
Adult Computer Classes – Library . . . . .	Wed., Oct. 12
Mystery Trip ??? . . . . .	W, T, F, S, Oct., 12 to 15
North County Chamber Membership Mtg. – Orlando's . . . . .	Thurs., Oct. 13
EarthDance Farmers' Formal– Union Station. . . . .	Fri., Oct. 14
History House Opening House . . . . .	Sat., Oct. 15
AAUW <i>Hunting Ground</i> Movie – Florissant. . . . .	Sat., Oct. 15
Teen Fright Night – 6 Flags . . . . .	Sat., Oct. 15
National Novel Writing – Library . . . . .	Mon., Oct. 17
Monday Food Trucks – Plaza @ 501 . . . . .	Mon., Oct. 17
Monthly Hour of Power – Comm. Ctr. . . . .	Thurs., Oct. 20
Fall Book Sale – Library. . . . .	Thurs., Fri., Sat., Oct. 20, 21, 22
Human Rights Commission Meeting – Comm. Ctr. . . . .	Fri., Oct. 21
Sand Volleyball Tournament – Comm. Ctr. . . . .	Sat., Oct. 22
Council Meeting . . . . .	Tues., Oct. 25
Gambling in Oklahoma Trip . . . . .	Wed., Fri., Oct. 26-28
Great Pumpkin Party – Library . . . . .	Mon., Oct. 31
Wurstmarkt at Immanuel. . . . .	Sat., Nov. 5
4th of July Ham & Bean Dinner . . . . .	Fri., Nov. 11
Northern Lights Parade and Festival – Downtown Ferguson . . . . .	Sun., Nov. 27

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