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A Year of Coming Together

This month, I would like to thank everyone who has made this paper fun and interesting. First, I must thank Bob McGartland and Tony Lonero for providing the initial seed money to get the first couple of issues printed and distributed. Although we initially had problems with distribution, I think most of those issues have either been resolved or at the least addressed.

Next I want to thank all our advertisers. Without their support we would not be able to continue. Please patronize those businesses that advertise with the Ferguson Neighborhood News. Buy local, shop local, eat local.

The biggest of thanks to our contributors who faithfully submit articles each month:

Robin Shively - provides the crossword puzzles that I sometimes struggle with and have to pull out my crossword dictionary.

Sr. Glynis Mary McManamon - provides us with an artistic perspective with her Artful Considerations column and lots of photos. Did I mention I love photos as they are worth a thousand words.

Hello Ferguson's Marian Linck always gives us a fresh and humorous view of her adventures - always a good read.

Farm Girl whom asked to remain anonymous has me wondering each month what she and the farm are up to. She invited us to visit her farm and we were blown away by the workings. They even have a turkey that enjoys to be petted.

Teyuna Darris with her Best of Ferguson column focuses on the good we have around us. Although she has moved away, she is a trooper that has commitment and dedication - Thanks Teyuna

Bob McGartland's Under the Hood always has insight and helpful tips to keep your vehicle running at optimum performance. Bob knows what he is talking about.

Joan Cleveland gives some excellent advice with her Financial Focus and this month is no exception.

Doug Neely's Ferguson Computer Corner has finally returned. I was fortunate to get to know Doug during his time convalescing. Welcome back Doug - go get em!

Chef Robert has given us some excellent recipes and insight to his family.

Amanda Hodgkins of "Ask Amanda" will be taking a sabbatical.

Sharon Nadeau who's line art is so good. She is always willing to come up with creative slug lines. Thanks Sharon! I've asked her to think about doing a coloring book - get out the crayons!

Mary Haux for her help with formatting and knowledge of typography and her work on ads that need to be changed or created. Mary is the driving force of the Ferguson Farmers Market.

Steve Kates of Ferguson Graphics for working so diligently on the ads for inclusion each month.

Phil Berwick from Ferguson to Pakistan freeing modern day slaves.

Earthdance farms and all our neighborhood gardens supplying us with fresh produce.

Folks at SSM and St. Louis Community College

Jerry Benner of the Ferguson History Museum. I love history.

Heidi Jackson and the staff at the Missourian in Washington Mo. who do such a great job of printing and distributing each month.

I'm sure I've missed someone, and if so, my apologies.

This year has given me the opportunity to meet many more people in our community even though we are in the midst of a pandemic. We are blessed in our community to have such great shops, restaurants, and businesses. Our mission is to be a positive force. We get enough negative views from instant on-line media be it television or websites. I hope we will be able to continue to provide a fresher option of the good around us all.

What I glean from all my ramblings is that we are one big community; from our advertisers, through our contributors, and to you; we are neighbors.

Merry Christmas Neighbor! - Papa Deau



December News and Events at the Ferguson Public Library

For more information, please contact the library at 314-521-4820 or visit us online at ferguson.lib.mo.us

Virtual: Holiday Tips and Tricks - Mondays in December, 7 pm

Join us on Facebook (facebook.com/fergusonlibrary) as we help you plan for the holiday season with less stress!

- **Dec. 6 - Holiday Shopping:** Having a nice holiday doesn't require buying everything online and going into debt. Learn how to keep costs down while still celebrating in style!
- **Dec. 13 - Gifts in a Jar:** Create easy gifts for friends and family without breaking the bank.
- **Dec. 20 - Cookies and Candies:** Join us as we make potato candy, learn about different holiday treats, and share recipes!

Winter Reading Challenge - Dec. 13 - Jan. 29

Take the challenge and READ this winter! Pick up a log at the library starting on Dec. 13 and return it by Jan. 29 to get a reward and a chance to win a \$75 gift card. All ages are encouraged to participate!

Virtual: Storytime in Toyland - Saturday, Dec. 18 at 2 pm

Grab your favorite toy or stuffed animal as we visit Toyland at storytime! We will enjoy stories and songs all about toys. Join us on Facebook (facebook.com/fergusonlibrary)!

December Craft Kits

- Pick up a new free craft kit each week in December!
- **Dec. 6-11 - Upcycled Hand Warmers:** Our friends at Perennial will show us how to make a reusable hand warmer out of old sweaters!
 - **Dec. 13-18 - Peppermint Hot Chocolate Sugar Scrub:** Mix up a batch of sugar scrub for yourself or to give as a gift!
 - **Dec. 20-23 - Fork-Painted Winter Tree Art:** Use a fork, paint, and stickers to make a beautiful winter tree!
 - **Dec. 27-30 - Confetti Popper:** Ring in the new year with a custom confetti popper made by you!

The Ferguson Public Library will be closed
Dec. 24 and 25 for Christmas, and Dec. 31
and Jan. 1 for the New Year.

Happy
holidays

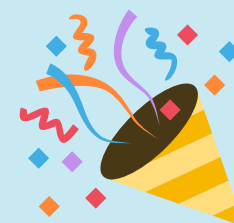
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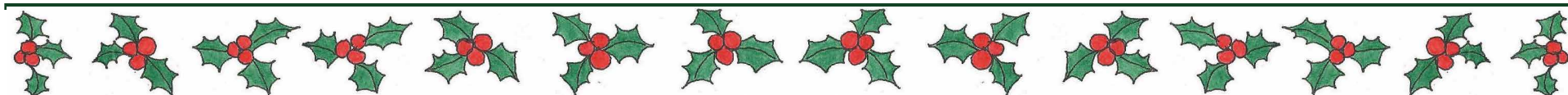
December Celebration Shout-outs



11 - Happy 12th Birthday Henry Bowes
20 - Happy 41st Birthday Pete Nadeau



Email Shout-outs to savoystl@yahoo.com - deadline is the 15th of each month



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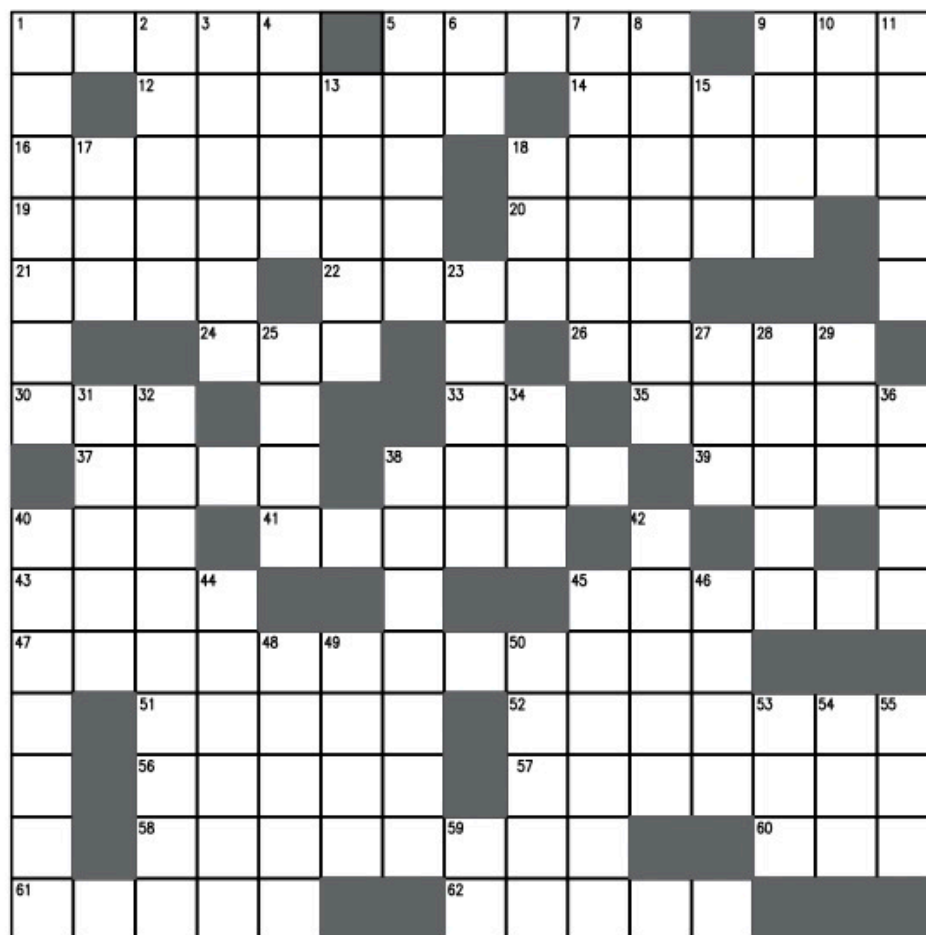
Dash Away All
By Robin Shively

ACROSS

1. Devil's designer?
5. Foxy lady*
9. Business aka
12. Marksman's aim
14. Of marriageable age
16. High-stepping horse*
18. The Bells of ___, 1945 film
19. Title trees of Mounty Python skit
20. ___ my case
21. French lady friend
22. Game with strikers
24. Potential perch
26. Downy duck
30. Brief moment
33. One of the Kettles
35. Child of Venus*
37. Tedious leaning technique
38. Literally out of shape
39. Mushers race toward it
40. Weapon
41. Like the Atlantic
43. Deep sleep
45. One who dines, then leaves without paying?*
47. Creator (in 1822) of the answers to eight clues indicated with *
51. Brand for an all-nighter
52. Used scissors on
56. The Grand Canyon has one named for it
57. Created macramé
58. Feelers
60. Jolson and Unser
61. Goes from snow to slush
62. Operator ___

DOWN

1. Aspens
2. Pong manufacturer
3. Duncan or Kelly*
4. It's on the riverfront
5. Backside
6. Sinister clown
7. Main course
8. Sometime alpha follower
9. Grass roots environment
10. Asylum expose journalist
11. Fabled Greek
13. Canadian honkers
15. Kind of relief?
17. Ewe's mate
18. Disclaimer in brackets
23. Halley discovery*
25. Dedicated poems
27. Dull grayish-brown color
28. Era of history
29. A tire fits on one
31. Swashbuckler Flynn
32. Biological term for living in a relationship in which one organism derives food or other benefits from another organism without hurting or helping it; from the Latin for "eating together at the same table" (This is a tough one - just look it up!)
34. "___ luck?"
36. Couple of bucks?
38. German flash*
40. Praise, applause
42. Animated plumber
44. Quantity
45. Ill-fated party leader*
46. Mo. when autumn begins
48. Makes revisions
49. E, F or G, but not H
50. Industrialist Schindler
53. "Harper Valley ___", Gentry song
54. Slippery one
55. Drillers' deg.
59. When repeated, a Hawaiian goose



Solution on page 14

December at a Glance

- 4 Lighted Holiday Parade
- 6 Hanukkah ends
- 7 Pearl Harbor Day (1941))
- 12 Christmas Concert North Hills UMC 4 PM
- 25 Christmas
- 26 Kwanzaa begins

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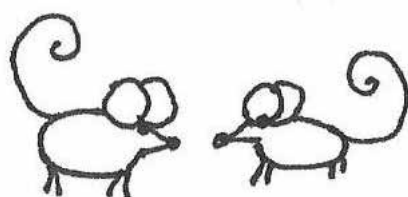
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- Neighborhood groups
- Diversity Meetings
- Business Spotlight

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Merry Christmas from the Ferguson Neighborhood News

ARTFUL CONSIDERATIONS

by Glynis Mary McManamon, RGS

Enlivening History

Ferguson Resident Peggy Harris loves performing live reenactments of black and brown history in full costume as a means of preserving African American History and allowing people to see parallels of today's events with events from the past.



When non-profit organization Transformative Justice Coalition organized prayer vigils and court watches in Glynn County, Georgia, during jury selection for the Ahmaud Arbery murder trial they called on Peggy. This past summer and fall she brought to life the struggle of Dred Scot's infamous trial from Dred's wife's point of view; and the appeals of an African queen against New World traders who tempted African kings to trade human lives for commercial products, thus destroying African Kingdoms.



Peggy Harris in costume

Washington based law firm Transformative Justice Coalition offers a twelve-week Black History Teaching Institute on zoom; "Igniting Change," a radio program; and other programs in support of communities of color and equitable treatment for all citizens.

Ferguson Library December Crafts

The Ferguson Municipal Public Library has partnered with Perennial STL, a non-profit organization that hosts workshops on creative reuse, home repair, and more to provide the first craft project next month. They will be using scraps of old sweaters to create a reusable rice-filled hand warmer (see the photo of the heart propped against a tree: that's the hand warmer). The Library will continue to give out free craft kits to patrons.

Life Arts Malena Smith Royal Studios Sessions

November 16-17, 2021, "AP for LIFE" Creative Resident Malena Smith, an up-and-coming singer-songwriter based out of St. Louis, Missouri, will be recording a collection of original music at the famed Royal Studios in Memphis, Tennessee. Because of her participation in the "AP for LIFE" Creative Residency, Smith financed this project aided by the guidance and tutelage of AP-affiliated financial advisor Donna LaScala, who will be present to witness firsthand the results of her investment methodology. Twelve-time Grammy Award winner Jay Newland and LIFE Creative Ecosystem founder Ferguson's Brian Owens will produce the recordings; Grammy Award winner Lawrence "Boo" Mitchell will engineer them. Rhythm Section Musicians will include Adam Maness, Zeb Briskovitch and Miles Vandiver. Musicians Joshua "Paco" Lee and Jack Pordea, as well as writer Sonca Nguyen, who are part of the LIFE Creative Ecosystem, will also contribute to the recordings. Smith's untitled EP will be released in late 2022 on the LIFE Creative Group record label. For more details, contact: Rachel A. Morgan, Executive Assistant, LIFE Creative Group at: Rachel@lifecreativegroup.org

Watch December PBS tv listings for a new Christmas special produced by Brian Owens.

Art at the Market Continues

"Art at the Market" will continue at the Ferguson Farmers Market winter edition, providing children's activities and hosting artists. The first sponsored artist in November was Showay Chang with the organization Friends of Taiwan STL and students from Ms. Chang's clay class. When they attend market, they always offer "Fun with Clay" for the kids.

In December, Kate Moore Freeman will carry out a photography project with unusual headdresses, as part of preparation for a new art series she is working on.

Winter market is held at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church at 33 N. Clay, Saturdays, 9 a.m. – noon. The market will be indoors this year.

New Logo, New Image for GSAC

Good Shepherd Arts Center's Board of Directors has been working for nearly six months with Vince Estrada -- principal of Leadership Development Institute -- to articulate their mission more clearly and explore how best to serve. The former logo incorporated a Good Shepherd, and the name of course identifies the Good Shepherd: the problem has been, people interpreted the arts organization as a church, and as a Christian organization.



Keeping the name "Good Shepherd" in recognition of founders -- the Sisters of the Good Shepherd -- the organization will emphasize the initials "GSAC" with the tagline: "Serving Communities Through Art." Their mission: "GSAC strives to be a force in challenged communities of North County -- with a focus on Ferguson -- in support of peace, justice and racial equality through the healing power of art. We highlight local artists -- professional and budding, adults and children. We take special interest in artists who have difficulty finding a venue for their talents. We partner with libraries, schools, arts organizations and individual artists to provide exhibits and activities which affirm human dignity, uplift hearts and link creativity with spirituality."

The following core values guide GSAC in pursuit of this mission: spirituality, individual worth, harmony, and hospitality. In short: "Through the healing power of art and creative expression, GSAC brings a message of hope, peace and tranquility to the challenged communities of North St. Louis County, with a focus on Ferguson."

GSAC December Online Exhibit

GSAC executive director, Glynis Mary McManamon, RGS, will upload her own work in the December online exhibit, replaying work from her 2009 show in Louisville, KY: Shining Like Stars. Sr. Glynis' principal works are Byzantine style iconography. The December exhibit features women associated with the season: the women ancestors of Jesus, a woman-themed menorah, and the series of women she associates with the themes of Kwanzaa. The Kwanzaa group is not intended as cultural appropriation, but rather, an attempt to understand Kwanzaa values and associate them with women from African-American history.

St. Peter's UCC Community Resource Center Gallery

Did you know there is a small art gallery in St. Peter's United Church of Christ, Community Resource Center? People using the center have known this, as prior to the pandemic, various local artists exhibited there. GSAC organizes these exhibits. The exhibit space will showcase undergraduate and high school students. Early in 2022, Davion Henry, who recently showed at Ferguson Farmers Market, will share a series of powerful charcoal images. Watch the Ferguson Neighborhood News for details.



Trees Hand Warmes SLPR Crafts Squared



Hello Ferguson!

by Marian Linck

I have shared a number of things about myself and my family. I hope I am not being self-grandiose. My life is ordinary, and that is OK! Who needs drama? So, when I write about my experiences I am not trying to brag or diminish anyone else's experiences. In fact, I have heard from a few of my readers after my last story. The comments were truly kind and complimentary. Thank you. Their comments have encouraged me to continue in the same flavor.

Two years ago, my husband and I adopted a rescue dog. Let me preface this statement with a story about our previous dog, Ernie. Ernie was an amazing little Boston Terrier. I can not take credit for his good behavior. Our son got Ernie as a puppy and spent a great deal of time training him to be the sweetest best-behaved dog EVER. We attained custody of Ernie when our son and his family sold their home too quickly and needed to rent an apartment briefly. He decided Ernie would not tolerate a second-floor apartment after spending most of his life in a big house with a big yard. My son and his family then proceeded to move to Arizona, where Ernie would not have done well. Boston Terriers have "squish" faces and struggle to breath when in a hot climate.

Ernie spent his senior years with us. He slowly became blind in one eye and did not hear well either. Ernie was happy and active and had a great appetite until one evening after his brief walk to do his him business he laid down and saved us the heartbreak of "putting him to sleep". He passed away while I petted him and told him he was a "good dog".

We were heartbroken. Our home felt cold and empty. We started looking at shelters for a dog.

We discovered Gateway Pet Guardians. At the time this shelter was located on Manchester and Macklind. It was a small facility, so they fostered out most of their rescued animals. The dogs they could not foster out permanently often went to "Slumber Pawties" on weekends with volunteers. GPG publishes a selection of animals they have available for adoption on their website. They give the rescues interesting names that usually describe the animal's personality or physical appearance. GPG utilizes exceptionally talented photographers who take pictures of the rescues on their best behavior with happy exuberant poses.

We saw a picture of a handsome gray and white dog named Grady, in the description below his picture the description referred to him as "grumbling" Grady. Grumbling? What does that mean? Oh, that meant he "talks." At this very moment, while I compose this story, this 54-pound animal is grumbling at me, spinning in a circle to find just the right spot to lay down in.

We decided to give Grady a chance.... Right, once we go home with a dog...he is ours. Any way Grady was enjoying a weekend Slumber Pawty with a young lady who is a nurse. Her schedule did not allow her to foster Grady permanently, but he was her favorite dog to entertain on her days off. We scheduled an appointment with her and went to meet him. We took him home and the rest as they say is history.

Grady is an excitable happy pup. We have taken him to obedience training, and he has learned many commands. He knows "place," sit, shake, turn around, and down. The only real issue with Mr. Grady is his total joy when

we have visitors, and we continue to have problems with other dogs. Grady got along well with our other son's dog when we first brought him home, but guess what, the isolation of the pandemic changed that. We were home a lot with our rescue and not visiting with friends and family with dogs. We are now Grady's Pack. My husband is the pack leader; however, Grady is on full alert when another dog may come around and perhaps and steal our affections. As for human visitors after the initial excitement and exuberant greeting he does settle down and behaves himself. Short or older folks have the most challenging time with his greetings. We are still working with him to stop jumping on people.

I am truly tired of blaming the pandemic for everything that goes sour, however, while we both worked from home this dog was a constant companion and a source of joy. This dog is a positive result of the pandemic. I have acquired a part time job outside our home, so my husband is home alone much of the day. They are now best friends and inseparable.

When I leave for work, Grady puts himself in "place" and waits for his goodbye cookie. When I return home a few hours later Grady is the first to greet me at the door. He sits at the second-floor window, barking at the mail carrier, the UPS truck as well as FedEx and the occasional squirrel. When he sees my car approach the driveway his ears go up, he grumbles a bit and races down the steps to say, "welcome home". Mr. Grady is a genuine joy.

I can encourage you to rescue an animal if you are looking for a new furry friend. Gateway Pet Guardians, now located on the east side is a very responsible reputable shelter.

Thanks for reading about our love affair with Mr. Grady. Please share your animal stories with me. My email address is manhattanmarian@gmail.com.



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Plus, DIY photo booth and pictures with Santa! Don't miss it!



CITY OF FERGUSON CANDIDATE PETITIONS

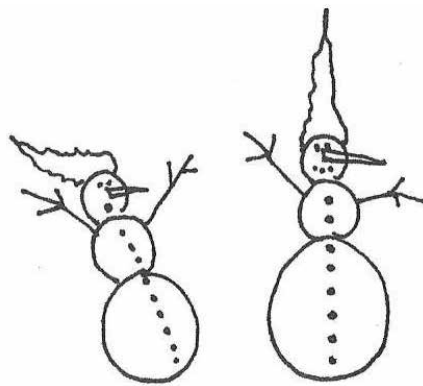
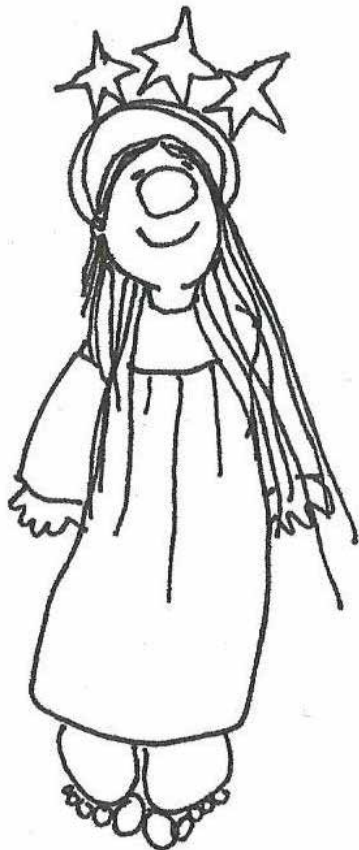
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ELECTION NOTICE – APRIL 5, 2022**

The City of Ferguson, Missouri, will hold an election on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 for the office of Council Member Wards 1,2,3 for a 3 year term. Any person wanting to file a declaration of candidacy for this office must submit a petition signed by at least 50 and not more than 75 registered voters. The petition forms will be available in the City Clerk’s Office beginning Monday, November 1, 2021, and may be picked up at any time during regular office hours.

The petitions should be submitted upon the filing of a declaration of candidacy and must be accompanied by a \$10.00 filing fee, which can be returned if the candidate receives at least 5% of the votes in the election.

The petitions and declarations of candidacy must be filed with the City Clerk at Ferguson City Hall, 110 Church Street. Under State Law, declarations of candidacy will be accepted starting on the opening date for filing and will not be accepted after the last date for filing. Candidate filing for the Ferguson City Council will open at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 7, 2021, which date is the seventeenth Tuesday before the election. Candidate filing will close at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 28, 2021, which date is the fourteenth Tuesday before the election. For further information, please call the City Clerk at 524-5152.

CITY OF FERGUSON
Octavia Pittman, City Clerk



December 12, 2021
Feast of
Our Lady of Guadalupe
at
Our Lady of
Guadalupe Parish
1115 S. Florissant Rd. 63121

Call for information:
314-522-9264

- Dec. 11 9:30 pm Prayers, songs, dances (oración y cantos)
- Dec. 12 1:00 am Mass in Spanish, Archbishop Rozanski presiding followed by breakfast
- 8:00 am Mass in English
- 9:30 am Mass in Spanish
- 12:00 pm Mass in Spanish

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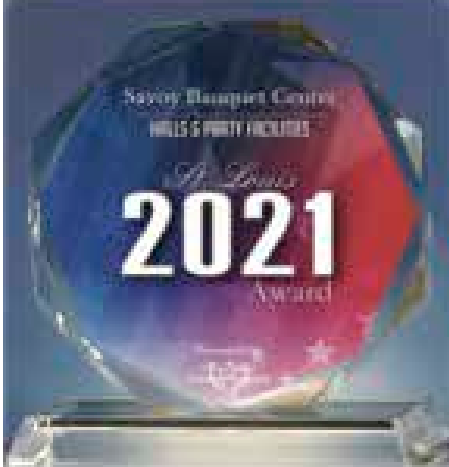


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Ferguson City Hall Information

Time Together

Hello Citizens,

With the holiday season approaching, it is my hope that we all will find a few simple moments to calm our minds and notice the beauty in the world. I hope that we will steal away for a while and take time to dream and reflect on the wonder of this holiday season.



Mayor Ella Jones

Black Friday ads are flooding the market and many merchants have already begun to run commercials advising shoppers to shop early due to impending item shortages. As we position our minds to focus on the true meaning of this season, let us consider supporting our local businesses and neighbors in Ferguson; all who are friends, family members and neighbors. Not only will that strengthen our local economy, but it will also remind us of the value of people – especially those near and dear to us.

While much of the joy during this time may lie in the fun of searching and searching for that special gift that will surprise neighbors, friends and loved ones, the best gift we can give is the gift of TIME TOGETHER.

In the midst of recovering from a pandemic, let us not forget the learned lessons, the reminder that material gifts, while both thoughtful and enjoyable, are not as important as the ultimate gift of family. Let us remember that it matters little what the latest disagreement between family members was, or what one family member may have done to another. What matters, especially after the last several years, is the time that we are able to spend together, laying aside all our issues and challenges and loving each other just because.

The ups and downs of life during this season have hit all of us hard; some harder than others as those we loved fell ill or were lost. I hope in this season, more than anything else, we have learned to be even more thankful for everyone within our circle. I hope that this season reminds us how important it is to reach out to others - those without families,

without a safe place to stay, without jobs – and help provide them with the basic tools for living. Families who are blessed can come together to be a blessing to other families in need.

There is a Ghanaian Proverb that reads, "A family is like a forest, when you are outside it is dense, when you are inside you see that each tree has its place."

Let us understand now more than at any other time, that we are part of the whole and that we all have a place, a role to play in supporting each other and walking in gratitude for family and friends.

My family members look forward to spending time together; almost as much as they look forward to my cooking. My older brother loves Bread Pudding and has already called me to prepare it for him. My youngest brother is going to take me fishing, and then we will prepare a seafood feast for the family. My great nieces and great nephews love my pecan candy and sugar cookies. Also, I remembered when I was growing up in New Orleans, LA., my grandmother had a wood burning stove. She made the best cornbread and red beans and rice, cooking on that stove. She made certain that my brothers would gather up enough wood for days to keep that stove and the fireplaces in her home burning. Spending time with family gives everyone and opportunity to catch up on the past and make new memories.

Have a safe Holiday Season with your family and friends.

Mayor Ella Jones



FERGUSON EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER / BUSINESS RELIEF

The City of Ferguson has created an Emergency Operations Center portal on its website. Here, you will find information related to the COVID-19, helpful resources and links to government agencies as well as the city's responses and adjustments to operations. Visit <http://fergusoncity.com/661/Emergency-Operations-Center> for more information.

LOOKING FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION OF HOW THE CORONAVIRUS IMPACTS YOU?

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- Center for Disease Control and Prevention..... cdc.gov/covid19
- Missouri Health and Human Services..... <https://health.mo.gov/>
- St. Louis County..... www.stlcorona.com
- Ferguson-Florissant School District..... www.fergflor.org

CITY HALL HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The City of Ferguson business offices will be closed on the following days:

- Friday, December 24th – in observance of Christmas
- Friday, December 31st – in observance of the New Year

COUNCIL MEETINGS – HOLIDAY NOTICE

Tuesday, December 14th at 7 pm. Council meetings are held in City Hall Council Chambers, however, to protect the health and safety of the public this meeting may be held virtually (RSMO 610.015); via Zoom Conference. Visit the website calendar or agenda center for instructions on how to access the Council meeting. A copy of the recording will also be made accessible via the City's Website after the meeting. Feel free to contact the office of the City Clerk if you have any questions.

Ferguson Community Center				
Hours: Monday-Friday - 6:30am -8pm Saturday 8am-8pm				
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Adult (Ages 16 - 59)	\$85	\$9/month (\$108 annual)	\$200	\$18/month (\$216 annual)
Senior (Ages 60+)	\$50	\$6/month (\$72 annual)	\$120	\$12/month (\$144 annual)
Youth (Ages 15 and under)	\$50	\$6/month (\$72 annual)	\$120	\$12/month (\$144 annual)
Family	\$165	\$16/month (\$192 annual)	\$300	\$28/month (\$336 annual)

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Ferguson Candy Cane Fun Run

The Candy Cane Fun Run is THE run that'll get your holiday season jump-started! Holiday spirits will be high with plenty of participants dressed for the occasion, costumes and holiday cheer strongly encouraged! Candy canes and other holiday treats for all at the finish line! The Candy Cane Fun Run is a 1-mile, untimed run (not a race) for all ages and abilities. They'll be 3 staggered starts for: (A) Runners, (B) Walkers/Families, & (C) Strollers/Dogs.

- Ages:** All
- Date:** December 4, 2021
- Time:** 9:00am
- Location:** January-Wabash Park
- Fee:**



Register Before 11/17: \$10/Person (includes shirt)
Register After 11/17: \$15/Person (Shirt not guaranteed by race day)
Register by visiting or calling the Ferguson Community Center.

Ferguson City Hall Information

Ferguson Winter Palooza

Join us at January-Wabash Memorial Park for an all new FREE festival celebrating all things winter holidays! Festival will feature: Elsa's Castle, Photos with Santa, Holiday Shopping, Inflatables, Entertainment & More! We are accepting vendors for our Vendor Village, for more information visit www.fergrec.com.

Ages: All

Date: December 4, 2021

Time: 3:00pm-7:00pm

Location: January-Wabash Park

Fee: FREE



Stories with Santa

Santa will be stopping by the Community Center to read your little ones a story and help build gingerbread houses!

Ages: 0-5

Dates: December 14

Time: 9:30am-10:30am

Location: Ferguson Community Center (1050 Smith Ave.)

Fee: \$5/kid, Parents are free

Santa and Sirens

Santa's coming to town with the help of the Ferguson Fire Department, Ferguson Police Department, and Ferguson Parks and Recreation! We will be escorting Santa and his friends throughout the streets of Ferguson beginning December 5th. Each Ward will have a predetermined route that we will post on Facebook at @FergRec. We are encouraging residents to join us along the route to see Santa and his friends!

Days: Sunday's

Dates: December 5th (Ward 1)

December 12th (Ward 2)

December 19th (Ward 3)

Route Begins: 4:00pm

Grinch Bingo

Stink stank and stunk! The Grinch is here to help us celebrate this holiday themed bingo. Join us for an afternoon of bingo and a delicious lunch. This event will include a showing of the Grinch who Stole Christmas Movie, bingo, prizes, attendance prizes, and a delicious lunch.

Ages: 40 and up

Date: Wednesday, December 8th

Time: Doors Open at 11:00am – 3:00pm

Fee: \$15/Members/Residents, \$20/Non Residents

Grinch Around Our Parks

The Grinch has escaped Whoville and has come back to our local parks! We need the help of our jolly Ferguson residents to help spread the Holiday spirit and find the Grinch! The Grinch will be moving through our parks each week beginning the week of December 3rd. Once you spot the Grinch snap a photo with you and the Grinch and post it on Facebook. Be sure to tag @Fergrec to be entered into the drawing for a prize at the end of the Grinch's journey around our parks. Like us on Facebook, @FergRec for more information.

Winter Adventure Camp

Join us this winter as we escape into a Winter Wonderland Extravaganza! This winter break we will have an action-packed traditional camp experience where kids will laugh, explore, and create memories and friendships that will last a lifetime! Campers will experience several themed days, crafts, games, field trips and more, held at the Ferguson Community Center.

Ages: 5-13

Dates: M-F, December 20th – December 31st (No Camp 12/24)

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:** \$16/Day, per child

Woof-mas Pup Playdate

All pups need a playdate! Join us for our Pup Playdate at Wayside Dog Park. We will have a holiday themed playdate with holiday treats and an opportunity to snap a photo of your pup. All pups are encouraged to dress in their holiday attire, but it is not required.

Date: December 18th

Time: 11:00am – 12:00pm

Location: Wayside Dog Park

Fee: \$5/Dog, Free for Wayside Dog Park Members

Santa's Mailbox

Holiday elves are installing a special mailbox at The Ferguson Community Center, where children can drop off their letters to Santa starting November 29th! Santa will respond to all letters received by December 16th. The mailbox will be located just inside the recreation center at 1050 Smith Ave, and is presented this holiday season by The Ferguson Parks and Recreation Department.

When writing letters, children are asked to include their first and last name, age, mailing address, and holiday wish list. Parents are encouraged to glance over the letters before bringing to the center for mailing. Santa especially enjoys hand-drawn holiday pictures on the letters! Place your letter and self-addressed stamped envelope inside Santa's Mailbox. Make sure a Return Address is included so Santa can answer your letter.

For more information about Santa's Mailbox contact the Ferguson Parks and Recreation Department at (314) 521-4661 or visit www.fergrec.com.

Begins: November 29

Ends: December 16

Drop Off Location: Ferguson Community Center (1050 Smith Ave.)

Christmas Garden Glow

Celebrate the season with over 1million dazzling lights as we walk the beautiful Missouri Botanical Gardens. Enjoy fun new experiences and traditional favorites on a crisp winter's eve. Bundle up and wear comfortable walking shoes for a 1.3 mile holiday extravaganza. Holiday Snacks will be provided before we leave the Ferguson Community Center. The fee for this trip will cover the cost of the Garden Glow, Holiday Snack, tips/gratuities, and motor coach transportation. Ages:

Ages: 18 and Up

Date: Wednesday December 15

Time: 6:00pm-9:00pm

Fee: \$53 Resident; \$57 Non-Resident

Flashlight Candy Cane Hunt

It looks like Santa's elves dropped candy canes all over Hudson Park! We need your help to pick up all the candy canes. Enjoy hot cocoa, cookies, and write a letter to Santa before the hunt begins at 7:00pm SHARP!

Ages: All

Dates: December 17

Time: 6:00pm Hunt begins at 7:00pm

Location: Hudson Park **Fee:** \$5/Person

Holiday Lights Contest

The Ferguson Holiday Lights Contest is back by popular demand! Do you have the most cheerful and bright lights on the street? Enter into our Holiday Lights Contest to show off your amazing light display. You don't have to be super fancy to enter, as we will have different style awards. To enter, submit your address to thecenter@fergusoncity.com or online at FergRec.com. All displays must be set up and turned on by 7:00pm, December 8th.

Dates: December 20th

Time: Judging Begins at 7:00pm

Fee: FREE

Ugly Christmas Sweater Social Breakfast

Come out to the Ferguson Community Center for a Social Breakfast. We will have a continental breakfast with some holiday treats. See all the new programs and trips the parks department is putting on for the winter and spring.

Ages: 40 & Up

Date: Monday December 20th

Time: 9:00am-10:30am

Fee: \$3 Members/Residents; \$5 Non-Residents

Noon Year's Eve Bingo

Ring in the New Year and a New Decade, with a palooza of fun. Come enjoy bingo, balloon drop, entertainment, and lunch. Toast off to the New Year 2022 with friends and good company! Take your chance to win bingo prizes and attendance prizes.

Ages: 45 & Up

Dates: Friday, December 31st

Time: Doors Open at 10:00am – Bingo starts at 10:30am – 2:30pm

Fee: \$23 Members/Residents; \$28 Non-Residents

Field Rentals

Rentals are now available for our fields and courts at Forestwood Park and the Ferguson Community Center! For more information, visit <http://www.fergusoncity.com/597/Athletic-Fields-Courts>.

Field Notes from Farm Girl - The Spirit of Christmas

What does Christmas mean to you? I mean it as a question to ask yourself. It's a question I've been asking myself as I look back over what will soon be the end of another calendar year. As my collection of years grows, I find that the chill in the air, and changing the clocks back, there is a building anticipation for the start of the Christmas season and everything that it means. I am filled with nostalgic memories and flashes of moments of everything Christmas has been in my lifetime.

I remember as a small child, going to bed at my grandmother's house on a snowy Christmas Eve, and instead of sleeping through the night, I woke up around midnight to get a glass of water. Opening my bedroom door, down the hallway towards the kitchen, I walked into the brightly lit living room. Caught totally off guard, my mother and grandparents were putting together what looked like a big white doll house, to the sounds of Bing Crosby singing Christmas songs. They were immediately flustered and upset to have been interrupted and the surprise ruined. I promised to forget it and go back to bed. In no way was that Christmas day ruined. I will never forget how busy they looked, and it never bothered me that discovering them setting up the dollhouse meant that it wasn't Santa. I never gave it a second thought.

Another memory is of going skating in Forest Park, being bundled up within an inch of my life and falling and falling and falling trying my hardest to stay up on my skates. I had so many layers on it was like the Stay Puft Marshmallow man falling. I didn't care. I could barely feel my nose or fingers, but I was enthralled by the huge Christmas tree at the short end of the ice rink, as it sparkled and flashed in big old style primary color Christmas tree bulbs. Later that evening, I remember flurries in the air, and walking in the Central West End to look at the decorated Christmas store windows with my mother. There were carolers singing with candles, and on a corner, there was a man roasting chestnuts, and my mother bought a small paper bag of them to share. They were warm and sweet and heavenly, and I'll never forget being so chilly and holding that warm bag in my cold hands. I felt like that evening was pure Christmas gold as if I had been in a Dickens tale..

I remember how Favour Barr used to have the most beautiful holiday displays in their store windows downtown and it felt like you could walk miles and miles looking in all their windows to see elaborate unfolding scenes of animated toys, Santas, elves, sleighs and reindeer, presents, snow scenes, trains and every iconic Christmas element, all brought to life and moving and waving. It was if Willy Wonka has set his mind to Christmas after the design of the Chocolate Factory. I am really dating myself, but before there was Dillard's, there was Stix Baer & Fuller at what is now the Galleria, and if my memory serves me correctly, there was an elevated train system that ran inside the store that kids could ride on at Christmas. The decorations in December were beyond extravagant in a way that I can't even think of a business that puts that kind of budget into just creating joy and wonder with no revenue attached.

I remember waiting for that first big snow of winter to beg to go to Forest Park to take my bright orange disk sled Christmas present and my red bib overall snow pants to go sledding down Art Hill. The rolling hills felt like they went on and on forever when I was small. I could go down the hill and run back up all day long. It was exhilaration and there were always hundreds of other kids like me totally caught up in winter bliss.

And though my mother did not go down in history as a storied cook, she stood on the shoulders of her friends and their amazing recipes. At Christmas time, we would turn big Red Delicious apples upside down, stretch and roll cotton balls into a strip to glue around the center of the apple, followed by a Marshmallow with toothpicks and a cranberry for arms and mittens, and two marshmallows topped with a cranberry for a head, with a cotton beard and cloves as buttons down the center of our apple Santas. Two cloves for eyes, a wisp of cotton beard, and you're done. If making those was all there was to Christmas, I would have still been thrilled. We'd make bunches and give them as presents to my teachers. The house would smell like heaven all throughout the month of December as we took small oranges and tried to push cloves in until you couldn't see orange anymore and then set them on bowls in the living room and kitchen. My fingers would ach from forcing the blunt end cloves in to pierce the citrus, but the smell of the juice mixing with the deep warm woody smell of the cloves will always be the smell I think of for Christmas.

My grandmother, in her baking apron, hands covered in flour, some on the face and in her hair, would hum to the Christmas music playing in her kitchen. Like swooning while feeling the full emotions of the season, she would tell me that Christmas is a spirit to have in your heart, not just a day of the year, but all throughout the year. She was very thoughtful and generous and would have something for all the people in her world from

the mailman, the trash man, the clerk at the corner grocery store, the lady who did her hair and everyone else she could think of. Little bundles of homemade treats, a kind note and an envelope with money to thank them and wish holiday greetings. Every year, we would give toys and presents and coats to mothers and children that were not as fortunate. She was a woman who loved Christmas, and she passed that down to me flawlessly. The pictures so far are rosy, but not every year was abundant or idyllic. My mother was a single, self-employed parent, in an era where that wasn't as acceptable as it is today. One Christmas present that meant the most was just having our cabinets full of food to eat. I remember us both sitting at our tiny kitchen table with all the cabinets open, as we looked at them as if we were hungry Oliver Twists. Another year, we couldn't afford a tree, so with my construction paper, I cut out green branches and snipped them like pine needles. With Elmers and glitter, I made ornaments and linked together strips of colorful paper to attach garland to our living room wall, where on other years, the tree would stand. These lean years, I can honestly say that I was never sad or disappointed. The tough times taught me that the season is not about the gifts, what you want or what you get. It's about being with the people you love, sharing what you have, opening your heart, being kind and embracing what it means to feel and share 'joy'. We were safe, we were healthy, and it was and it still IS enough.

Now with children of my own, I try to keep the traditions of my childhood alive: the cookie recipes, the apple santas, the time spent together, even the holiday crafts we do as part of family time. Our home will be filled with the smell of oranges and cloves. We will sing along to old versions of the Christmas classics, and I too will swoon in my apron, with flour on my face, feeling content that the wonder & joy of Christmas is now a part of the next generation. With many of the elements, places and details of my early Christmases long gone, the memories now have a 'vintage' feel to them. A little frayed on the edges but a bright center. I find myself trying to recreate that feeling of the specialness of the season as I felt it as a child and how I still feel it very much alive in my grown-up heart.

I am counting the days until we bring home our tree. I can hardly wait for the things we will cook, and the decorations we will put out. I'm longing to sit by the fire all together, turn all the lights off to sit by the light of the fire and the tree, and feel the magic of our family celebration. I want everyone to have that joy.

I worry about what I see Christmas has become. Like Tinkerbell, it seems like the light of Christmas can fade and flicker. We have to believe in the wonder to keep it alive. The season isn't about 'Black Friday', the Amazon 'Deal of the Day', what store will be open for Christmas or the 'it' toy of the season that makes people fight. And if I may say, after the 2 years we have just been through, the present we all wished for was to be able to be with the people we love. As the holiday season starts, remember that. Remember how all you wanted was just to be together and that would be enough. We asked and we prayed. Nothing in a store or that you can order online is as wonderful as that. That is the spirit of Christmas. It IS enough. Give big presents of hugs, give away kisses, be generous. Make new memories. Remember the memories of your childhood. Share traditions, make new ones, Give without expectation. Share love, share kindness and compassion. Create wonder and above all else, celebrate joy.

Merry Christmas everybody!

Love,
Farm Girl



FROM FERGUSON to PAKISTAN

Letting Freedom Ring

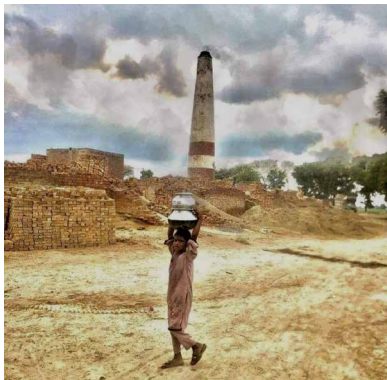
It's a surreal experience each time I return from Pakistan to the United States, from a third world country to a first, from a land where people own little and love much.

In the last year we have freed thirty families, approximately 150 human beings from the modern day slavery of bonded labor.

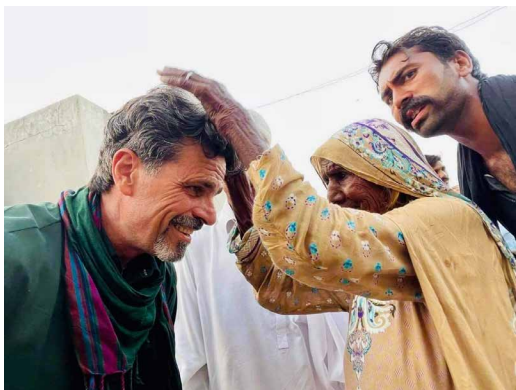


This freed family included three generations of sixteen people. Irfan's grandchildren (he's in the background) will attend a free government school once ransomed from their forced labor.

In Pakistan, if one does not work, one does not eat. This is a free friend, Rustam Masih.



November was the annual Climate-Change Conference in Glasgow. More than the smoke of that, earth needs a CONSCIOUS-CHANGE.



A BLESSING from a one hundred year old great great grandmother. It's custom for elders to give such blessings and I wasn't missing it.

As an ongoing force for freedom, rather than fight the approximately 20,000 strong illegal bonded labor of the Brick Kiln 'Mafia' industry, the safest and most cost effective path is to open our 'Freedom System Schools' inside of them. With what conscious remains, most Brick Masters we've approached are 'allowing' us. Generational slavery will begin to crack and brake, presently with seven schools and another seven ready to launch. We are open for freedom loving partners. Thank you Ferguson and friends for your support.

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HOLIDAY FIRE SAFETY

Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together.

But that also means a greater risk for fire.

Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.

FACTS

- More than one-third of home decoration fires are started by candles.
- More than two of every five decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.

Holiday Decorating

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors. Holiday Entertaining
- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- Before Heading Out or to Bed, Blow out lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed. Turn off all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.



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Financial Focus – Medicare Being Prepared

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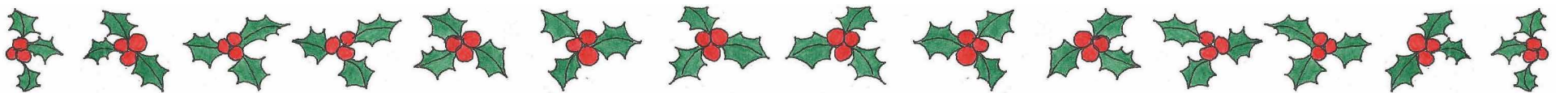
Since I've already passed the retirement age of 65, you'd think I would have checked into Medicare programs. It's hard to admit but, I've been putting off retirement to avoid doing the research. It helps that I enjoy my job and have great benefits. So to some extent I've been spoiled, someone else has compared health care benefits and picked out something that works well for a wide range of employees with various needs. And being in this situation makes it easier to avoid. One thing I did learn from friends was to make sure I got signed up for Part A Medicare as soon as I was eligible. It doesn't cost anything and was easy to do. I spoke with a knowledgeable person from the Social Security office. That was of course after a visit to the emergency room showed that my failure to sign up earlier had cost me about \$100. So that is a good reason to take the first step of signing up for Part A as soon as you turn 65.

By the time you read this open enrollment season for Medicare Plans will be almost over. As I write the mailbox is always full and the commercials from all kinds of media are popping up everywhere. Some sound like warnings: "don't go it alone," "sign up now before open enrollments ends or you'll be doomed," "we'll help you find the best plan and it won't cost you anything." So I am really just looking at what may be available to help plan for the future and perhaps you are too. Talking to friends I've heard much of the same advice, find a good Medicare broker it won't cost you a dime and it can save you plenty in the future. Maybe I should be happy there are so many companies wanting to help us older Americans as we transition to a new part of life - retirement. Yet I do feel a bit inadequate that a simple program designed for older Americans could be such a challenge. It almost seems like a cruel joke to play on the elderly. Let's design a program for those over 65 or disabled and see if we can confuse them into signing up for more than they need. Perhaps I sound a bit cynical, but I am skeptical when something I believe should be easy requires extra assistance and it's not going to cost me anything. Somebody's paying, and they don't keep it a secret they come right out and tell us that the Insurance companies pick up the tab. So it does seem like we are paying for it with our premium payments in the end.

No matter, it's what we have available and if I am thinking about retirement I'll need to understand how Medicare works. It actually started in 1965

when President Lyndon B. Johnson signed it into law along with Medicaid. The difference between the two is simple. Medicaid was designed for the poor already on some type of aid. Medicare was set up for those 65 and older and disabled people. Original Medicare was just Parts A and B. Both are still the most important parts of the program. Parts A and B are provided by the government and you enroll through the Social Security Administration. Part A covers hospital stays and is usually no cost because taxes paid during your working years have helped cover it. Part B's cost is determined by your income from two years ago. Those with higher income levels pay more. It is essential because it cover doctor's visits, lab tests, preventive medicine and even things like dialysis and cancer therapy. Over the years Medicare has been changed and adjusted with methods of increasing benefits for seniors. And that's one reason it has become a booming business. With increased health care costs the optional coverage with Part C, better known as Medicare Advantage, has become more popular. This coverage is provided by private insurance companies and is available by choice. For those who prefer not to go through a private insurance company, there is something called the Medicare Gap which may be available to help while staying with Parts A & B. The Medicare Advantage Plan may have some extra perks, but they are not all alike and they do fall in the category of a managed health plan. So this may be why you need to talk to an Insurance Broker, they could help find all of the plans available in your area and the ones that work with your doctors and current medications.

The last Medicare benefit is Part D which helps cover the costs of pharmaceutical drugs. It became available in 2006 in response to the rising costs of medicine. As we are constantly reminded Medicare has changed considerably and that's why checking your options every year is necessary. If your medications change you may find they aren't covered by your existing plan. A friend who retired a number of years ago, told me about a very expensive drug needed to manage arthritis which he was getting from his employer's insurance plan at a reasonable cost. Going on to Medicare changed all that and he could no longer afford the medicine. No one wants to suffer, so it is best to start checking out things prior to retirement. Overall, I found most information available to read was easy to understand if you are sticking to the basic Parts A and B. The tricky part comes in when you miss a deadline or take your time enrolling. There are penalties and you may pay the penalty for a long time – this comes about when you don't enroll when you are eligible. It should be easy to avoid, but it pays to understand before retirement so you can get the most benefits available. So if like me you aren't ready just yet, be prepared and stay informed for possible changes to the Medicare program. If you have any questions or comments please contact me at cleav73@gmail.com.



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We're often asked how the local real estate market is going. I'd say very well! Here are some stats from the past 12 months in the 63135 zip code:

340+ houses sold • 15 median days on market • 32% increase in median sale price • Lowest sale price: \$7000 • Highest sale price: \$466,000

The Ferguson area market is definitely unique, so make sure you use a Realtor who knows its nuances. And one who will represent YOU and you alone! (Ask me about "dual agency" and why I DON'T practice it!)

Also please give me a call if you're looking to sell a Pembroke ranch or any homes with 1/2 acre+ in Ferguson or Calverton Park. I know several buyers waiting for THE ONE!

Best wishes to you and yours this holiday season! Thank you again!

Shannon Howard

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The Best of Ferguson



by Teyuna T. Darris, M.A.

“Chef Sonny and Mrs. Bridgette Lewis--- Curators of Life’s Special Moments”

When I was a little girl, the building at 701 South Florissant Road in Ferguson, Missouri was a barbeque restaurant where my daddy, and I frequented so that he could have his favorite barbeque ribs meal. And, just as quickly as we began to visit that restaurant, the restaurant closed. I’m not sure of the year when it closed, and I’m unsure if another company ever occupied the building until in late 2012, Chef Sonny Lewis noticed that the building was for sale. Soon, the Lewises launched my favorite Ferguson restaurant--- Drake’s Place Restaurant and BBQ Smokehouse.

This month, I was honored to interview Chef Sonny Lewis and Mrs. Bridgett Lewis--- the founders and owners of Drake’s Place Restaurant and BBQ Smokehouse. Owning a restaurant is more than just owning a business that feeds people. It’s a place where people meet to make and share memories with their families and friends. And it’s a place where people exchange ideas, have meetups and reunions. So, this makes Chef Sonny and Mrs. Lewis curators of life’s special moments.

On most days, you can find Chef Sonny managing his restaurant kitchen

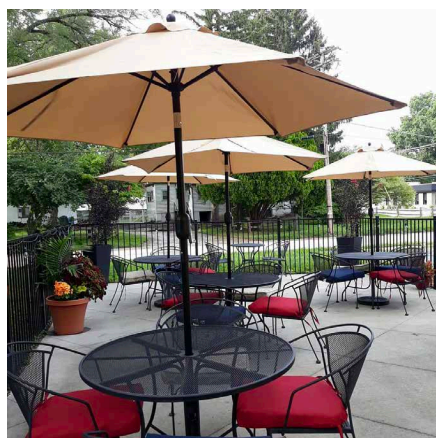


May 18, 2021 – Left to right: Bridgett Lewis, Chef Deundrake (Sonny Lewis), Carol Daniel, KMOX News

while Mrs. Lewis manages the dining room. You can also find their son Sous Chef Deundrake, Jr., cooking alongside his father Chef Sonny, and their son James working as the bartender and delivery driver for catering events.

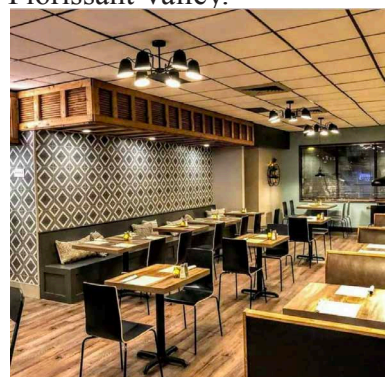
Mrs. Lewis shared with me that she has “...roots in Ferguson. My dad moved to Ferguson in the mid-1970s when I was a teenager.” She also explained that in those days, she and her siblings would regularly commute from the City of Saint Louis to Ferguson to visit her father who was living in Ferguson until he moved to another town. Mrs. Lewis also shared that her husband’s purchase of 701 South Florissant Road caused her to “find my way back to Ferguson”.

I asked the Lewises “What is your favorite pastime or hobby?” They replied, “Traveling.” Mrs. Lewis explained, “We both like to travel. We love to spend time visiting and taking food to the elderly members of our family. We really enjoy binge-watching television shows on HGTV and the Food Network. Chef Sonny also shared that he likes to watch “old gangster movies”.



Newly remodeled patio 2020

The Lewises also shared that Chef Sonny worked his way up through the ranks in fine dining restaurants throughout the Greater Saint Louis Region ranging from fine steakhouses and hotels to upscale French and American cuisine restaurants. Mrs. Lewis earned the Associate in Applied Science for Quality Technology from Saint Louis Community College at Florissant Valley.



Newly remodeled dining room 2019

I also asked the Lewises that famous Saint Louis question: What high school did you go to? Mrs. Lewis proudly replied, “Sonny and I both attended Beaumont High School. We are graduates of the Class of 1978.”

Chef Sonny and Mrs. Lewis also shared that they dream to “Someday have our Drake’s House Dressing manufactured locally and distributed in supermarkets throughout the Greater Saint Louis Region and beyond.” They also shared that they aspire to have a second restaurant location--- Drake’s Place II.

The years 2019 and 2020 presented many challenges as the result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. However, Chef Sonny and Mrs. Lewis were still able to expand their reach to large audiences when their restaurant was featured on two episodes of the Food Network’s television program, entitled, Restaurant Impossible with celebrity Chef Robert Irvine which the cable network aired to mass audiences in February and August 2020.



Chef Sonny Lewis & celebrity Chef Robert Irvine

This mass exposure helped Chef Sonny and Mrs. Lewis to get the help they needed to renovate their restaurant with volunteers from across the State of Missouri. And this experience helped to catapult the restaurant’s fried shrimp dishes to this day!

The Lewises also shared that they received great tips from Chef Robert Irvine including the encouragement they needed to use their onsite barbeque smoker. They’ve also begun making barbeque sauces using each of their mothers’ original recipes, and they crafted the Bub’s PoBoy, the Open Face Reuben, and the Asian Ribs dishes with inspiration from Chef Robert Irvine.

Chef Sonny and Mrs. Lewis are also proud to announce that “...we recently obtained our US Trademark for our signature Drake’s House Dressing, which is the most popular dressing at the restaurant. When we ask our regular guests what kind of salad dressing they would like, most of them say, ‘Your House of course!’” As a result of this mass media coverage, local Saint Louis media also featured the Lewises, their restaurant and a few of their recipes on the local airways.

The Lewises also prioritize civic engagement and volunteer work. Mrs. Lewis is a volunteer and member of the Ferguson Special Business District.



2020, Bridgett Lewis & Deundrake (Bub) Lewis Jr.

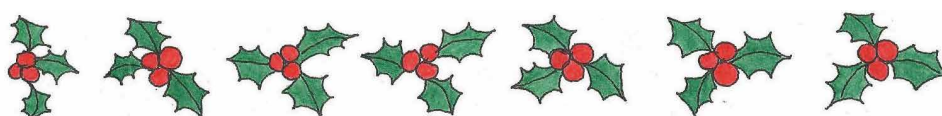
She explained, “I was recently elected as Vice President of the Board. The board members work in collaboration with the Ferguson City Council officials to help attract new businesses to the area, work on additions to improve the appearance of the District such as trash cans, benches, and the lighting on top of the businesses.”

The Lewises also shared that “We have also volunteered every year since we have been in business to participate in the Taste of Ferguson which raises funds for scholarships for the children in our community. Drake’s Place won the competition two years in a row for the best chicken dish.” This is in addition to their support of local nonprofits which help to fight poverty and children’s hunger.

I, then, closed the interview by asking Chef Sonny and Mrs. Lewis my favorite question: What makes you awesome? To this, Mrs. Lewis replied, “(1) We love our customers like family. (2) We care about our staff like family, and (3) Drake’s Place has a great vibe of togetherness, great employees, great customers and great food if I must say so myself.”

That vibe of togetherness has played a role in creating many special and meaningful memories in countless peoples’ lives who have visited Drake’s Place Restaurant and BBQ Smokehouse. And I am one of those people who love to keep going back for those reasons.

And it’s always an honor to interview kind people who have played a key role in many of the awesome memories I have had in my life--- like when I met my cousin Eli in person for the first time! This happened at Drake’s Place Restaurant and BBQ Smokehouse. But my story is only one of many stories which also attest to the fact that Chef Sonny and Mrs. Lewis are more than just restaurant owners--- they are curators of life’s special moments.



Fostering the Good

by Cathy W. of St. Ferdinand St Vincent de Paul Conference

The St. Louis St. Vincent de Paul Council Office contacted our conference back at the end of July to help Tammy Burgess with a car repair. But it was a community of local businesses that came together to bring about a different outcome.

Tammy Burgess has had it rough. She was a heroin addict that spent the last seven years struggling with getting clean. She was homeless for three of those seven years but has been clean for seven months.

She was in a sober living program at the time and has since graduated from the program. Tammy had been working for a grocery delivery service but had to quit because she could no longer lift heavy items due to the cancer that had returned. We referred Tammy to Robinwood Automotive in Ferguson. Bob, the owner and his staff, inspected her vehicle and found many safety related problems. Bob told Tammy how much it would cost to repair all that was wrong with the car and that it would not be worth fixing it because her car was too dangerous to keep driving.

Here's Bob explaining what happened next. "When I told Tammy her vehicle was unsafe to drive and not to leave the lot with it, she kept insisting to drive the vehicle away. I spoke with Tammy further to get a better understanding of what is happening in her life. I was impressed by her determination to overcome the challenges she was going through, recovering from a heroin addiction for the last seven years. She wasn't asking for anything and said, "I am taking my car because I need transportation to the doctors and grocery store. The area I am living in is not safe to walk two blocks to the store." She took her car and drove away. I said a prayer asking her guardian angel to watch over her. I then decided to put on my Vincentian hat and wanted to help Tammy get a different car. I contacted my longtime friend Steve Pokorny, the owner of STS Car Care, in Jennings, I shared some of Tammy's story and asked if he had any salvage cars that he would sell me or possibly donate? I went over to his storage lot and Steve pointed out several cars he had titles for them. There was this red 2008 Nissan Altima, with 210,000 miles on the odometer, with a large section of the front bumper missing, cracked windshield, rather filthy on the inside, yet it started right up. I took it for a test drive. The engine ran smooth, the transmission shifted good even the radio and air conditioning both worked. I knew it was a diamond in the rough. While driving the car I said to myself this is the car God wants me to get for Tammy. When I got back to STS and told Steve this was the car I was looking for, he agreed to donate the car. What followed was God opening more doors along the way."

Bob and his team: Mark, Clinton, and Josh, did all the mechanical repairs and donated their time, effort, and materials to get a beautiful working car for Tammy. Steve Hewkin, from Hewkin Auto Body donated his time and materials to paint the new front bumper. RJ's and his crew from Total

Appearance donated their time to detail the inside and outside. They made it shine like a new car. Lynn, Glenda, Barbara, and Roger from Abbey Glass also contributed to this effort by donating and installing the new windshield. It was an honor to meet all of them. Tammy was presented with her car on Thursday, October 20th.

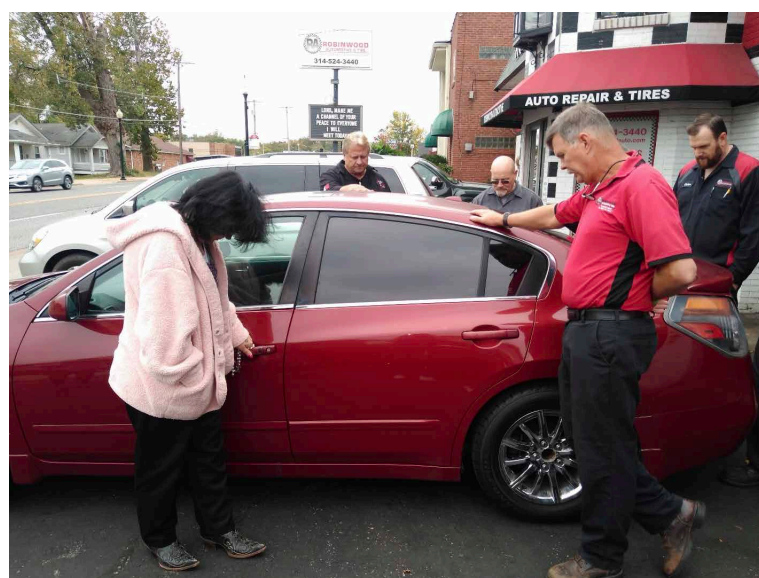
Tammy gives thanks to the Lord and the Catholic friends she made that would not give up on her. Through them she is beginning to get her life back. About a year ago she converted to the Catholic faith and was baptized. She is now living in St Charles. With her safe and reliable new car, Tammy can look for new employment. She is now able make it to all her doctor appointments and cancer treatments.



Steve Pokorny and Bob McGartland present the title to Tammy Burgess



Tammy with her new car thanks to l to r: Steve Pokorny, Steve Hewkin, Mark, Clinton, Bob, & Josh of Robinwood



Tammy asked Bob to bless her new car and he did.

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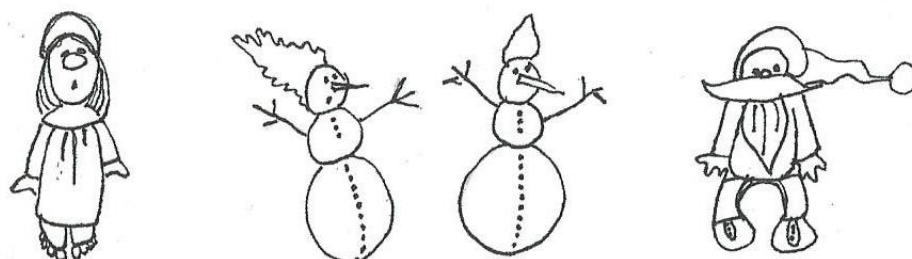
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HOW WINNERS ARE CHOSEN
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DEADLINE
The contest starts on December 1st, 2021 and ends on December 18th, 2021 at 5 P.M.

WHAT IF YOU WIN
Bikes can be picked up from the Ferguson community center on Monday December 20th, 2021.
We can also deliver bikes

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ADDRESS: _____ M/F _____
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PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____



End of Year - Republic Services Residential Holiday Schedule



Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 25th

Thursday routes will be serviced on Friday the 26th
Friday routes will be serviced on Saturday the 27th



Christmas Day and New Year's Day

Both Holidays fall on a Saturday, so there will not be any disruption to our regular collection schedule.



The Ferguson Computer Corner

by Doug Neely

DECEMBER, 2021

Last month, I forgot to mention anything about Veterans Day or Thanksgiving. Let me apologize to our beloved veterans, and to the Lord our God, without whom we would not be here today.

And before I forget again, I want to thank Jesus Christ, our One True Savior from sin, death, and the power of the devil. Without Jesus, we would all go straight to hell. Thank You, Jesus! (now let us have a blessed Christmas!)

Stories of the Puter, dept.

once upon a time, in a land far away, there was a puter user. The puter was a Mac, and a notebook as well. That was about 20 years or so ago. Now, I don't usually write concerning Apple products, but this is pretty simple stuff. Also, this happens across all levels of notebooks, and all brands; it is a common kind of thing.

Anyhow, a concern was raised to me thru an email, by a reader of this column. She wanted to know how to safely secure any personal data on the notebook. I explained how there would be a charge to perform that work, but that it may not be necessary, as the machine will not run, as the fan is likely the part that has failed. (notebooks refuse to run when the fan is dead, and the cpu, an expensive part, would be fried if not kept cool.) Further, getting parts to make a 20 year old unit function would likely not be met with great success. They don't make new parts anymore, and if there are any used parts, IF you can find them are gonna be expensive, and sold with no guarantee. Get the picture?

Now, some of you out there may be thinking that it would be way cool to take it out to the shooting range and see how thoroughly one could pulverize such a device. Gee, the doing of such a task would be worth far more in pure fun than just tossing it into the recycle bin, but, to each his own, I say! :)

bottom line: techs don't usually go thru unusual measures to see what's on an old drive. So, unless you have ticked off someone who knows how to do puter stuff, your old data is likely just as safe as if you put a bullet thru it. Or run over it with your humvee. Or give it to your teenager to destroy. Or bury it in the backyard next to fluffy, your beloved hamster, for future posterity.

Whatever floats your boat!

IF YOU want to get some of doug's FREE puter advice, talk about God-stuff, get your puter fixed, or solve the world's more serious problems, call *314*521*1789* in the P.M. hours of most any day. If there is no name and phone number displayed on the caller ID, it is likely that call will not be answered.

When emailing, you must put the phrase "I need puter advice" into the subject line. If not done, the email will not get thru. You must also include your local phone number so that I can speak to you on the phone. Doing it any other way is too inefficient, and would take far too long going back and forth. Think about it.

fergusoncomputercorner@aol.com

I address the above so as to preclude any difficulties which may occur. I intend to control these processes so that all goes smoothly. Please take this as seriously as I do.

ME GO NOW!

I'm pretty sure I just heard Y calling me for our Christmas meal. What is it about turkey that we stuff ourselves with it and don't get tired of eating it for about a week afterwards? The turkey even lasts far longer than the pies! We go out and get more, if the store still has any.

It's a good thing we already got extra! :)

I hope you enjoy Christmas as much as we do. Please do pray your thanks for all you have to God, as He greatly appreciates that very much! Blessings to you and to yours!




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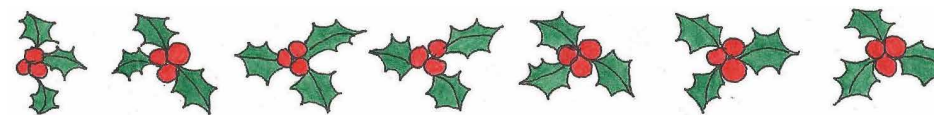
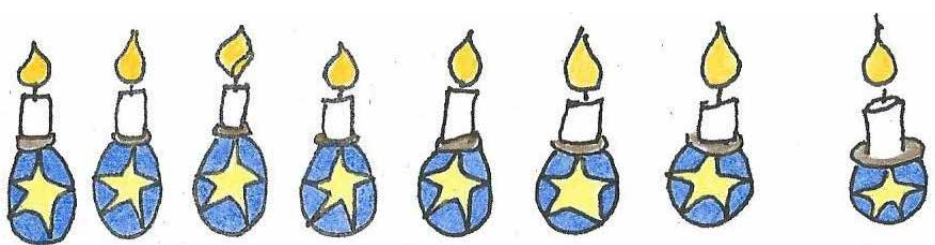
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8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.



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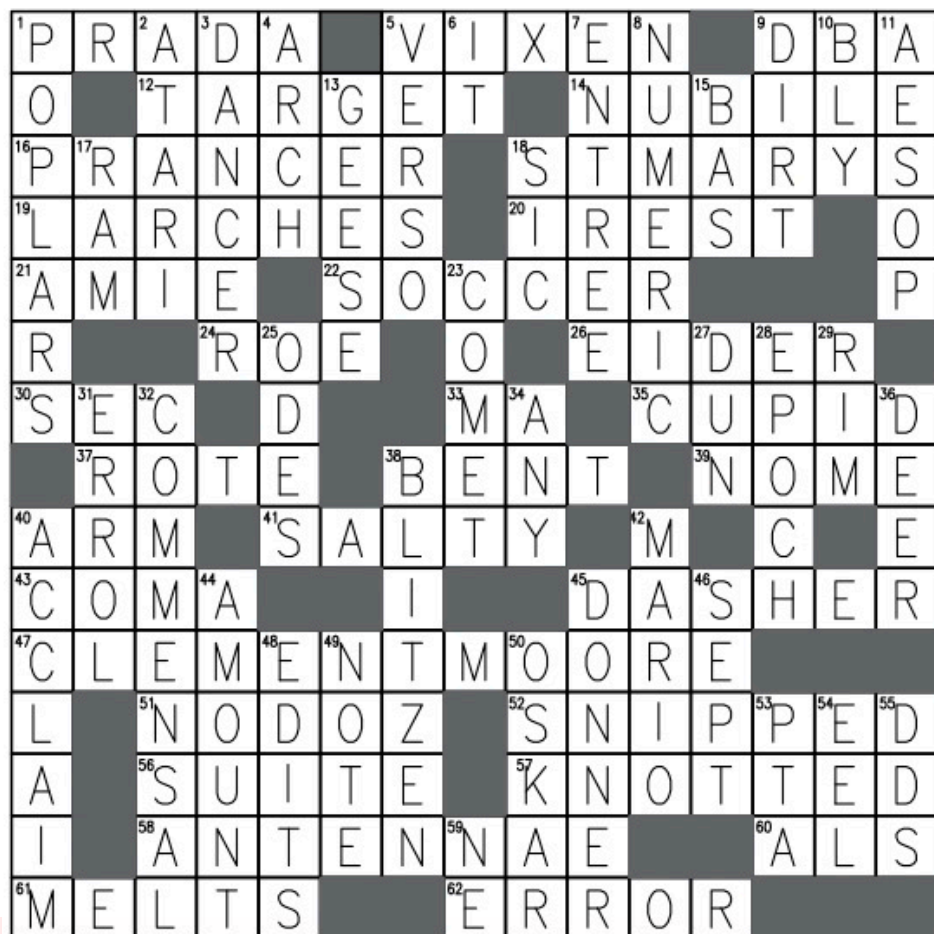




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Blessed Teresa of Calcutta



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* Carolers will return back to the parish center for hot chocolate and treats.

12/12/2021
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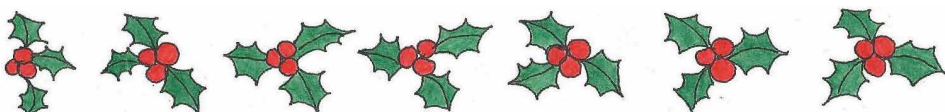
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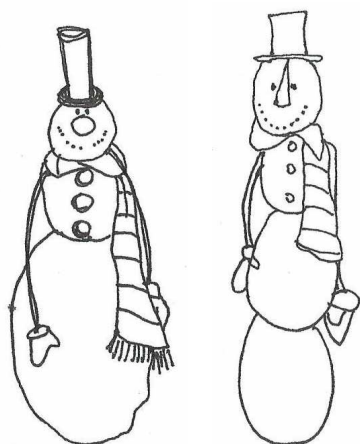


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Under The Hood With Robinwood Shoe Boxes for Seniors Holiday Drive

By Bob McGartland

I am closing the hood on my automotive subject this month and asking you to open the door to your heart for support of our local seniors. The Robinwood Automotive family will continue its longstanding annual tradition of giving back to the less fortunate in our community with the very popular Shoe Box for Seniors gift drive.

As 2021 comes to a close, the difficult challenges that continues within our society has a much more far-reaching impact on the vulnerable, the poor, and many of our local seniors. There are plenty of seniors who are living alone or in nursing homes who unfortunately, don't have much of a Christmas. It is a simple idea of taking a shoe box, filling it with useful items, wrapping them up and giving them as gifts to our older adults. Last year's generous response of donations and support from the community shows how kindness sends a message of hope to others. So once again I am asking for your help in bringing a brighter Christmas to our local seniors by donating to this year's Shoeboxes for Seniors drive. We'd like to pack in our shoe boxes with these wish list items: socks for men and women, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, Vaseline, shampoo, hair conditioner, body wash, combs, hairbrushes, hand lotion, powder, and shaving cream. To sweeten the boxes, we'll also be collecting candy bars, holiday candy, small packages of cookies and gum. If you want to make a monetary donation; we will use the money to purchase items to fill the boxes. You can make your check payable to Robinwood Automotive.

Please drop off your donations at Robinwood Automotive, 803 S. Florissant Road in Ferguson during normal business hours. Shoe box donations need to be in by Friday, December 17th.

The shoe boxes will be distributed to seniors by local churches and organizations in time for Christmas. Please let us know if someone in your neighborhood could use some holiday cheer. Just give us their name, address and phone number and we will deliver a shoe box to them before Christmas.

So, spread the word and bring your donations in! Follow your heart in helping our local seniors. I am grateful for whatever you can do to help spread some Christmas Joy with human dignity.

I want to thank you in advance for your generous support. Your donations are greatly appreciated. Please keep all our less fortunate children, families, seniors, and those who find the holiday season difficult, in your prayers.

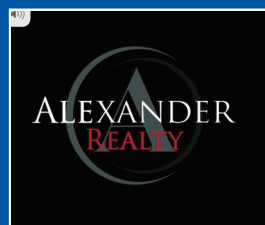
Out of great love for us, God sent his only begotten son Jesus Christ, a savior for all of us. The fear, darkness, despair, anxiety, and uncertainty are dispelled by the light of the Christ Child. He is our source of true inner joy and peace. Our source of hope and love that is endless. However, you celebrate Christmas this year, remember each one of us is a son or daughter of God. It is our wish that everyone is filled with the love of the Christ Child and God's blessings of joy and peace this Christmas season and throughout the year.

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Bob McGartland

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SSM Health Foundation – St. Louis and IFM Community Medicine Awarded \$5.3m to Deliver Inclusive, Community-Based Health Care Outreach and Services in North St. Louis County

Grant from the Bridgeton Fund at the St. Louis Community Foundation will expand access for tens of thousands living near Bridgeton Landfill



St. Louis, MO — SSM Health Foundation – St. Louis (a non-profit organization established to support SSM Health hospitals) and IFM Community Medicine (a non-profit that delivers health care to underserved communities) have been awarded a \$5.3 million grant to create the Connection for Health and Healing Project.

The grant is being furnished by the Bridgeton Landfill Community Project Fund, which is held and administered by the St. Louis Community Foundation. Based at SSM Health DePaul Hospital – St. Louis, this new initiative will work to increase access to health care for approximately 70,000 residents living in a four-mile radius of the Bridgeton Landfill.

“This initiative is a foundational step toward expanding health access and equity for the community surrounding the Bridgeton Landfill, which is an important part of the DePaul Hospital service area,” says Tina Garrison, president of SSM Health DePaul Hospital. “This is another example of the emphasis SSM Health places on Community Health and our unwavering commitment to bringing health care to underserved populations across our region.”

Developed in response to the needs of Bridgeton-area residents, the project’s multi-pronged, community-forward focus on engagement, education and community empowerment will translate into increased access to care, improved health and wellness outcomes and improved quality of life, while advancing health care equity and inclusion for residents within the designated area. The project will:

- Create 16 new “roving” community care clinics and a community resource center
- Place nurse practitioners at partner schools, food pantries and shelters
- Streamline health care access via telemedicine, multilingual outreach and transportation support
- Engage community health workers to help patients navigate health care resources like Medicaid and health insurance
- Connect individuals and families with health care providers or services such as food and supply pantries
- Emphasize the identification and treatment of high-risk conditions created/ amplified by the landfill including pediatric and adult asthma, diabetes and behavioral health, as well as breast cancer, colorectal cancer and prostate cancer
- Provide area residents with access to specialty care at SSM Health DePaul Hospital – St. Louis, including programs for cancer screenings and care, respiratory health, and behavioral health
- Support local workforce development by prioritizing the hiring of untapped and underrepresented talent in the area

“Thanks to this joint venture, north St. Louis County residents most affected by the Bridgeton Landfill will have access to equitable and affordable health care,” said Amelia Bond, president and CEO of the St. Louis Community Foundation. “As this is our final — and largest — grant from the Bridgeton Fund, it is essential we provide a long-term approach to ensure physical, mental and behavioral health and well-being for children and families in the area.”

Funded by a \$12.5 million legal settlement between the State of Missouri, Republic Services, Allied Services and Bridgeton Landfill, Inc., the Bridgeton Fund was established at the St. Louis Community Foundation in 2018. Its mission is to promote community betterment and well-being for those living within a four-mile radius of the landfill. To date, 55 nonprofits have received grants from the fund.

“We are so grateful for the confidence that the St. Louis Community Foundation has placed in us with the award of these grant funds,” says Paul Ross, president of SSM Health Foundation – St. Louis. “Partnerships like the one with IFM, under the leadership of president and CEO Dr. David Campbell, illustrate the wide-ranging approach we take in furthering community health efforts across our regions.”

“At SSM Health, we believe strongly in the healing power of presence. We are committed to meeting patients where they are in the community,” said Jeremy Fotheringham, president of SSM Health St. Louis & Academics. “Thanks to this grant, we and our partners at IFM will be able to extend our presence to tens of thousands of area residents, providing greater access to care services for those who need it most.”

SSM Health and IFM anticipate that the project will positively impact the lives of 4,000 community members in its first year of implementation, with numbers doubling in the following years as the benefits of ongoing engagement take root. Although the grant will support the project’s initial ramp-up for five years, grant activities are designed to be part of a long-term solution for the community. A series of proposed partnerships and philanthropic opportunities leveraging SSM Health and IFM’s existing community connections will be critical to program sustainability, as will additional engagement from community stakeholders.



Leaders from St. Louis Community Foundation, SSM Health and the SSM Health Foundation, IFM Community Medicine and local community leaders celebrate the official announcement of a \$5.3m grant to provide expanded access to health care to residents living near the Bridgeton Landfill.



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