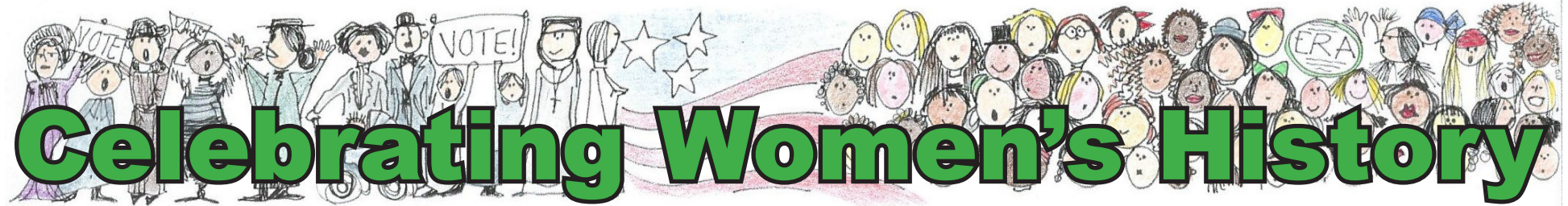


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This month we celebrate Women's History with a focus on the ratification of the 19th amendment.

It took strong American women over seventy years with multiple setbacks to finally win the right to vote.

In 1848 Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott organized a national conference in Seneca Falls, New York. More than 300 people attended including former slave and activist Frederick Douglas. There they created a "Declaration of Sentiment" designed after the Declaration of Independence. "We hold these truths to be self evident: that all men and *women* are created equal; that they are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

Following the convention, the idea was mocked by the press and some delegates withdrew their support. This did not curtail Stanton and Mott. They persisted with organizing additional conferences where they eventually were joined by Susan B. Anthony.

The Civil War disrupted the movement and after the war it met another setback: they became divided over the issue of voting rights for black men. Stanton and others objected because the 15th amendment did not include women of any color. This was debated and Stanton and Anthony argued fiercely against black men from getting the vote before white women. This caused a major rift with their abolitionist allies like Douglas and ignored the views and goals of black women. There was a split between suffragists as black women continued to be discriminated against from white suffragists who wanted to distance their fight for voting rights from the questions of race. The 15th amendment was ratified February 3, 1870.

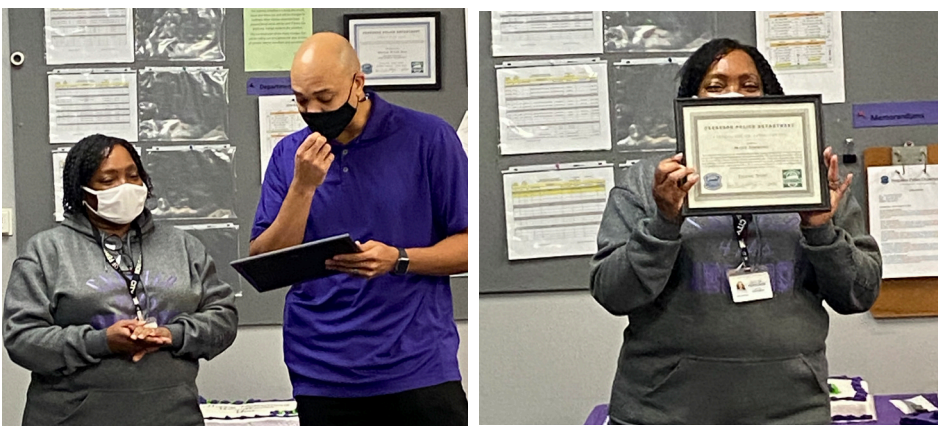
Meanwhile, black suffragists created their own groups including the NACWC (National Association of Colored Women Club) founded by Frances E. W. Harper, Mary Church Terrell, and Ida B. Wells-Barnett. They fought hard for the 19th amendment knowing the women's right to vote was a critical tool for winning legal protections for black women (and men) against continued repression and violence.

The 19th amendment was finally ratified in 1920 and on November 2 of that year more the eight million women voted for the first time. It took another sixty three and a half years until the last state: Mississippi, ratified on March 22, 1984.

These were our mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, great-great-grandmothers. When I ask myself, who is the strongest woman I know? It is my grandmother, my mother, my sister, my daughter, my daughter-in-law, my aunt, my niece, my cousin. I thank the Lord for all of them.

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ALL PROGRAMS ARE ONLINE UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

Go, Go, Green Storytime - Saturday, March 20 at 2 pm

Celebrate the start of spring with us online on Facebook with stories and songs all about things that are green! Find all the fun at facebook.com/fergusonlibrary.

March Take Home Craft Kits

Pick up a new craft kit each week in March!

- **March 1-5 - Wish Bracelets:** Use some beads and twine to make a bracelet that will make all your wishes come true!
- **March 8-12 - Travel Tic Tac Toe:** Paint some rocks and decorate a storage bag to make a tic tac toe game that can go anywhere!
- **March 15-19 - DIY Kaleidoscope:** Learn about light and color as you make your own kaleidoscope out of simple materials!
- **March 22-26 - Magazine Picture Frames with Perennial:** We're partnering with Perennial for some creative fun using recyclable materials! Make a picture frame using pages from old magazines. This craft made possible by a stipend from the Resilient Communities Program of the American Library Association.
- **March 29-April 2 - Spring Picture:** Learn how to reverse paint to make art to celebrate spring!

As always, our craft kits are free and are handed out on a first come, first served basis. Pick one up with our curbside service today!

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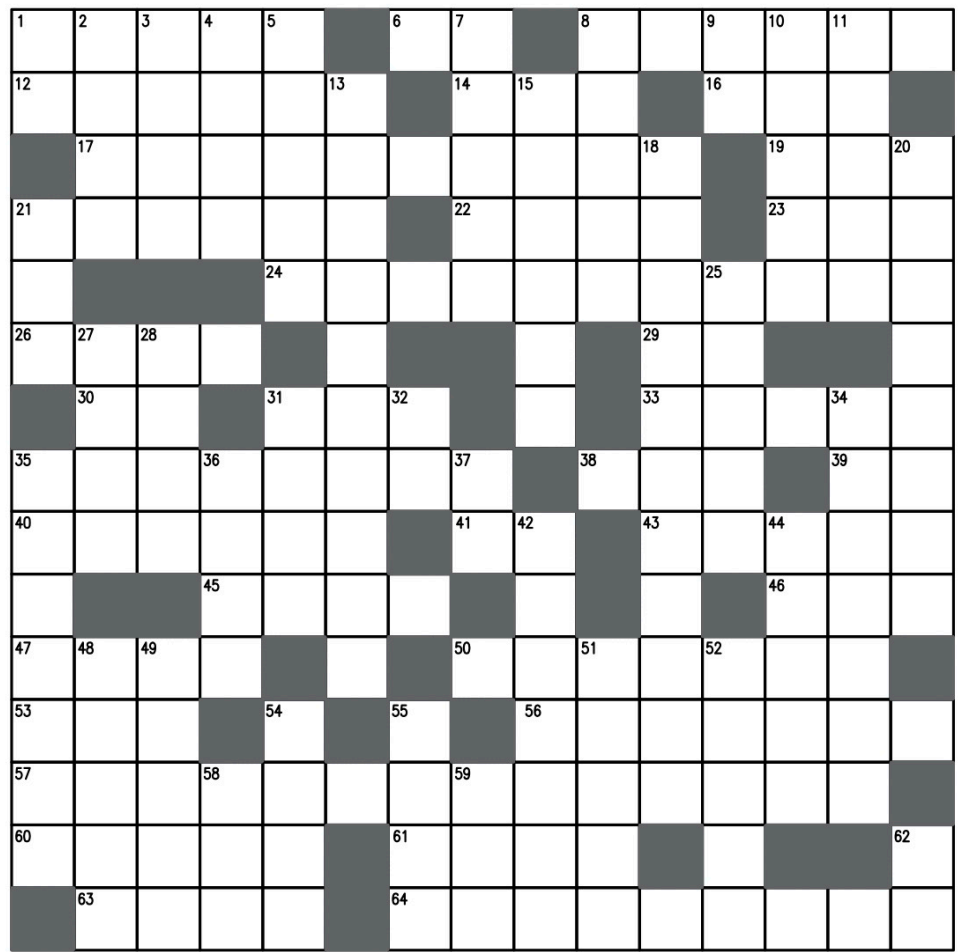
Representation
By Robin Shively

ACROSS

1. Not on the mark
6. Tarheel st.
8. Flourless cakes
12. Whalebone
14. Caviar
16. Showoff
17. Declaration of ____, Document drafted & signed at 24 across
19. Angry
21. Selected
22. Machu Picchu locale
23. Ovid's 3
24. Site of 1848 convention
26. Pustule
29. Radio setting
30. Karate garb
31. Suffix for velvet
33. M.A.S.H. clerk
35. Ron's family
38. Mom mobile
39. Cornhusker st.
40. Naval clerical petty officer
41. 2004-5 Nintendo release
43. Equine movements
45. "___us a child is born" – Handel
46. Eng. Healthcare sys.
47. With 42 down, organizer of 24 across
50. Atta boy!
53. Possessive contraction
56. Buttons & thread, for example
57. Year 13 down was ratified
60. It may be found in a garden
61. Batman & Robin, and others
63. God of love
64. City in which to find Midshipmen

DOWN

1. ___ Nuts & Fruit Too, gift shop
2. Pageant accessory
3. Butter substitute
4. Boggy lands
5. Festive celebrations
7. Thin pancake
8. Tropical freshwater fish
9. Pos. or Neg. blood group sys.
10. South Asian language
11. Electronic correspondence
13. Amendment granting women voting rights
15. Single garage
18. 24 across attendee
20. Extreme misfortune
21. Pitcher headgear
25. Radar Range maker
27. S-shaped molding
28. Friendly greeting from Leonardo
31. Flair
32. Empire st.
34. National Women's Suffrage Association
co-founder, with 42 down
35. First territory giving women the right to vote in 1869
36. Obscene, offensive publication
37. Mount Rushmore st.
42. With 47 across, organizer of 24 across
44. Silver block
48. Sheep like
49. Lanza, for example
51. Slang contraction for "yes, sir!" conveying surprise
52. ___ Boingo, "Weird Science" band
54. Indigenous southwestern tribe
55. Mythical Spartan queen seduced by a swan
58. Rock genre
59. Sister
62. Magnolia st.



Solution on page 11



FERGUSON FACTS
Did you know?

With the completion of the new Wabash Railroad spur line that connected Ferguson to St. Louis in 1876, the population of the area began to increase rapidly. Many of these new residents were of German extraction, with a few Irish and some French. Most of the Africans had been slaves or the children of slaves and had come to the area with the early landowners.

Lenten Fish Frys

Due to COVID-19 the following changes have been made to our beloved fish frys.

Blessed Theresa of Calcutta

March 5th, March 19th
Drive through from 4:00 - 6:30 pm
For ordering visit www.btcp parish.org

Zion Lutheran fish fry is suspended until further notice

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Fish Fry with some Latino Flavors
March 5, 12, 19, 26, Marzo 5, 12, 19, 26
Drive through from 4:00 - 8:00 pm
Servicio al carro: De 4:00 – 8:00 pm

Sick Bay

Our Computer Corner author Doug Neely is laid up and looks like he will be out for a while. Please keep him in your prayers. We will not have his column this month.

March Birthday Shout-outs

- 3 - Geno Stephens turns the big 50!
- 8 - Frank Fujarski Happy Birthday!
- 10 - Doug Neely (Computer Corner)
- 28 - Luke Nadeau turns 8!

Looking Forward

- March
- 1 - Trout Season Opens
 - 14 - Daylight Savings Time
 - 17- St. Patrick's Day
 - 20 - Winter Market
 - 27 - Passover
 - 28 - Palm Sunday
- April
- 4 - Easter
 - 15 - TAXES Due
 - 17 - Winter Market
 - 30 - Arbor Day
- May
- 1 - Summer Market
 - 5 - Cinco de Mayo
 - 9 - Mother's Day
 - 15 - Ferguson Twilight Run

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ARTFUL CONSIDERATIONS

by Glynis Mary McManamon, RGS

Art in the Snow

Remember you can still enjoy Jeske Sculpture Park in the snow! Bundle up and take in "10 AM on a Friday" by international artist Diala AlDaghli.

(Photo Credit: Maria Caputa)



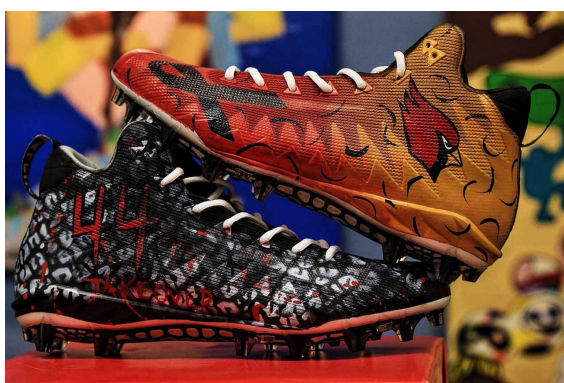
Online Exhibit

In March, Good Shepherd Arts Center (GSAC) spotlights Brock Seals "If the Shoe Fits." his website, www.brockseals.com:

"Brock Seals is a multi-faceted artist whose creativity spans many different mediums, including his skills as a Hip-Hop artist and songwriter as well as a heralded painter and designer. [Brock Seals has] captured the attention of many, including the likes of Erykah Badu, Dapper Dan, Nipsey Hussle, and many more..."

"The 27-year-old artist draws inspiration from his surroundings and experiences to create timeless art that resonates with the everyday consumer and serves as a reminder that only more boring than a blank canvas is a blank mind."

At press time an artist talk was yet unscheduled.



Ferguson Art Festival: A North County Celebration

The planning committee continues to work with the uncertainty of what St. Louis County Health Department pandemic restrictions will be in spring. The planners are engaging regional artists to sell their work in select locations on Florissant Road and W. Florissant Avenue. This is a juried event. The application fee is \$20; \$40 for one of 24 spaces at 501 Plaza.

The children's portion of the event is going forward. A call for children's art will be posted soon – on Facebook, GSAC website and other outlets.

GSAC's May exhibit will feature children's art and will produce a hard copy book from submissions. Each participating child will receive a book; the book will also be available for sale to the public. The committee is assembling "kits" for an art project to be distributed at the Ferguson Farmers Market on May 8, 2021. If a hands-on children's art exhibit and activities are feasible, these will also take place at the Market.

The application for adult artists is online at: www.goodshepherdarts.org/ferguson-art-fair. All questions about the status of the event can be sent to info@goodshepherdarts.org. You can also call 314-769-9806 for details.

Supporting GSAC

The Sisters of the Good Shepherd have posted a \$5,000 challenge grant to encourage support of GSAC. GSAC was founded by the Sisters but is now an independent 501c3 and not affiliated with any religious entity. You can donate through PayPal or mail a check to GSAC 224 N. Hwy 67, Ste 248, Florissant MO 63031. The challenge ends on Wednesday, March 31 at midnight.

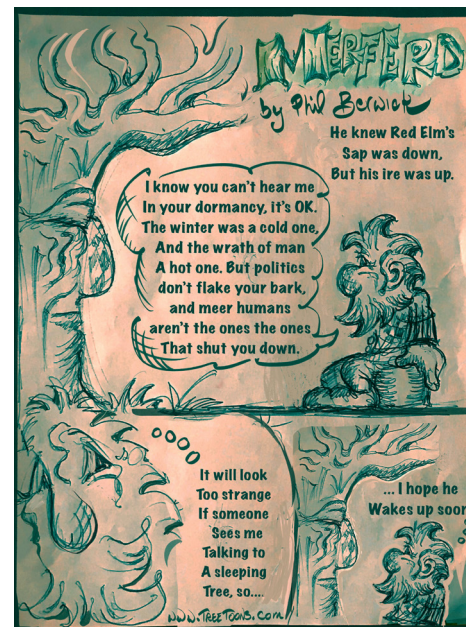
Resources

The Nine Network's "Create" channel, 9.4, features a good number of cooking shows, but there are a few art and fine craft programs.

Good old Bob Ross can be viewed Monday-Friday at 10:30 a.m. (remember "Happy Little Trees"?). If you have insomnia you can also find him some days at 4:30 a.m.

The early birds can find some arts and crafts programming between 5:00 and 7:00 a.m. Also Monday-Friday from noon through 2:30 p.m. Nine Create broadcasts variety of arts and fine crafts programming including: a variety of painting shows (Jerry Yarnell, Wilson Bickford, Paulson and Roger and Sarah Bansemer), "Quilting Arts" and "A Craftsman's Legacy." Shows featuring artists and musicians can be found on the main station (9.1). Peruse the listings and you can find so interesting and instructive programming.

ALWAYS REMEMBER: the Ferguson Municipal Public Library has wonderful resources and has been extremely creative during the pandemic. They are still offering weekly craft project kits, yours for the asking.



Classic Vegetable Beef Stew

This is great comfort food for the winter months. Fast, Easy, and Good! - Gary

- 1 lb Beef Stew Meat (cut in 1 inch pieces (Paul's Market))
- 1 Tbsp vegetable oil
- 4 Carrots, cut into 1/2 inch pieces
- 6 - 8 small red potatoes, quartered
- 1 Red onion, cut into thin wedges
- 1 9 ounce package of frozen cut green beans
- 1 can diced tomatoes
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1/2 cup of beef broth or dry red wine
- 1 envelope dry onion soup mix
- 1 tsp dried thyme or marjoram
- 1/2 cup water

Brown edges of meat in oil. Drain fat.

Place meat, potatoes, carrots, onion, beans and tomatoes in slow cooker.

Combine mushroom soup, beef broth or wine, dry soup mix, thyme or marjoram and water in mixing bowl. Pour over meat. Place lid on slow cooker and cook for 8 to 10 hours on LOW or 4 to 5 hours on HIGH. Approximately 4 - 6 servings.

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Dear Citizens,

Here are the remarks that I had an opportunity to share at the press conference for the vaccine distribution site opening at Florissant Valley Community College.

Thank you, Dr. Pittman, Dr. Perkins and the Florissant Valley Community College staff, for hosting this event and providing the Florissant Valley campus as the location for the first mass vaccine distribution site in St. Louis County.



We have seen thousands of our families suffer during this pandemic. Many of those persons have lost loved ones, have experienced loved ones or themselves becoming very sick, or have lost jobs.

Our residents are scared. They are anxious to know when the end of this very challenging and difficult time will come.

We know the vaccine will help us get past this pandemic and will allow us to get back to some type of normalcy in our lives. We will be able to get back to work and get our children back to school. In addition, we will be able to return to doing the simple fun things in life that we did before COVID-19, e.g., spending time with family members outside our households and going to lunch with our friends. We will get back to a time when we can hug and we will not have to elbow bump. We will be able to gather for worship with our church families, celebrate birthdays and celebrate holiday traditions with family and friends.

For every response to the pandemic, it must be done in a way that benefits all of our residents. No one can be left behind in this pandemic.

I am glad to see that the first vaccine site will be located in Ferguson and I will be a partner with the St. Louis County Health Department and the St. Louis County Executive's Office to ensure that all of the residents of this part of St. Louis County get the services they need, including access to the vaccine.

Please call 314-615-2660 to register with St. Louis County to receive your vaccination at Florissant Valley Community College.

Thank you
Mayor Ella M. Jones



Parks and Rec

Spring Neighborhood Cleanup Event

Join us for a WEEK long... yes we said weeklong Spring Neighborhood Cleanup Event! Throughout the week come to the Ferguson Community Center to pick up your supplies (gloves, trash bags, trash pickers, ect.) to cleanup your neighborhood on your own. We will have a dumpster each day at a specified location for you to drop off your trash bags (locations TBD) when you are done cleaning. Snap a photo or selfie of you and your neighbors picking up trash and post it to social media using #Ferg-SpringCleanUp21 to be entered into a drawing for a prize!

Come out on Saturday, April 17th from 8:00am – 12:00pm for our Spring Neighborhood Clean Up Kickoff event! Ferguson Parks and Recreation along with Ferguson Public Works will be at January-Wabash Park handing out supplies to kick off our weeklong cleanup event. We will be driving around picking up your full trash bags during this time. Then after a morning of neighborhood cleanup join us over at the Ferguson Police Department for a cookout on us to say thank you for your help!

Date: April 19th – April 24th
Supplies Pick Up: Ferguson Community Center
1050 Smith Ave.
Supply Pick Up Time: 7:00am – 7:00pm

Be sure to get up to the recreation office to register or call us at (314) 521-4661.

COVID-19 Update

Over the next few months, Ferguson Parks and Recreation will be slowly and safely bringing back programs and classes for the community. Be sure to follow us on Facebook at Facebook.com/FergRec or check out our website at www.FergRec.com for the most up-to-date information.

Community Center Membership

Resident Youth –Yearly \$50
Resident Adult –Yearly \$85
Resident Senior –Yearly \$50
Resident Family – Yearly \$165

Non Resident Youth –Yearly \$120
Non Resident Adult – Yearly \$200
Non Resident Senior –Yearly \$120
Non Resident Family – Yearly \$300

NOW OFFERING MONTHLY PAYMENT OPTIONS

Resident Youth – \$6 per month
Resident Adult – \$9 per month
Resident Senior – \$6.00 per month
Resident Family – \$16 per month

Non Resident Youth – \$12 per month
Non Resident Adult – \$18 per month
Non Resident Senior – \$12 per month
Non Resident Family – \$28 per month

Residents must present 2 forms of identification to receive a resident rates.

Wayside Park Unleashed (Dog Park)

Ferguson's Dog Park features a large and small dog area and is open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. Dog Park ID required. Owners will need to bring up-to-date shot records: rabies, DHPP, and Bordetella to the Ferguson Community Center to obtain ID.

Yearly Memberships are free for residents or non residents in possession of a valid 2018 ID.

ID Costs:\$5 processing fee per dog
(max three dogs per household)

Park Dedication Program

The City of Ferguson offers a great way to honor or remember a loved one, celebrate a milestone, or simply to have a lasting part in one of our parks. Our Tree Dedication program started in 1989 and has seen over 350 dedicated trees to our City. A Spring and Fall dedication ceremony are held. The Spring ceremony generally is on Arbor Day (first Saturday in April) and the Fall date is generally the fourth Saturday in October, dates are subject to change.

Tree Dedication \$200

In addition to our tree program we are pleased to offer our new park bench dedication program.

Lucky the Leprechaun Scavenger Hunt

Lucky the Leprechaun has hidden 4 different items throughout our parks with clue to take you on a luck scavenger hunt this St. Patrick's Day season! Clues will be hidden with each item to help you find the next lucky item, but be sure to check out www.fergrec.com or @fergrec on Facebook beginning March 1st for extra lucky clues! Once you have completed the scavenger hunt you will be instructed to follow the rainbow to your prize, everyone that participates is a winner! Be sure to snap a photo or selfie to share on Facebook using #LuckytheLeprechaunHunt and to verify you successfully completed the scavenger hunt.

Date: March 1st – March 17th



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Ferguson City Hall Information



Ferguson Summer Adventure

Join us all summer long for our action-packed traditional summer camp experience where kids will laugh, explore, and create memories and friendships that will last a lifetime! Campers will experience with weekly themes, crafts, games, swimming at Splash at Wabash, field trips and more, held at the Ferguson Community Center. Registration closes at NOON on the Wednesday prior to the following week's session. Register today!

Ages: 5-12
Dates: M-F, June 7th – August 13th
Time: 7:00am – 6:00pm
Main Camp programming runs 8:30am – 4:30pm
Open Door runs 7:00am – 8:30am and 4:30pm – 6:00pm
Location: Ferguson Community Center (1050 Smith Ave.)
Fee: \$80/Person per week
(\$10 Discount for Ferguson Community Center Annual Members)



Ferguson Teen Adventures

“Too old” for day camp? Ferguson Teen Adventures is designed for older kids with weekly themes, crafts, games, swimming at Splash at Wabash, field trips, and more. Registration closes at NOON on the Wednesday prior to the following week's session. Register today!

Ages: 11-15
Dates: M-F, June 7th – August 13th
Time: 7:00am – 6:00pm
Main Camp programming runs 8:30am – 4:30pm
Open Door runs 7:00am – 8:30am and 4:30pm – 6:00pm
Location: Ferguson Community Center (1050 Smith Ave.)
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MLB Pitch, Hit, & Run

Come out on May 1st to Forestwood Sports Complex as we host MLB Pitch, Hit, & Run! This competition is open for boys and girls ages 7-14. For more information and how to register visit www.fergrec.com.

Ages: 7 – 14 (ages as of July 17, 2021)
Dates: May 1, 2021
Time: 10:00am



Renovations at Forestwood Park

Over the past 2 years the Parks and Recreation Department has made a concentrated effort to pursue funding opportunities to improve the facilities located in Forestwood Park. The long term plan is still a few years away, however, over the past 2 years we have been fortunate to secure multiple grants to assist in the improvements taking place at the Forestwood Sports Complex. In the winter of 2019/2020 a grant opportunity was brought to the department by Councilwoman Linda Lipka through Major League Baseball and Scotts Lawn Care to rejuvenate one of our baseball fields. We were awarded the grant in the summer of 2020 which provided a new infield, sod, and an overall face lift for Field #1.

In the fall of 2020 the department applied for a grant through the Municipal Park Grant Commission of St. Louis County. The Municipal Park Grant Commission of St. Louis County allows municipalities to apply for a grant annually based on population. To date the Ferguson Parks and Recreation Department has received over \$3.7 million dollars in funding for projects such as park lighting, ballfield renovations, trail improvements, concession stand improvements, indoor fitness equipment, outdoor fitness equipment, sand volleyball courts, new pavilions, swimming pool renovations, new playgrounds, and much more. The money provided must be used for dedicated projects and requires extensive planning by city officials along with the Ferguson Parks and Recreation Department. Through the City's capital improvement fund planning, City staff plan projects about 5 years in advance. We were awarded the Round 21 grant which allowed us to replace the playground located at the back of the park as well as renovate 4 of the 8 tennis courts. The new playground is installed, demolition of the tennis courts is underway, and construction of the 4 new tennis courts is scheduled to begin this month.

This spring we plan to address some of the cosmetic issues within Forestwood Park such as paint, concessions, and other items that can be handled in house to help the overall appearance of the sports complex. The long term plan includes applying for several other grants to replace the remaining 4 tennis courts, address the other remaining fields, lighting, and other amenities offered within Forestwood Park. The existing trail will also be addressed in the future with help from Great River Greenways and we cannot wait to see what other opportunities may become available to continue to beautify Forestwood Park.

If you have time, we encourage you to check out our progress and enjoy another one of Ferguson's amazing parks offered right in your own backyard.



Ferguson City Council Candidates for the April Election

As part of our papers commitment to the community, we gave each of the candidates for Ferguson City Council an opportunity to reach out to the residents of Ferguson with answers to the following question(s): What is your vision for Ferguson and what makes you the best candidate for the job?

**Ward 1
Stephen Garrett**

38 S. Barat Ave - Stephen@pelorus.design
I want Ferguson to be a thriving town that we're all proud to call home. We must provide safety for our residents, opportunities for people to lay down roots, and support businesses in our community. The city of Ferguson is currently in need of economic revitalization. In my vision of a flourishing community, all of our residents are benefiting from Ferguson becoming an appealing opportunity for investment and long-term business collaboration. I am the best candidate because I am a dedicated, life-long Ferguson resident with a career in marketing-communication and a passion for improving our town.

Phedra Nelson

914 Cheri Heights Ct - Citizens4phedra@gmail.com

Ferguson is the place I've proudly called home for 19 years and, even with the challenges we face, I am hopeful Ferguson can have a bright future. Our community has proven to be strong, resilient, and caring.

I want a Ferguson that works for all its citizens, with safe neighborhoods, wonderful parks, well maintained streets, and great educational opportunities, jobs with excellent pay and benefits, and equal justice for all. I believe my experience makes me the best choice, being active in community organizations, continue to advocate for our community, and the construction of Halpin Unity Park.

**Ward 2
Erica M. Brooks**

462 Mueller Ave - embcfcc2021@yahoo.com

As the grassroots organizers my son, Gabriel Q. Cornelius and I to retain Ferguson's public transportation in 2019, Bus Route #79 & 79X, people are still employed, commerce was stabilized & daily commuters are still connected to our community. Restoring the yards of derelict houses reduced crime & inspired community clean-up initiatives. Hosting inclusive spaces for human reflection identified cultural barriers & welcomed empowered communication. As a team, we will move Ferguson forward, together.

J. Toni Burrow

915 Buckeye Dr - Toniette1@aol.com

I envision a city government that is both accountable and responsive to the people. A City that, through its actions, helps foster a sense of community in our neighborhoods and a feeling of safety on our streets. A community where the citizens and city staff work together in a comprehensive approach to improve our neighborhoods, our streets, our safety, and the quality of life for all residents.

I have proven myself as a lifelong servant in this community, and during my council tenure I have proven myself as a leader and a voice for the people. I am running to continue that service and see that vision through.

Arbie Peterson

701 Moundale Dr - arbiepeterson@gmail.com

My vision for Ferguson is a revitalized community of multinational people who have the best interest of their neighbor in mind. I see Ferguson as a commerce hub for both small business and large corporations. I see neighborhoods and public areas that are well maintained and cared for.

I believe I can be an asset to the City Council, bringing the attitude of service and humility needed. I want to assure the residents they have a person whose chief objective is to make decisions that will bring the best possible benefit to them and our city.

**Ward 3
LaTasha M. Brown**

9395 Caddiefield Rd Apt F - latashamariieb@gmail.com

I will say that the only interest that I have is what is best for the citizens of Ferguson and surrounding communities. The vision that I have for Ferguson is that we become one and united as a community. I would like to bring trusted and valued resources to Ferguson that we all can utilize. Community input is also important, without the voices of the community we will not know what is really needed. For us to produce the proper resources we must clearly understand those that we are trying to make a change for.

Naquittia C. Noah

5117 Rockingham Dr. - committeetoelectnaquittianoah@gmail.com

My vision for Ferguson is rooted in the residents' voice's (input and feedback) that will guide the necessary change and progress for a new beginning for our community. I support and will continue to advocate for the implementation of Our Ferguson 2040 Plan, the framework to success.



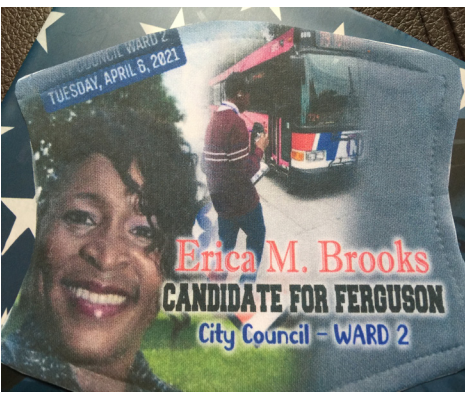
For A City That Works For Everyone



Election April 6th

Ferguson has a special place in my heart and I want to help make Ferguson a CITY THAT WORKS for everyone. We have many challenges that include; addressing nuisance properties, improving our parks, keeping our streets clean and meeting the needs of everyone from our youth to our seniors. But I believe as a community working together We Can accomplish much more. I also pledge to keep you informed and to always listen.

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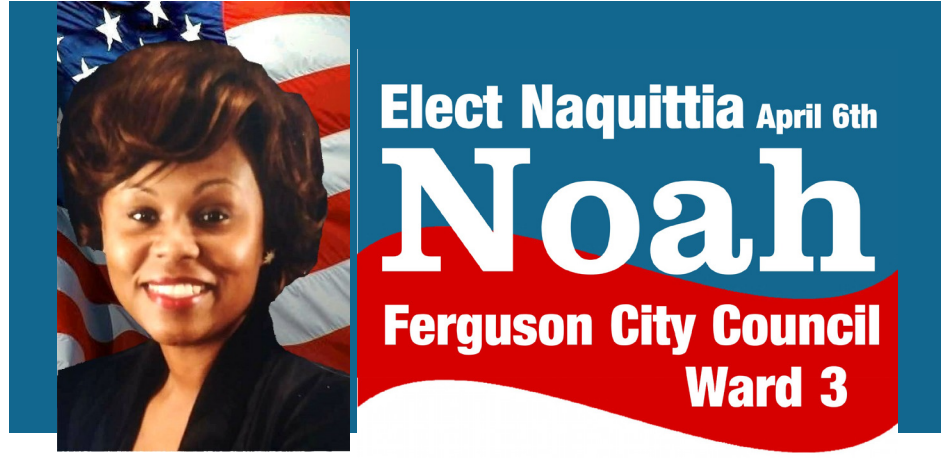
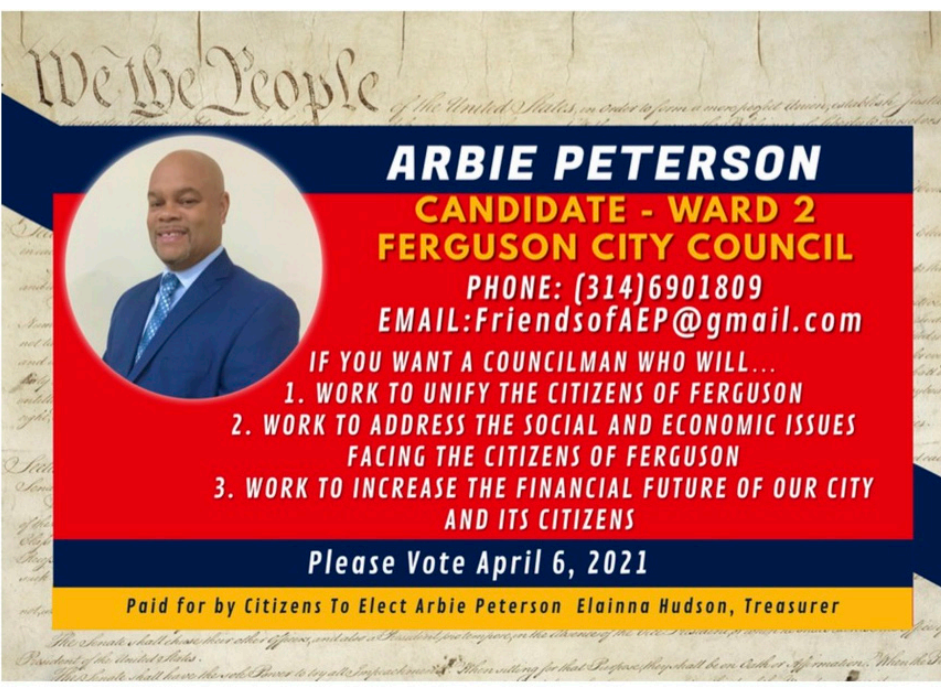
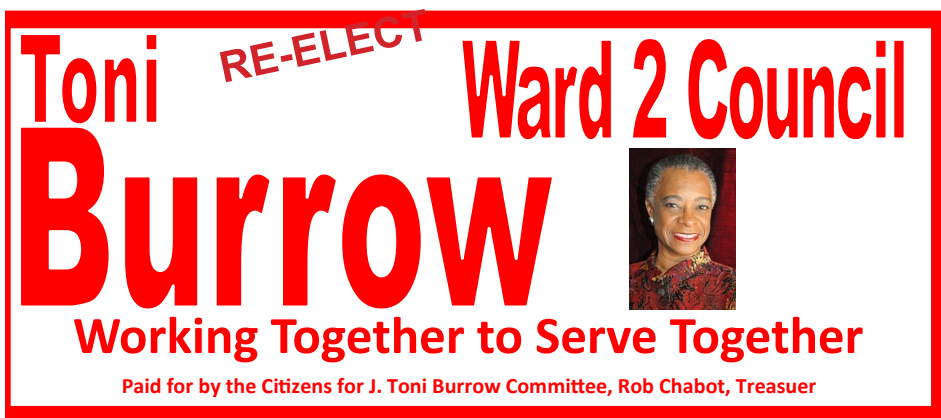


EDITORS NOTE:

I am so glad we at the paper gave the council candidates the opportunity to respond as it allowed me to speak in depth to each candidate.

I can tell you that each one loves the city and is passionate about re-vitalizing Ferguson.

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Hello Ferguson! by Marian Linck

I am delighted that John Lonero reached out to me to write for our neighborhood paper. I also spoke with Bob McGartland about what my articles should include. With that, my task is to find stories about positive, interesting and helpful Ferguson events, people and random happenings. I enjoy local history, so I may try to include some history as well.

Let me introduce myself. I am a life long North County resident, growing up in Castle Point, raising a family in Jennings and now happily enjoying the Ferguson Community since 1999. I am married to Rich Linck and we have 2 grown sons. We also have the honor of being the owners and caretakers of one of Ferguson's Historic homes (which I am told is haunted, but that will be another article, teaser)

A few weeks ago, someone posted a picture on Facebook of some wild turkeys walking down the sidewalk in Ferguson. They seemed quite regal, proud and very comfortable walking in the neighborhood. They believed they "belonged" here. There was a great deal of discussion about the pair of turkeys. Where did they come from? Why are they walking around in Ferguson? I remember seeing a few years ago a pair of turkeys walking in front of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church as if they were trying to get in and attend a service. At the time I was working as a temp on the Emerson Campus, where wild turkeys visited daily in the parking lots and green spaces. The turkeys especially enjoyed preening and posing in front of the glass entry of the building. I suspect they could see their reflection and honestly were "flirting" with that handsome creature in the reflection. I asked around about the Emerson turkeys. I was told, number one, don't mess with the turkeys, they were a protected population at Emerson, number two, the turkeys were brought in to control the geese population. What? Geese had been very annoying in the parking lots and green spaces, making a mess and often "attacking" employees as they walked from their cars to go to work. Apparently, geese do not like to live "next door" to turkeys, a bit prejudiced on their part, I think. Anyway, when the turkeys came to live on campus, the geese moved to the rooftops of the buildings never to attack the humans again. Now, back to why the turkeys were strolling the streets of Ferguson. They follow the creek bed on foot or fly into Ferguson on occasion for a little vacation from the quiet life on Emerson's Campus to the busier more interesting life in Ferguson. Yes, wild turkeys can fly, per nationalgeographic.com, "Wild turkeys can fly short distances at 40 to 50 miles an hour. Wild turkeys can also run 12 miles an hour and, completing the triathlon, they are actually adept swimmers."

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Family Food Corner

by Chef Robert B. Cleveland

Hello, and welcome back for another episode of Family Food Corner with Chef Cleveland. Before I proceed, I want to acknowledge Black History Month was celebrated in February. Though it is observed for one month, I believe we should recognize, celebrate, and honor the history and heritage all year around. With that, I have a Black History fact I want to share with you. I want to acknowledge Chef James Hemings, the first African American to train as a chef in France. He was born in 1765 in Guiney, Virginia, appointed to Minister of France and served as the personal chef to President Thomas Jefferson and family. Thank you, Chef Hemings, for paving the way, perfecting the craft, teaching the craft, and making history.

Now let's reminisce with another story from Growing up with Chef Cleveland. I was about twelve or thirteen when I took Home Economics/ Family and Consumer Science. Though, it was not as formal when I was in school. We called it Home Ec. This class taught cooking and housekeeping. That was the past. Today this class covers cooking, food & nutrition, housekeeping, personal finance, personal wellness, and consumer issues. Anyway, I digress. Also, during this time, I remember once a month, from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., my mother would host a "Kid's Party." At least that's what I called it. To my brother and me, these were the coolest parties because we got to play and party with everyone. Or so we thought. It was really my mom's way of giving her nieces and nephews an opportunity to some adult time. Yep, the party guests were my cousins and their friends. Even so, these parties were also my opportunity to display my passion for cooking and show what I was learning in Home Ec. Being young and still learning, I wasn't making fine cuisine, yet, but I was the Top Chef at the party. I made Rice Krispy Treats, brownies, and other delicious child loving snacks. At every party, children gathered around in anticipation, looking to see what I prepared for them to eat.

In the previous article, I told you it is the twinkle in a person's eye and their reactions to my food that keeps me inspired and motivated to continue cooking. This is especially true if my dish is a delicious hit. I have one dish that stands out and continues to be the most talked about, even today. I make it on occasions. It is my Biscuit Pizza Snacks. OH MY GOSH! A huge classic and major hit with the children and adults. I also told you about the stamp of approval from my family. It means everything. As a child it is a great feeling to get the stamp of approval from a parent. Yes, you guessed it. When my mom tasted my Biscuit Pizza Snacks, she gave me the stamp of approval on my cooking skills. In that moment, I was proud. I saw the twinkle. I got the positive reaction. I found my niche. A tween turned Chef. Well, until next time, here is my famous Biscuit Pizza Snack recipe. I hope it is a huge hit for you with your family and friends, as it is with mine. Enjoy.

This month's recipe: Biscuit Pizza Snacks (serves 40)

- Prep time: 20 minutes
- Total cook time: 7 to 9 minutes
- Total time: 30 minutes

Ingredients:

- 2 cans of flaky layered buttermilk biscuits (I prefer Pillsbury)
- ¾ cup of pizza sauce
- Pepperoni or Meat of Choice
- 1 cup of Mozzarella Cheese

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees.
2. Lightly grease a cookie sheet pan.
3. Separate dough into 10 biscuits.
4. Separate each biscuit into 4 layers.
5. Place biscuits on lightly greased cookie sheet pan.
6. Spread 1 teaspoon of pizza sauce over each biscuit layer.
7. Layer each biscuit with pepperoni or meat of choice.
8. Top each biscuit layer with 2 teaspoons of cheese.
9. Bake the Biscuit Pizza Snacks 7 to 9 min or until golden brown

COLD WEATHER SAFETY

The Ferguson Fire Department took advantage of the recent cold snap to train on ice rescue techniques at January Wabash Lake. While we prepare to handle extreme cold weather emergencies, we'd also like to remind you that cold weather can be dangerous even if you're only exposed for a short time. Learning to recognize the signs and symptoms of hypothermia can help save someone's life.

WHAT IS HYPOTHERMIA?

Hypothermia means the body is losing heat faster than it can produce it and body's core temperature drops below 95 degrees. Falling into cold water can certainly result in hypothermia but it can also occur with any exposure to cold temperatures.

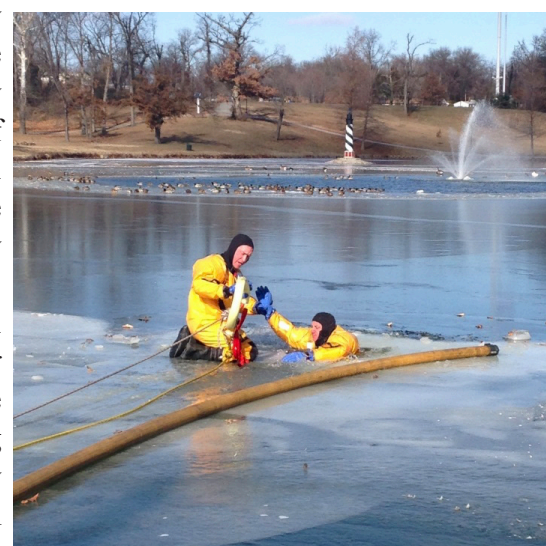
Signs and symptoms of hypothermia include:

- Shivering.
- Slurred speech.
- Abnormally slow breathing.
- Loss of coordination.
- Fatigue
- Cold, pale skin.
- Confusion or memory loss.
- Bright red, cold skin (infants).

CARING FOR HYPOTHERMIA

Signs and symptoms usually develop slowly. People with hypothermia typically experience gradual loss of mental acuity and physical ability, so they may be unaware that they need emergency medical treatment.

Call 911 or emergency medical assistance. While waiting for help to arrive, monitor the person's breathing. If breathing stops or seems dangerously slow or shallow, begin cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) immediately. Move the person out of the cold. If going indoors isn't possible, protect the person from the wind, cover the head, and insulate the individual from the cold ground.



Carefully remove wet clothing. Replace wet things with a warm, dry covering.

Don't apply direct heat. Don't use hot water, a heating pad or a heating lamp to warm the person. Instead, apply warm compresses to the center of the body — head, neck, chest and groin. Don't attempt to warm the arms and legs. Heat applied to the arms and legs forces cold blood back toward the heart, lungs and brain, causing the core body temperature to drop. This can be fatal.

Give the person warm beverages. Don't give the person alcohol. Handle people with hypothermia gently. Don't massage or rub the person because their skin may be frostbitten, and rubbing frostbitten tissue can cause severe damage.

Body to body rewarming. In remote areas where assistance is delayed, practice "body to body" rewarming. Surround the victim with body heat in a sleeping bag, tent or other sheltered spot

Be sure to keep an eye on your elderly neighbors during extreme cold weather as the young and elderly are more easily effected. By looking out for each other and being prepared we can all continue working together to keep this community safe!





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Love for Others Pushes Azariah Estes to Organize Blood Drive

Dual enrollment student Azariah Estes tries to make a positive impact wherever she goes. In January, she served as student emcee of St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley and North County Churches Uniting for Racial Harmony and Justice's annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration.



Fast forward a month, and Estes was spearheading an American Red Cross-Ritenour High School Blood Drive. She is inviting the community to make a difference in the lives of others.

As a dual enrollment student, Estes will earn her high school diploma and associate degree simultaneously. She is balancing coursework at Ritenour High School with general transfer studies at St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley.

She is eager to help as many people as she can through the blood drive. "I just want people to know that this blood drive means so much to me and many others who battle with blood diseases," Estes said. "Imagine being able to say, 'I was able to be a part of something that's saving people's lives.'"

"One pint of blood can make someone else's lifespan much longer, so please donate, and if you can't, please share this everywhere, so we can make an impact in the community!"

The American Red Cross-Ritenour High School Blood Drive was held Tuesday, Feb. 23 at Hilton Garden Inn St. Louis Airport Ballroom located at 4450 Evans Place Drive, St. Louis, MO 63134.

A Personal Interest, Motivation

Estes' motivation for organizing the blood drive is personal. "What pushed me was the fact that I have someone special in my life who had to use the blood of donors in order to survive," Estes said. "If it wasn't for the fact that that person is my boyfriend, and his battle with sickle cell has made our relationship stronger in the most beautiful way, then I probably would've been like most people who think the blood drive is a great thing to do but wouldn't donate.

"I never thought I'd ever be able to do something like this, but with the help of thinking about my relationship with my boyfriend, Xavier Blake, and my love to help others, I had to give it a try," Estes said about organizing the blood drive.

Her role includes registering people to give blood and answering questions they have about donating. The day of the drive, American Red Cross volunteers and workers ensure the drive goes as smoothly and safely as possible.

Connor Zielonko, account representative, donor recruitment, with the American Red Cross is impressed with Estes' work to put the blood drive together.

"Azariah has been incredible throughout the entire process. She has really made a personal connection to the mission of the Red Cross and truly understands the importance of sustaining our community's blood supply to help patients in need," Zielonko said.

"Our volunteers come from all ages, but for Azariah to take the reins on her drive at 16 is truly impressive. Her enthusiasm and determination is incredibly admirable."

Prior to these activities Estes, along with students across the nation, participated in a Youth Town Hall organized by America's Promise Alliance. She spoke on the topic of race and going back to school during a pandemic. America's Promise Alliance is a nationwide movement whose goal is to improve the lives and futures of America's youth.

Estes also spoke about ways young people can stop the spread of COVID-19 in collaboration with PrepareSTL. The organization is a collaborative of community and health organizations that are working to help prepare St. Louisans to effectively respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It brings absolute joy to my heart. I love helping other people, and this is the biggest way I've been able to do so," Estes said.

"My name means 'helped by God,' so this makes me feel like I'm living in my purpose," she said. "I mean I'm literally helping to save people's lives! That is amazing and it makes me happy every time someone registers



Boeing Pre-employment Training Program and Boeing named 2021 Special Ambassador Award Recipients


The Boeing Pre-employment Training Program and Boeing have been selected as 2021 Special Ambassador Award recipients. This is the highest recognition given by the Special School District to honor those who demonstrate an extraordinary commitment to the students and/or staff of the Special School District.

St. Louis Community College's Center for Workforce Innovation, in partnership with Boeing, works to promote the training program to students who attend North and South Technical High Schools.


Sally Difani, administrator of partnerships at the Special School District of St. Louis County, nominated the program and Boeing for recognition.

"It's an honor to be recognized by the district," said Becky Epps, manager of the Center for Workforce Innovation.

"The partnership between STLCC, Boeing and North and South Technical High Schools is a strong one and has become the model that we will roll out to other high schools in the area."



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Field Notes from Farm Girl – ‘Let it Snow’

At the time of writing, the world is blanketed in white. This is the kind of snow that you want for Christmas, or that you say a prayer for the night before a test you’re not ready for. It’s beautiful and perfect, but in mid-February when there was a tangible Spring hope on the horizon, it feels more like a re-gift than the best present of a new winter. I don’t want to sound ungrateful. Truth be told, maybe a little snow to cover everything is what the world needs right now to hide some of the ugliness and sharp edges. Throw a blanket of pristine white over everything, and maybe what is underneath will look different when it melts.

Whenever I need to find the wonder of life, it is never far away. A farm and life with animals are all the inspiration needed to reconnect with hope. I believe that people are inherently good, but sometimes it can be a little muddy or hard to see. I feel that way right now. Watching animals always distills everything back down to the basics. Animals have transparent intentions. It’s refreshing to watch them interact and I wish we humans could break down all the mess that complicates the way we interact with one another. At the animal level, it’s so simple. They need to know that they have food, water and shelter, and pretty much beyond that, they’re good. Everybody is welcome.

A story of goats. Our goats. Up until a few months ago, there were just two sweet little pigmy goat girls: ‘Snickers’ & ‘Lilly’. Along came two baby goat girls ‘Bambi’ & ‘Flower’ in need of new homes from their owner who was moving and couldn’t take them along. Without effort or struggle, they were welcomed by our older girls and then we were 4. Snickers has had a long and wonderful life. With the new arrivals, maybe she finally felt like she could finally go knowing that her dear friend Lilly would not be alone. On a cold night in the beginning of winter, she quietly and peacefully passed away, leaving the three. Lilly began the continuing education of the young girls and taught them the games she likes to play, favorite places to roam, how to be cute to get treats from visitors and how to snuggle up together as the nights got colder as winter set in.

Last Spring, a group of goats and sheep from a farm nearby were left behind when their owner moved out. By their own wiles, they escaped their pasture and made their way to Columbia Bottoms Park. While the weather was lovely, they probably thought they were in heaven. They roamed freely, grazing on anything they wanted with ample access to water and places to sleep. Throughout last year, they were spotted by people visiting the park and photos were posted online. There was lots of talk and concern for their safety in a wild area well known for its coyotes and the now present mountain lion. Rescue groups discussed plans to find them and trap them to get them to safer surroundings. We joined in advocating for their rescue and asked the park for permission to try to get them out and to safety, but were told that with hunting permits issued, it was not safe to have people in the park walking around in the brush for fear of an accidental hunter shooting. We were told that because of all the various hunting seasons, we could ask again in January.

Sightings of the pack continued. As the year wore on, in the photos there were less animals spotted and as the temperature began to drop, the remaining animals were thinner. As once domestic animals used to the care of humans, the struggle in the wild was taking its toll. It was truly a heartbreaking story. Something so obvious was hamstrung by the idiocy of humans. Each day it got colder and bleaker. Here on our farm, our goats got their hay, buckets of feed, salt minerals and water and each night snuggled in for safe and restful sleep. The goats loose in the park did their best to survive.

Last weekend, as we hit our first 2 degree day of wind chills of negative whatever, the last goat in the park let the humans know that it was too much. No longer with any companions (for whatever unfortunate reason), he made his way to the first human outpost he could find at a home across from the park. He did what he could to rescue himself. Our phone rang because whenever an animal is dumped on Riverview, we’re likely one of the firsts call to go out to try to help them and get them to safety. Over the years we’ve picked up and saved and helped rehome more dogs that I can count. The pandemic and people staying at home has been mostly good for dogs. For that we are grateful. Our phone hasn’t rung, but the call about the goat was the one we had been hoping to get. This poor guy looked weary and utterly ready to come in out of the wild. My husband bundled up, took horse treats and a lead rope and headed out to try to do some good. With ease he managed to slip a rope around the goat’s scruffy neck. With a little human help, he got him into the back of a neighbor’s pickup truck where the goat and my husband took a chilly but short ride to our farm and to the first safety this guy must have felt in what probably feels like eons to him.

Unloading him, he went directly into a warm stall of our barn outfitted with plenty of hay, water and feed. Skittish from no human contact for almost a year, he was tentative but gentle. He was willing to trust and after getting a little time to decompress and relax, he was taken to go meet our little flock of 3.

Here’s where the magic happens. As humans this would be a cause for panic, fear of judgment, rejection, or just sheer terror. For whatever this weary goat felt, he was met with curiosity, a few long stares but in short order, was welcomed into a game of goat play. As the sun set, it was as if he had always been here and with new companions, he snuggled into the bedding hay to be another warm body in the tangled pile of 4 sweet sleeping goats. If only life could always be like this. It’s the perfect antidote to the human world to see how animals treat one another.

This past Saturday we got another call. Another sweet goat left unfortunate circumstances for a new life here. The same ritual repeats. A long look from 4 strangers on the walk in but by nightfall, another member of the team and another body that as they are sound asleep, is just another tail that twitches in dreams, little tiny fuzzy feet and the sound of four sweet animals sleeping peacefully, all toasty warm in winter.

As the blizzard goes on and there’s no point in shoveling, now five goats played throughout the day. They’re all quite content to be in and out on a snow day knowing that they are safe and in the company of friends as the snow continues to fall.

Let it keep snowing. Blanket the world in blurry white. Blot out everything until all you see is fractal perfection drifting in the blue. What will be waiting underneath will be better and just that much closer to Spring and sunlight again. For now it’s just a snow day. Let it snow.



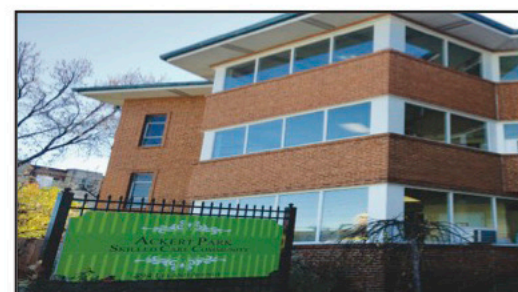
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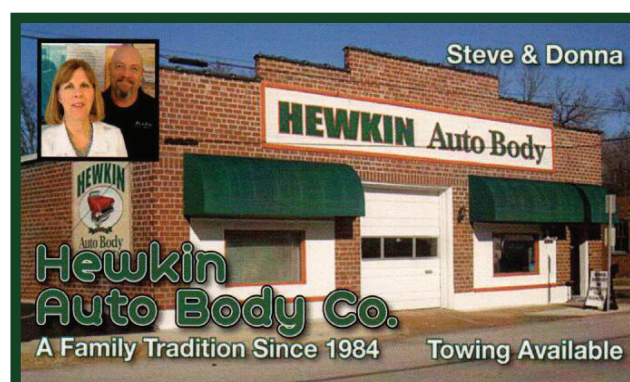
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Financial Focus

By Joan Cleaveland (cleav73@sbcglobal.net)
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Back in 2006, a documentary “Who Killed the Electric Car” came out. I remember seeing it and thinking about how many times in history we’ve seen something good held back or even destroyed in the name of keeping other industries safe from competition. After the California Air Resources Board passed a zero emissions mandate requiring automobile providers to offer an alternative to gas powered vehicles sold in California, General Motors developed the EV1. It was the 1990’s, and people were just starting to recognize that saving the earth was our responsibility. Eventually, the mandate was reversed due to pressure from the oil industry, automobile industry and even the Federal government. When a new party comes into office they often begin to dismantle legislation put out by the previous administration.

So what’s different now? For one we are seeing the effects of climate change. And like I mentioned last month part of our recovery is going to come from transitioning to new technology as we’ve done in the past. In the mid-nineteenth century the United States underwent a big transformation during the Industrial Revolution. We basically changed the way things were done. Goods went from being hand made to being made by machines. And this moved more people out of the fields and into the factories as agriculture began to produce more with equipment. Life did seem to get better for all and the economy really took off.

So back to the electric car, it will have a pretty significant impact on our economy and the way we live. Yet the transition is more complex than we may want to think. First it’s easy to tout the positive aspects of owning an electric car. It has been shown that the cost of maintaining an electric vehicle is less than a gasoline powered engine. Within the internal combustion engine there are numerous parts that operate together to move the vehicle. So it needs more servicing and regular maintenance. Meanwhile, the electric motor is simple requires less maintenance and will likely last longer. Another nice feature is that it is quiet, with no exhaust to smell.

Consumer demand seems to be higher than ever. So what’s not like? Like any major change there are threats to the existing industries. Mechanics may need to switch gear and learn more technical skills to work on an electric car. We’re already seeing more of that even in newer and much cleaner running gas powered vehicles. They all seem to have electronic devices built right in, part of the dash is basically an iPad. So we’re already seeing some change with a mechanics job. No more grease monkeys, we may miss them and find that the knowledge of the internal combustion engine is a lost art except for car museums and race tracks. Now that I’ve mentioned race tracks, I can’t imagine an electric race car. If they aren’t here yet, it could be on the horizon.

Another concern may be the automobile industry re-tooling for the production of electric vehicles. Just within the past couple of weeks, I heard that many automobile makers around the globe are planning ahead to spend over 90 million to shift to building electric cars over the next ten years. So what about the workers? The last thing anyone wants to hear is that their job has been eliminated. In the mid-twentieth century, working in an automobile plant was responsible for helping develop the middle class. We’ve been hearing for years about the need for manufacturing jobs to provide wages that can support a family. Yet, we shouldn’t stall progress. Perhaps the new efficiencies built into the cars of the future will provide new jobs.

While looking at other issues, we can’t forget about the source of our country’s transportation funding. With every gallon of gasoline sold in Missouri about 17.42 cents goes to taxes. The amount varies from state to state with California’s tax being the highest at about 62.47 cents per gallon. When gasoline sales drop we need to find a new source to pay for roads and other infrastructure within our transportation system. As you can see many of the effects may not be positive and require a plan. That doesn’t mean we can’t look at it differently. Could those taxes be replaced by less maintenance required on roads with electric vehicles? It probably wouldn’t be enough to help. Perhaps our new Secretary of Transportation, Pete Buttigieg will have some ideas.

Next month, it may be interesting to look at other considerations as we move towards cleaner modes of transportation. Like our first Industrial Revolution, this period will give us some challenges, but it also offers many positives along the way. And the effects on our environment and even our health would certainly outweigh putting it off any longer. Protecting our earth is a global issue and how we do this doesn’t just affect us. And for the individual it means looking ahead and preparing for this change. Our elected leaders will be looking at the big picture and have many things to contemplate. Understanding all that we gain and lose will provide choices that will help us and future generations. If you have any questions or comments please contact me at cleav73@sbcglobal.net.



Under The Hood With Robinwood

By Bob McGartland

There is Much More to an Oil Change Than New Oil

At Robinwood Automotive we see unnecessary and more costly repairs all the time... many of these serious problems are on newer vehicles with less than 100,000 miles. Why? Vehicle owners use the wrong oil and do not have their oil changes performed according to the manufacturer’s recommendations. One of the simplest things you can do to enjoy a more trouble free & longer lasting vehicle is to have your oil changed according to the manufacturer’s recommendations. Let me explain.....

The obvious reason for an oil change is lubrication, but why at 3,000, 5,000, 10,000 or other recommended mileage? Every brand of oil has a life expectancy and will begin to break down as you meet or exceed the suggested mileage interval between oil changes. Regular oil & filter changes, according to the manufacturer’s mileage interval and their specific type of oil, keeps your engine clean, boosts performance, and most importantly lubricates and helps the internal components of your engine stay cool. Oil circulates through the engine traveling through the oil filter where impurities are removed, but over time the oil breaks down and the filter reaches its useful age.

But there are many more reasons to have your oil changed regularly....

Along with the benefits of replacing the oil and filter, your vehicle receives other benefits that are sometimes overlooked....

Gas Mileage - a vehicle that is operating with fresh oil also gets a little better fuel mileage.

Engine Life - Fresh oil means less impurities and less friction for the engine components. The net result is an engine that lasts longer with less trouble.

Environmentally Friendly - a better running engine emits less hydrocarbons into the atmosphere meaning regular oil changes are better for the air we breathe.

The other especially important area that is missed when you do not follow the manufacturer’s recommended oil change interval is discovering issues with your vehicle before they become more serious. Most repair facilities will perform an inspection on your vehicle when it is in for a regular scheduled oil change. Many times, we are able to discover a potentially serious problem during these courtesy inspections, make you aware of them, and take steps to prevent what could have been a very expensive repair. Many people think that repair facilities are just trying to increase their sales for the day.....that is not the case. Professional repair facilities always have your safety and vehicle performance in mind. It is our responsibility to keep you informed about the safety and reliability of your vehicle and make you aware of problems that need immediate attention, and problems that can wait. A well-informed customer with options is in control of the repair process of their vehicle.

In closing, please know that the day of ‘one size fits all’ for oil changes has disappeared. Every vehicle now comes with a specific recommendation for what type of oil to use and the maximum number of miles you should drive between oil changes. If you have purchased a previously owned vehicle, our shop has access to the recommended oil change interval for almost every vehicle. Just ask and we will gladly let you know.

I am looking forward to the month of March. St Patrick’s Day on the 17th and the first day of Spring is March 20th. Visit us at robinwoodauto.com or on Facebook.



Crossword Solution

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