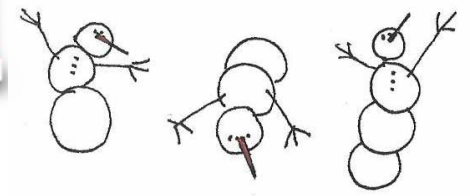


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Thought Food for the New Year

As we begin 2023 I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to all the people that provide me with what I need to get this paper to print each month.

I also want to thank each and every one of you in the community for your continued support for our little hometown paper. Hopefully you enjoy reading. Ferguson has so much to offer and we are in the midst of watching our society go through some turbulent changes. With all the bad going on around the world we, at the paper, hope we are providing you with the positive side of Ferguson.

We are a diverse community and while Ferguson has a lot of businesses, we remain basically a bedroom community.

Diverse:

1. showing a great deal of variety; very different
2. including or involving people from a range of different social and ethnic backgrounds and of different genders, sexual orientations, etc.

This means it's okay to NOT be the same as everyone else. Without diversity, we become stagnant and the status quo would never waiver. Diversity breeds new ideas, offers chances for change, and allows our community to advance.

I think my mom summed it all up with a line from the Broadway play Hair: "Kids, be free. Do what ever you want to do, be whatever you want to be just as long as you don't hurt anyone."

I am happy to see Elicious open and am looking forward to having breakfast there.

One of the things I am really looking forward to in 2023 is the completion of the 270 project in north county. It has been a royal pain for some but when completed will make our traffic flow better. I lived in the St. Charles area when they put the Page extension through. It was a mess then but once it was done and everyone got accustomed to the new layout, it is a breeze getting on and off the highway and traffic flows much better. Now if we can just teach the morons how to drive...

Happy New Year everyone! May this year be the best and may you all be blessed.

Papa Deau



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**St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
33 N. Clay • Ferguson, MO**



January News and Events at the Ferguson Public Library

For more information, please contact the library at 314-521-4820 or visit us online at fergusonlibrary.net

Winter Reading Challenge going on now!

There is still time to join our Winter Reading Challenge and win a \$50 gift card! Pick up a reading log and return it by **January 28** for your chance to win.

Readings on Race Book Club - Monday, Jan. 9 at 6 pm

Celebrating 8 years of discussion! Join us either in person or via Zoom to discuss parts 1-5 of *Four Hundred Souls* edited by Ibram X. Kendi and Keisha N. Blain. For more information, please contact Amy at the library by calling 314-521-4820 or by emailing feedback@fergusonlibrary.net.

Teen Mystery Craft - Saturday, Jan. 21 at 2 pm

Join us for an afternoon of crafting fun while we make a mystery object. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter for hints! **Registration required.** For teens ages 12-18. Register online at bit.ly/fmplmystery23.

Coming Soon! Building a Business Plan

Are you looking to start your own business? Join us as we go through the basics of building a business plan! At this time, we are still finalizing a date and time, so please call the library at 314-521-4820 or visit us online at fergusonlibrary.net to get the latest update!

Ongoing Programs

- **Wednesday, Jan. 11 at 6 pm:** Krafty Korner
- **Wednesday, Jan. 25 at 6 pm:** Game Night
- **Mondays, 9-12 pm:** Ferguson Sewing Club
- **Tuesdays, 1:15-4 pm:** CAASTLC At Your Library

January Craft Kits

- **Jan. 9-14 - Macrame Beaded Bracelet:** Knot up a fashionable bracelet!
- **Jan. 23-28 - Stitched Snowman Card:** Send an embroidered snowman to a friend! Available while supplies last!

The library will be closed Monday, January 16 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

January Celebration Shout-outs



2 - Happy Birthday Marilyn Wiley
7 - Happy Birthday Betty Newberry



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

January at a Glance



- 1 Happy New Year
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- 26 South Central Community Meeting 6PM (see ad page 4)
- 27 Dwain Bollinger Memorial 6PM - 9PM Savoy Banquet Center

ST. LOUIS COUNTY ELECTION BOARD – Election Judges Needed for 2023

In the upcoming April 4th, 2023, General Municipal Election in St. Louis County, voters will be choosing candidates and deciding on ballot issues for various public entities. Election Judges and Student Election Judges are needed to administer such elections in Missouri.

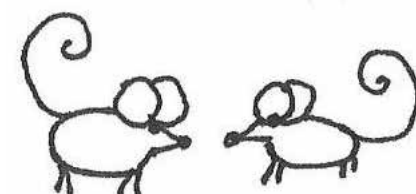
The St. Louis County Election Board is accepting applications for people who are interested in serving as Election Judges for the April 4th, 2023, Election. Additionally, the Election Board has an excellent High School Student program that gives students an opportunity to work with veteran Election Judges providing hands on experience in learning how elections are conducted.

Election Judges play a pivotal role in making it possible for citizens to rightfully exercise the franchise on Election Day. A typical election may have approximately 65% of voters cast ballots on Election Day at over 200 polling places across St. Louis County. Election Judges set up the voting equipment at the polling location, manage the voting process, and secure the ballots for collection at the Election Board. They are truly the “backbone” of the electoral process.

Election Judges are awarded a financial stipend of \$280 for their service. Students may receive a stipend of \$170 or earn 16 community service hours.

Serving as an Election Judge gives citizens a chance to perform an important civic duty and allows them to actively participate in their community.

Contact Jim McHugh of the St. Louis County Election Board to learn more.
(314) 615-1858
jmchugh@stlouiscountymo.gov



What's Happening at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in January?

Our Food pantry is open every Tuesday and Saturday from 10 to 12 noon.
The Clay Café dinner (our free community meal) will be Jan 15th from 4:30 to 6:30. We will be having our Christmas dinner that day inside again and no longer drive thru.
Free flu shots, shingles, pneumonia and covid-19 booster shots will be offered starting in January. We will have a sign up sheet at the pantry.
The Clay Café brunch will be inside also on January 17th from 10 to 12 noon.
The Winter Farmer's Market. This month it will be January 21st from 9 to 12.
Tai chi is offered every Thursday morning from 10 to 11 am.

We are located at 33 N Clay Ave in Ferguson.
Our phone number is 314-521-0138 if you have any questions!



Paper not delivered?

If you think your paper wasn't delivered, please check in the junk mailings. We found ours stuffed inside the grocery ads. our best in trying to resolve the issue. We have paper stands at:

- Ferguson Community Center
- Robinwood Automotive
- Schnucks in Ferguson
- Dellwood Rec Center
- Ferguson Library
- Ferguson City Hall
- Reds BBQ
- Ferguson Brewing
- Ferguson Style & Spa
- Florissant Valley Community College
- Drakes Place Restaurant
- Ferguson Farmers Market
- Paul's Market

Updates to Out of State Mailing List

Due to mailings going out to addresses that no longer have former Ferguson residents living there, we are discontinuing our out of state mailings unless you email Tony at savoystl@yahoo.com to be added to the new list.

The Ferguson News Group may be reached

text/voice: 314 249-6323
email: asroc873@charter.net
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Advertise with the paper

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Please send all ads to Tony: savoystl@yahoo.com

Volunteer with the paper

- Info Gathering
- City Meetings - attend and summarize City Council Meetings
- Other Meetings - assure all city-wide events summaries gathered
- Neighborhood groups
- Diversity Meetings
- Business Spotlight

Donate to the paper

Give a congratulatory shout out for only \$5

ARTFUL CONSIDERATIONS

By Beth von Behren



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Artists:

Pierre Soulages, Sam Gilliam, Margaret Keane, Christopher Pratt, Leo Bontecou, Claes Oldenburg, Ashley Bickerton, Silkie Otto-Knapp, Donald Baechler, Laila Shawa, Bert Seabourn, Kim Jung Gi, Dame Paula Rego



January Arts Happenings

January can be a let-down after the festive and hectic holiday season.

Some of us like having extra time to relax and recharge, but I know some of you will be itching to get out and do some fun and artsy things. Here's the lowdown on what our town is offering in January 2023.

- Jazz St. Louis: Dave Grelle's Playadors and Marilyn Maye, January 1, 7:30 p.m.
- Spine indie Bookstore & Cafe, 1976 Arsenal Street: Poetry & Open Mic, Sundays, 7pm. Author Showcase, Mondays, 7pm. Storytelling Open Mic, Thursdays, 7pm.
- Left Bank Books, 399 N. Euclid Avenue: "Humans of St. Louis" Book Launch event, January 3, 1:30pm.
- Saint Louis Art Museum: "Global Threads," through January 8. Meleko Mokgosi, through February 19. "Day and Dream in Modern Germany, 1914-1945" through February 26. Philip Guston, through April 16. "Samson Young: Sonata for Smoke," through April 9.
- Contemporary Art Museum of St. Louis, 3750 Washington Blvd: "Great Rivers Biennial: Yowshein Kuo, Yvonne Osei, and Jon Young," through February 12.

In Memoriam

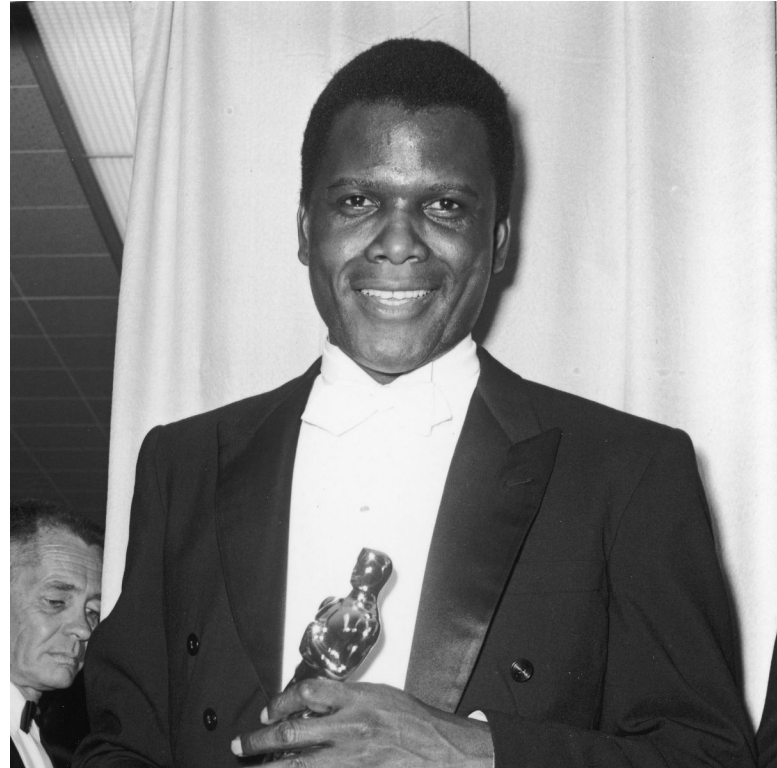
At the beginning of a new year, it seems appropriate to mention and memorialize those artists who enriched our lives over the past year with their creativity, innovation, and passion. Farewell and thank you to the following artists, musicians, writers, and creatives who left us in 2022.

Musicians, Composers, Singers:

Meat Loaf, Ronnie Spector, Marilyn Bergman, Bobbie Nelson, Ralph Emery, Taylor Hawkins, Natty Wailer, Bobby Rydell, Andrew Woolfolk, Naomi Judd, Mickey Gilley, Betty Davis, Ian McDonald, Ronnie Hawkins, Gary Brooker, Alec John Such, Traci Braxton, Jim Seals, Olivia Newton John, Darryl Hunt, Jerry Allison, Ramsey Lewis, John Hartman, Coolio, CW McCall, Loretta Lynn, D.H. Pelligro, Jerry Lee Lewis, Luke Bell, Aaron Carter, Bob Neuwirth, Adam Wade, William "Poogie" Hart, Sergei Kuznetsov, Garry Roberts, Keith Levene, Azio Corghi, Louise Tobin, Christine McVie, Bob McGrath, Angelo Badalamenti, Grand Daddy I.U., Pharoah Sanders, Art Laboe, Lucy Simon, Joanna Simon

Actors, Writers, Directors:

Peter Bogdanovich, Sidney Poitier, Bob Saget, Dwayne Hickman, Howard Hesseman, Douglas Trumbull, Ivan Reitman, Sally Kellerman, Alan Ladd, Jr., Emilio Delgado, William Hurt, Scoey Mitchell, Marvin J. Chomsky, Paul Herman, Robert Morse, David Birney, Fred Ward, Ray Liotta, Philip Baker Hall, James Caan, Larry Storch, Gregory Itzin, Jak Knight, Taurean Blacque, Bob Rafelson, David Warner, Paul Sorvino, Tony Dow, Burt Metcalfe, Nichelle Nichols, Clu Gulager, Roger E. Mosley, Anne Heche, Wolfgang Petersen, Marsha Hunt, Jean-Luc Goddard, Henry Silva, Cherry Valentine, Louise Fletcher, Eileen Ryan, Angela Lansbury, Robbie Coltrane, Leslie Jordan, Stephen C. Grossman, Kevin Conroy, Budd Friedman, John Aniston, Robert Clary, Irene Cara, Ned Rorem, Stephen tWitch Boss



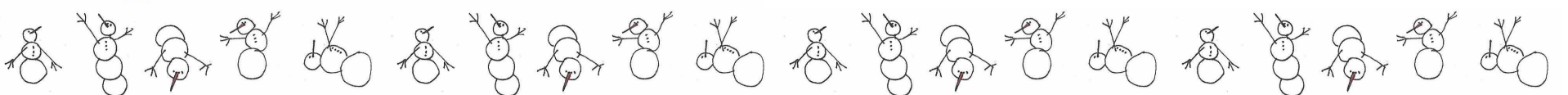
Sidney Poitier



James Caan



Christine McVie



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Around the Table

By Robin Shively

ACROSS

1. Twister
6. Concerning state of affairs
11. Pledge or curse
12. Major life line
14. Library ID
16. May describe eyes or berries
17. Less mad
18. "Sisters" Teddy portrayer
19. Be innovative & build a better one
21. Ohio's 5th largest city
22. NCAA Seminole team
23. Address for Patrick or Rod Stewart
24. Simile word
25. Space
28. Needle locations?
31. Literally, "I believe"
33. It packs a charge
35. Rebellious computer system
36. Consumes
37. Radius partner
38. Jewish ritual area
40. Kool-Aid birthplace st.
41. Kansan aunt
43. Drunkard
44. Radar measurement
46. Individual article
47. Typical Dad joke
49. So. Opposite
50. Streisand film
52. Feeling regret
54. 24-hr. convenience
55. Longest sentence
56. Soccer shoe feature
57. Era
58. Mate's greeting
60. Mustard spice
63. Word often used with neither
64. ___ stirpes
65. Japanese detective played by Lorre
66. Game trademarked by Milton Bradley in 1974

DOWN

1. Jerry's neighbor
2. Holy Family headwear
3. Crayfish dish
- 3 1950s Chicago label
4. Nashville to Knoxville direction
5. "I am woman, hear me ___"
6. Some programs have twelve
7. Paddle kin
8. Put on the line
9. River beginning in France and ending in the North Sea
10. Trickster spider
13. Stranded gene
15. Puff up
20. Milan or Marseille money
21. National park
26. Art media
27. Sherman Act target
29. Sr. org.
30. Blue can spot it
31. Locale of Lollipop Woods and Molasses Swamp
32. GPS path
34. Vacuum hater?
39. Opening
41. Kitchen extender
42. Blanc or Torme
45. Tile with pips
46. Conclude
48. Body with many arms, initially
51. English in Japan
52. Dismissive attitude
53. Thus far, to a CPA
54. Pome variety
58. GI address
59. Egg donor
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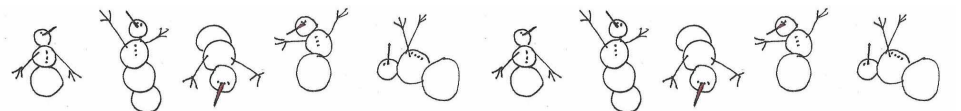
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THANK YOU!!

Thank you all for a great 2022 and making me the #1 agent at Alexander Realty. If you or someone you know is looking to buy or sell a home let me know!



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NORTH HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD Community MEETING

COME JOIN US VIA ZOOM! EVERY **3RD SATURDAY**

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Passcode: NorthHills

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81993114925?pwd=RUlMc0RlUkZkdjZDZ0aU9kdz09>

Ferguson MISSOURI NEW

Ward 3 South Central Neighborhood Association

Come join the new Ward 3 South Central Neighborhood Association!
Streets: Compton, Oliver, St. Louis Ave, Paul, Patricia, Lee, East, Wylin Ct, Haley, Willman Ct, Elkan, Beardsley, Anabel, Wabash, Fermo, Maurice, homes on S. Florissant, Redmond, Short and Adams.

**4th Thursday of Every Month
6PM on Zoom
First Meeting: June 23, 2022**

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Zoom Link
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/818427970917?pwd=Rk01R204Y0RDSU1Md0krU3oM2Rjdz09>
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Meeting ID: 818 4279 7091
Passcode: 92888213
or visit: FergusonCity.com

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University of Missouri

PRESS RELEASE

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314-400-7391

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

University of Missouri & MU Extension Boost Diversity Efforts

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 22, 2022 – In January 2023, the Office of Diversity Equity & Inclusion at the University of Missouri – St. Louis (UMSL) along with the MU Extension Equity Diversity and Inclusion Council will offer a 6-month the Chancellor's Certificate in Advancing Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) in the Workplace. The course is a highly interactive, cohort-based, online professional development program that explores the concepts of diversity, equity, and inclusion in the workplace. This non-credit bearing program is open to all professionals in the Greater Saint Louis community.

- DATES: The course runs from January 23 through June 23, 2023.
- COST: \$450 (\$350 for government, education, non-profit employees, & UMSL alumni.)
Group pricing: \$150 for each additional employee from same organization)

Full participation in the course involves the completion of ten modules via Canvas, an online learning platform. There are also three live Zoom dialogues. Course-takers will develop their knowledge, awareness, and skills for enhancing DEI in their workplaces and apply this learning to evaluate the current level of DEI engagement in that workplace context and develop strategies and tactics for moving DEI efforts forward.

This program is part of the two co-sponsors' efforts to help the region prioritize diversity in their operations. UMSL's DEI office states its "commitment to maintaining a climate where all students, faculty, staff and visitors can thrive." MU Extension, the outreach and engagement arm of the UM System, pledges to "foster a culture of inclusive excellence throughout all MU Extension programs and the communities we serve."

For more information and to register, visit <https://blogs.umsu.edu/diversity/training-and-professional-development/chancellors-certificate-in-workplace-diversity-equity-inclusion/>

14th annual
DWAIN BOLLINGER MEMORIAL

Dining In and Acting Out!



An Evening of Entertainment and Dining to benefit the St. Louis Chapter of **Handicapped Encounter Christ (H.E.C.)**

Friday, January 27, 2023
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Savoy Banquet Center
119 S. Florissant Road
Ferguson, MO 63135

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Mark your calendar for this family event! ...We appreciate your presence!
Questions? Call: 314-524-0500 x352

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For more information call (314) 449-9727 or visit: ArchWellHealth.com/LiveWell

What a Year for EarthDance - Cultivating vibrant community and abundant produce!

As a Ferguson-based organization, one of the most important strategic goals for EarthDance Organic Farm School in 2022 was to increase production of and access to healthy food in our local community. As 2023 begins to take root, we are pleased to share the fruits (and veggies!) of our labor.

2022 EarthDance production goal: Increase farm yield of fruit, kale, collards, sweet potatoes, beets, and tomatoes by an average of 15% more than was produced in 2021.

Outcome: Success! The average percentage increase for these foods in 2022 was 250%!

Some of the top yield comparisons of 2021 to 2022:

	2021	2022
Pawpaws	16 lbs	293 lbs
Cherry tomatoes	429 lbs	1546 lbs
Carrots	1466 lbs	3442 lbs
Sweet potatoes	0 lbs (Total crop loss)	760 lbs
Cherries	10 lbs	30 lbs
Cabbage	505 lbs	932 lbs
Collards	486 lbs	646 lbs
Kale	553 lbs	752 lbs
Asian pears	72 lbs	372 lbs

New this year, bringing our third high tunnel - Jamie - into production, and coming in at 938 lbs: WATERMELON!

We did lose ground on a few crops:

	2021	2022
Peaches	4 lbs	0 lbs (~Total crop loss both years)
Beets	1439 lbs	867 lbs
Blackberries	105 lbs	83 lbs

And, in our first full season of operating the on-farm Pay What You Can Farm Stand - which opened in July 2021 to help improve local access to healthy food during the pandemic - an abundance of fresh organic produce was distributed directly to neighbors and area residents straight from the farm where it's grown, on a sliding scale basis.

2022 access goal: 20% of PWYC farm stand customers will be people who reside in North County zip codes.

2022 Outcome: Success! 63% of PWYC farm stand attendees reside in North County! And, 1 in 3 shoppers were from Ferguson (up from 1 in 5 in 2021)!

All told, 2022 was an amazing year for fresh, organic food production and sharing at EarthDance, and we have plans for 2023 to produce and share even more!

To learn more about food production, the farm stand, as well as Farm to School and other EarthDance programs, or to donate toward our work in growing vibrant food, farmers, and community, visit www.earthdancefarms.org.

You can also follow them on Instagram (@earthdancefarms) and Facebook, or sign up for our monthly newsletter. And, EarthDance is currently hiring! More information can be found at earthdancefarms.org/jobs

Interested in growing your own food? Enroll in EarthDance's Spring Training for Gardeners Program, starting Feb 1, 2023!

Are you or your family interested in starting a vegetable garden, or improving your success with your existing beds? EarthDance has just the program for you - a quick-start 5 week online and in-person training for gardeners.

In 2023, EarthDance will make Spring Training available on a Pay What You Can basis to anyone, regardless of their address.

And, right now, you can find beautiful, farm fresh, organic EarthDance produce at the Ferguson Winter Farmers Market at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church at 33 North Clay Ave., from 9 am - Noon on the third Saturday of each month, January through April. The 2023 dates are: 1/21, 2/18, 3/18, and 4/15!



Pay What You Can Stand

Ferguson City Hall Information

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

“Stop reacting to the stereotypes and start responding to the individual.”

- Bobby R. Kimbrough Jr.

Hello Neighbor,

As Mayor of Ferguson, I am committed to the safety and wellbeing of all our citizens, visitors, and businesses in our city with the overall goal of improving the quality of life for all. This is my second article concerning traffic enforcement. This second time around comes with more determination with the ability to thrive and not just survive. Chief McCall and his officers are steadily working on the overall protection of the citizens. Public safety, including traffic calming, is at the forefront of everyone’s conversation, but we must be deliberate in our efforts and we must identify funding sources that will keep our police department with the technology of the future, such as an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Drone Pilot, the ability to communicate faster with a Police Communication Officer (PCO), Police Training Officer (PTO), and much more. Now, is the time to have a grant writer to research all avenues for funding and a dedicated person to administer the grants.



In one of Chief McCall’s most recent reports to the council he shared the following facts for traffic enforcement in our community. Traffic Facts:

October 1, 2021 thru October 25, 2021

Traffic Stops - 20 - Dedicated Enforcement (0)
Violations Issued - 20 - Investigative (4)

October 1, 2022 thru October 25, 2022

Traffic Stops - 54 - Dedicated Enforcement (33)
Violations Issued - 93 - Investigate (6)

Traffic Stops - (+) 170% Dedicated Enforcement (+)
Violations Issued - (+) 365% Investigative (+50%)

January 1, 2021 thru October 25, 2021

Traffic Stops - 254 - Dedicated Enforcement (12)
Violations Issued - 284 - Investigative (51)

January 1, 2022 thru October 25, 2022

Traffic Stops - 516 - Dedicated Enforcement (79)
Violations Issued - 706 - Investigative ((59)

Traffic Stops - (+) 103.15% Dedicated Enforcement (+558.33%)
Violations Issued - (+) 149.59% Investigative (+15.67%)

RECRUITMENT

This is the data presented by Chief McCall. Recruitment is up and we have 4 Cadets for the upcoming Academy class which starts in January 2023. Interviews are already in progress. As we increase the number of officers on the FPD we increase our capacity to have a more effective traffic detail that will work proactively to protect and serve our community.

“This is not a Black problem. It is not a white problem. It is not a police problem. It is a WE problem. We the people, for the people. It is going to take all of us being transparent in order to transform.”

- Bobby F. Kimbrough Jr.

Connecting,

Mayor Ella Jones

COUNCIL MEETINGS – HOLIDAY NOTICE

Tuesday, January 10th and Tuesday, January 24th at 7 pm; Council meetings are held in City Hall Council Chambers located at 110 Church Street, however, to protect the health and safety of the public this meeting may be accessed 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.

CITY HALL HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

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

Monday, January 16th – in observance of Martin Luther King Holiday

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You can do all this and more on the city’s website. For more information contact Octavia Pittman, City Clerk at 314-521-7721 or opittman@fergusoncity.com

BIDS/REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The City of Ferguson often requests sealed bids or requests or proposals for a number of projects and services and we would like to use local vendors. These requests are listed on the city’s website. Articles may also be placed in various publications; Countian, Post-Dispatch, St. Louis American. If you would like to be added to a mailing list to be made aware of a request related to your operations, please contact the City Clerk’s Office or forward your contact information to opittman@fergusoncity.com.

City Meeting Calendar

Board/Committee/Commission Meetings typically have reoccurring schedules and may be held in various locations. Currently, to protect the health and safety of our citizens these meetings are primarily being held virtually (RSMO 610.015); via Zoom Conference unless otherwise needed. Visit the website calendar or agenda center for instructions on how to access public meetings and/or to view the complete listing of meetings, dates, times, etc.

City Council Meeting	Second & Fourth Tuesday	7:00 p.m.
Civilian Review Board	First Monday	6:30 p.m.
Farmers Market	Second Wednesday (Monthly “in season/bi-monthly “out of season”)	6:30 p.m.
FNIP Meeting	First Tuesday	6:30 p.m.
FSBD	Third Tuesday	5:30 p.m.
Human Rights	Third Monday	6:00 p.m.
Jeske Park Neighborhood	Third Thursday	7:00 p.m.
Library Board	Fourth Monday	6:00 p.m.
North Hills Neighborhood	Third Saturday	10:00 a.m.
NPSC	Third Thursday	6:00 p.m.
Park Board	Third Wednesday	6:00 p.m.
Plan Commission	First & Third Wednesday	7:00 p.m.
Redistricting	Third Thursday	5:30 p.m.
Senior Commission	Third Thursday	9:30 a.m.
South Central Neighborhood	Third Thursday	6:00 p.m.
South West Neighborhood	Fourth Monday	6:00 p.m.
West Ferguson Neighborhood	Second Thursday	6:30 p.m.

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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!





Hello Ferguson!

by Marian Linck

Happy New Year!

I am writing this before Christmas. You, the Ferguson readers will be basking in the afterglow of Christmas and wondering how to get those Christmas cookies off your waistlines.

In the not-too-distant past I loved shopping. The hunt for just the right gift for that special person was an adventure. I hit the major department stores, gift shops, local craft fairs and boutiques. I especially enjoyed the outlet mall.

Most of my cousins in Jefferson City worked for the state of Missouri and had Veteran's Day as a holiday. I would drive to Jefferson City after work the night before, have dinner, work some jigsaw puzzles, talk half the night and then the next morning drive to the Lake of the Ozarks Outlet Malls. The stores at the Lake Outlet Mall were the best and they offered Veteran's Day discounts. We shopped till we dropped, or the minivan was full.

I think Covid changed all that. Covid, sadly, changed a lot of things that were fun and carefree. The stores were closed for a while. My cousins either retired or were working remotely. Family outings were discouraged at best and none of us wanted to look at each other in masks. A long-standing tradition of the cousin's Veteran's Day shopping trip to kick off the Christmas season had sadly ended.

I have been shopping online and when I do go to the brick-and-mortar stores, I am disappointed in the level of customer service and the lack of interesting abundant merchandise. Often, I do not enjoy my fellow shoppers either. Many are rude, loud, and self-absorbed. I wonder why I drove to the mall and quickly find myself finding refuge in my car, driving home, and opening this same computer that I am composing this article.

The level of "instant gratification" while shopping online is pretty close to the "real thing" and hearing the UPS or Amazon truck roll down the street is exhilarating! I see the trucks and hope they will stop in front of my house. Often, they do stop, especially this time of year.

As I write this there is a small fort of cardboard boxes inside my front door and at the bottom of the stairs. We can barely get through the mound of boxes to go upstairs to the bedrooms. I am confronted with that same pile as I look down preparing to go down the stairs to mind the dogs in the morning.



Soon all the boxes will find their way to an extra bedroom upstairs. I will sort, check my list, and prepare to wrap and label.

I do not have a lengthy list of people to buy gifts for. My family is small, and my friends are all of the age that we do not need things. We do not need or want clothes, trinkets, or new appliances. If there is something we want, we buy it ourselves. We all however enjoy consumables, especially those that can be shared or those that can be served in cocktail glasses. To jump to another thought, though still Christmas related I would like to share a new tradition we find ourselves enjoying. We have a friend who is a police officer. He has an amazing sense of humor perhaps because if he could not laugh at his current situation as a police officer, he would go crazy. Every year he and his wife host a Festivus Party. Festivus is a holiday introduced to us on the Seinfeld Show. For those of you who are unfamiliar with Festivus I will attempt to explain the tradition with the assistance of the internet.



Festivus is a secular holiday, normally celebrated on December 23rd. It is meant as an alternative to the pressures and commercialization of the Christmas season. However, it has also become a day to celebrate the everlasting comedy of the 1990s television show Seinfeld.



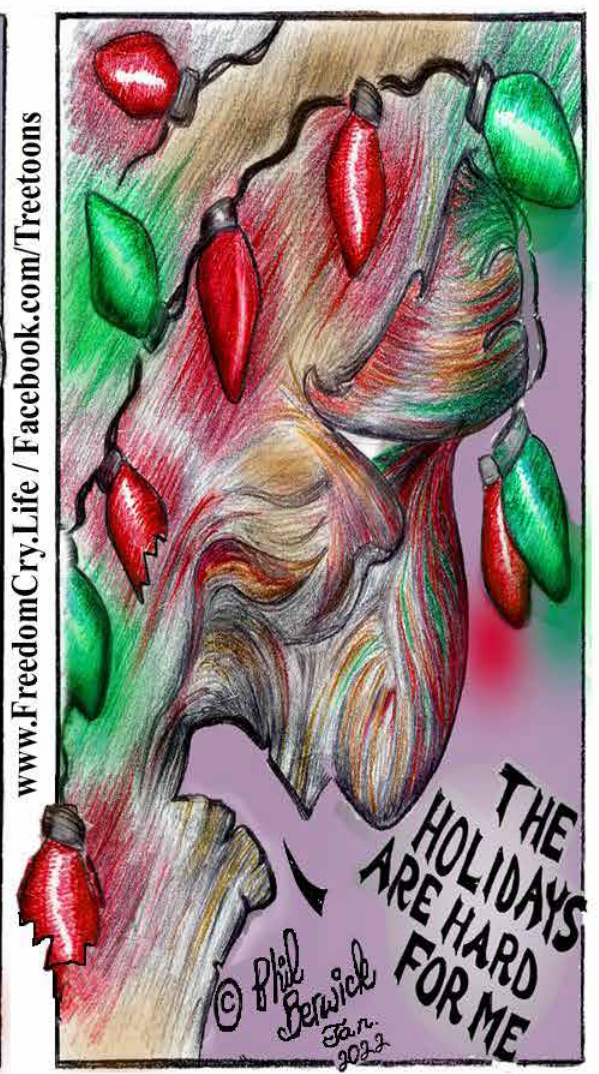
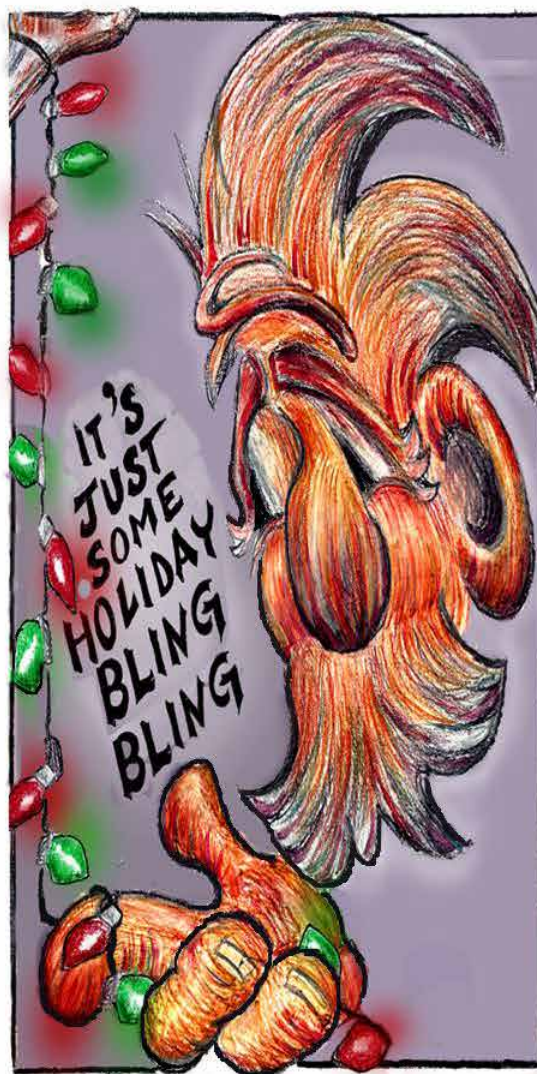
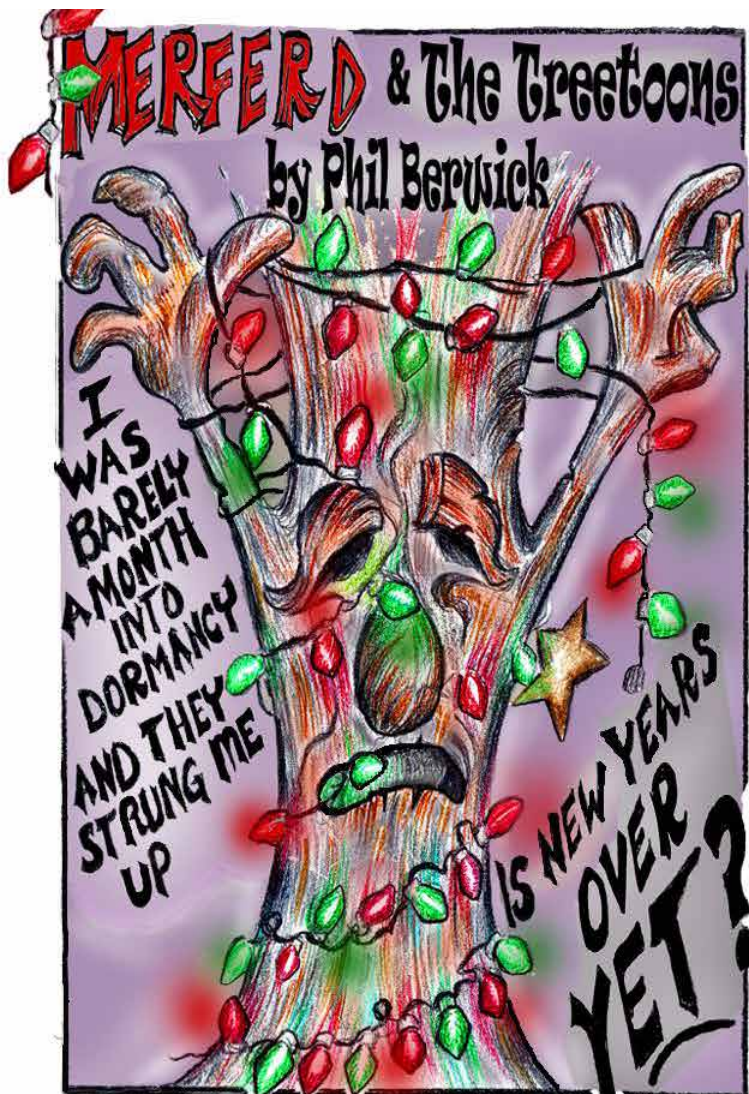
Festivus is celebrated on December 23rd. However, many people celebrate it other times in December and even at other times throughout the year.

The usual holiday tradition of a tree is manifested in an unadorned aluminum pole, which is in direct contrast to normal holiday materialism. Those attending Festivus may also participate in the "Airing of Grievances" which is an opportunity to tell others how they have disappointed you in the past year, followed by a Festivus dinner, and then completed by the "Feats of Strength" where the head of the household must be pinned. All of these traditions are based upon the events in the Seinfeld episode.

The guests bring a list of "grievances" not necessarily with each other but with life in general. The host writes the grievances on poster board and reads them while we dine and drink. We then vote for the best grievance shared. The winner will take home a prize.

We are composing our grievances now, and we have many this year. We skip the "feats of strength" portion of the holiday because none of us want to tackle the young, fit police officer.

Thank you for your time and thank you for reading my article. You may contact me at manhattanmarian@gmail.com



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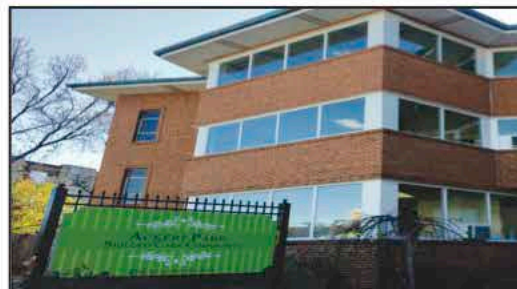
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TIME TO STOCK UP

By Rev. Larry Brown

"It's better to have and not need than to need and not have"

This is a statement that we have heard for years but in a land of plenty, it is hard to understand its real implications because everything seems to be in abundance here. Even those who are "without" have several alternatives available to them for survival.

However, there may be a time coming when this statement will have realistic meanings, and many may suffer as a result of not heeding to its warning. Many professionals are saying that we should take caution and prepare ourselves for times when things may be in short supply or unavailable to us for various reasons; certain shipping crises, production crises, power crises, and other kinds of economic problems that may cause certain things to not be readily available as we desire or need them.

Some even fear that we may be engaged in a home-based war that we have never experienced before. Others fear that certain manufacturers may experience labor or cost-efficiency measures that limit their productivity. Some even fear that certain products may be intentionally infected with undesirable ingredients.

As some older folks will say, "You had better get, while the getting is good". Since any of these things could occur, it does seem wise now to "stock up" so that we are prepared for our families to exist and make it through any emergency or difficult time period.

We see some evidences that should cause us to begin to be concerned because some retail shelves are beginning to be very thin and barren looking now! A hint to the wise should be sufficient and we should start the process of preparing for emergency times even if they never come! Maybe, at the very least, we should begin the planning process so that when we have extra monies, we can spend some of it on future security. I realize it is hard to see things just sitting there or spending money on things that are never used. Just from time to time, remember that "It is better to have and not need, than to need and not have!"

Of course, we should get non-perishable food items like soups and other canned goods, spaghetti and other vegetables that don't spoil easily, water and other liquids to drink and that are non-perishable, hard cookies and crackers, canned meats, toilet tissue, napkins or tissue paper towels, jellies, peanut butter, and sardines. These are just some of the items you may wish to stock-pile, just in case.

Also, it can be very important for you to spread the word. Encourage your family members and neighbors to stock up also, so they won't have to ask you if an emergency period does come.

These items can always be donated to those in need in the future, if there is apparently no longer a need to have them for yourself. Food pantries would love to have these items.

In short, by starting to acquire these items now, there is only good that can come of it, either for you and your family, or for a neighbor who may be in need. By beginning this process, we will become more aware of the need and the importance of helping those who don't have the basics. If you would like to help us as we deal with these kind of needs daily, you may reach us at www.gracechapelministries.org or by email at gracechapeldevelopment@gmail.com.

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The Best of Ferguson



by Teyuna T. Darris, M.A.

"Gerry Noll - A Life of Passion and Service"

Each New Year brings a new beginning for everyone. Despite our celebrations or sorrows, and moments of hope or despair, the New Year entitles us to a sense of newness and freedom wherever we are. For several years, you've read The Best of Ferguson, and for nearly three years, it has certainly been an honor, privilege and constant reminder for gratitude that I continue to write this column.

This month, you will read an interview of a longtime and long-dedicated Ferguson resident, Mr. Gerry Noll. I was excited when I learned that he would allow me to interview him for this column. And, after learning his story, I wanted to share his story with our readers the way he shared it with me without much of my own commentary. So, I present to you, Mr. Gerry Noll in his own words:

Q #1: What do you do for a living?

"I'm retired now but worked for Emerson for 34 years. After retiring from Emerson, I opened a bike shop here in Ferguson and operated it for 9 years."

Q #2: How, or why did you come to live in Ferguson?

"My connection with Ferguson started with Emerson. Their headquarters is here in Ferguson. While working for Emerson in one of their manufacturing plants in Ava, MO, I would occasionally come to Emerson headquarters for meetings, training, etc. In the late 90s, I transferred to a job in the headquarters office.

Where we lived in Ava was close enough to the plant that I could walk to work, go home for lunch, etc. I wanted that closeness to the office here also. Plus, I didn't want to be commuting to work 30 minutes or more each day. Most of the people that I knew in the Emerson office encouraged me to look for a home in St. Charles, or in Kirkwood, etc. But wanting to be close to work, my wife and I only looked in Ferguson and found many very nice homes. In fact, by coincidence, the neighborhood where we eventually bought a home had four homes for sale, all within two doors of each other. We looked at them all and picked the one we liked the best. We're still there, 25 years later. (The other three all sold within a few months.)"

Q #3: What are your hobbies/pastimes?

"To most people who know me my most obvious hobby is bicycling. It's a way to be outdoors, see beautiful scenery, maintain health and fitness, and to socialize when riding with a group of friends. While working at Emerson here in Ferguson I often rode my bicycle to work. My preference is to ride locally directly from my house, rather than haul my bike to the place where I am going to ride.

I've also ridden on longer rides that spanned multiple days. Some of those rides included carrying a tent, sleeping bag, etc., and camping out along the way. In October 2022, my oldest son and I rode around Austria for 6 days. No camping there, we stayed in Airbnb's!

And I did open a bike shop after retiring from Emerson, so it is a hobby that turned into a business. I also like to read and regularly check books out of the library. In addition to reading library books, I try to read the Bible every day. Currently I'm at the end of a two-year cycle to read through the entire Bible."

Q #4: What did/are you studying in school?

"I studied Chemical Engineering for 3 years in the 60s but dropped out. I completed a degree in eBusiness in 2005 while working for Emerson."

Q #5: Where did you go to high school?

"I attended Glen Rock High School in Glen Rock, NJ."

Q #6: Could you please share with us, some of your aspirations and dreams?

"I want to see my three grandkids grow up, get married, and so on. I also hope that Jesus Christ expresses His life through me."

Q #7: What are some of your accomplishments?

"Whatever I consider as accomplishments have to be seen in the context of my life as a young man. As a young man I wasted a good upbringing by loving parents. I became involved in drugs, dropped out of college, lived a hippy lifestyle, and eventually served time in jail. As a hippy, subscribing

to "peace and love", I thought I was full of love. But in jail, I realized that I didn't really know what love was. My actions showed that I didn't love the woman who would become my wife. If I really loved her, I would not have gotten involved in the things that put me in jail, leaving her on the outside with a 6-month old child.

While in jail God showed me what true love is: Jesus Christ died for me, a selfish young man. So, anything I consider an accomplishment is due to the grace that God has continuously shown towards me.

Having said all that, I consider my marriage to be my greatest accomplishment. My wife and I celebrated 50 years of marriage in early December. Raising three sons who are honest and trustworthy is another major accomplishment. After the disappointment I caused my father when I was young, seeing him become proud of me is another thing I consider an accomplishment."



My wife and I on our wedding day.

Q #8: In what ways are you involved in your community?

"I am currently the chair of the Ferguson Civilian Review Board. Before that I served on the task force that studied the need for a civilian review board in Ferguson and made recommendations to the City Council about it.

For the last five years I've served as an election poll worker, usually at Griffith Elementary School here in Ferguson. During the election in November, we had two international observers stop in to our location to see how our operation was working. One was a member of the UK Parliament, the other a member of the Austrian Parliament. And, for six years as a downtown business owner, I was on the board of Ferguson Special Business District (FSBD).

I've also been on the committee that plans the Ferguson Twilight Run (5K/10K) for all 13 years that the Run has been held. And, while I had my bike shop, I helped bring St. Louis BikeWorks' Earn-a-Bike program to Ferguson and served as an assistant to the instructor that they supplied. Over 100 young people in our area took the course, learned bicycle maintenance and handling skills, and earned a free bike. I also helped organize the popular Sunday Parkways events that were held in the City between 2008 and 2014."

Gerry Noll's life is a storied life of passion and service that features a new beginning, and the myriad experiences, lessons, dedication and hopes that make life special. We have a lot of amazing people living next door, down the street and even around the corner from us--- here--- in Ferguson, Missouri. Some whom we hear about more than others. And, as exemplified through Gerry's life, we all have a role to play.



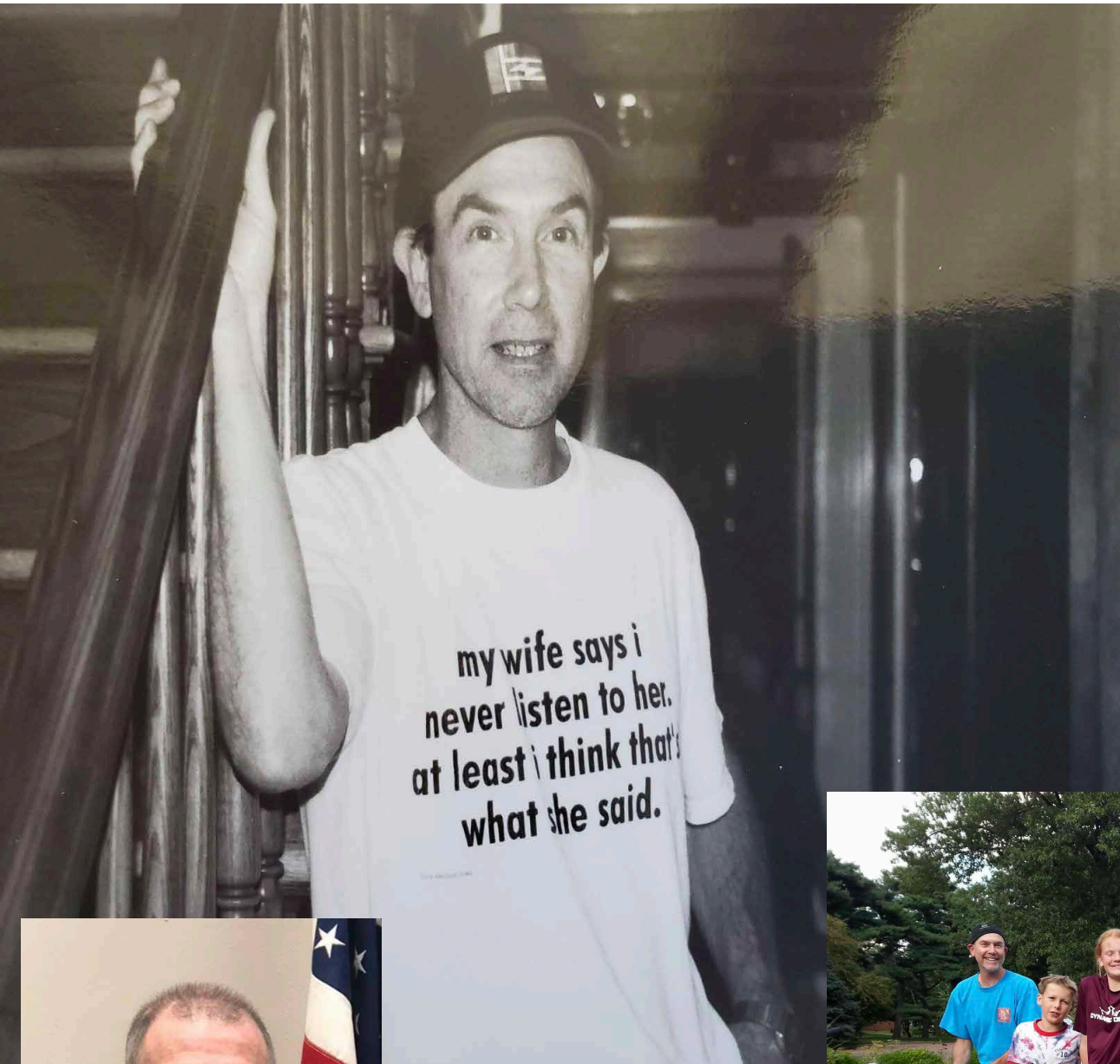
Me, (pictured third from the left) posing with fellow poll workers and two international guests (I'm standing between them).



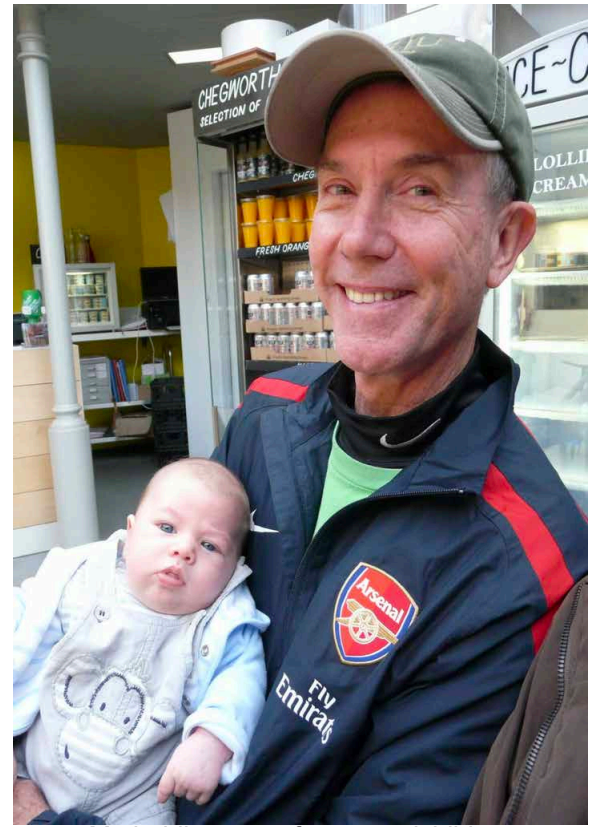
This picture was taken while riding past the horse farm at the corner of Smith and Hudson, on the way to the Community Center.



This picture was taken on the first day of bicycling in Austria. They are not very visible in the photo, but I am pointing at snow-covered peaks in the distance where we are headed.



Although, there is this...(LOL!)



Me holding one of my grandchildren



Here's a photograph of me as a member of the Ferguson Civilian Review Board.



Me, and some former participants of the Earn-A-Bike Program.



Under The Hood With Robinwood
By Bob McGartland

Shoe Boxes for Seniors Holiday Drive

Under the Hood with Robinwood

Pros and Cons of Hybrid and Fully Electric Vehicles

First, please accept my heartfelt thanks to all of you who put your trust in Robinwood Automotive for all of your vehicle service and repair needs as we enter 2023. Repeat customers are the greatest asset and life blood of our company! In addition, on behalf of the entire Robinwood team we want to thank everyone who dropped off personal care items, shoeboxes and donated money for our annual Shoeboxes for Seniors drive. We assembled and wrapped over 60 shoeboxes full to the brim with person care items and sweat treats for our local seniors. Our wish is for everyone to enjoy a healthy 2023. If we have our health, all things are possible!

I thought this month would be a good time to write about the government Inflation Reduction Act with all the incentives to electrify our nation. I thought it would be a good idea to provide some information as well as the pros and cons to owning an electric car. I had to do some homework myself, but here is a snapshot of the different vehicle styles you can choose from when shopping for an electric vehicle today.....

- 1) PHEV = Plug-in-hybrid vehicles: These vehicles are plugged in to charge and will provide short range driving on the electrical system. Once the batteries lose their power, a gasoline engine takes over.
- 2) Standard Hybrid: Has a gasoline powered engine that delivers power to the drive trains well as serves to help generate the charging electricity to power the batteries. These vehicles do not require a plug in to be charged as charging happens while you drive.
- 3) HFCV = Hydrogen Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle: As there are only two vehicles sold in the U.S. that fall under this label, and they are only sold in California, I will not spend much time on them. In short, these vehicles have an internal combustion engine that combines hydrogen with oxygen to produce the power to the wheels. The resulting exhaust is steam. This is considered a zero emissions vehicle.
- 4) BEV = Battery Electric Vehicles: These are the most common 100% electric zero emission vehicles. Unlike the above HFCV there is no internal combustion engine. The elimination of the internal combustion engine allows for more room for batteries, thus extending the distance one can drive in between charges. The power comes from charging the vehicles batteries using an external power source.

As you can imagine, there are pros and cons to the PHEV, Hybrid, and BEV vehicles....

PHEV & Standard Hybrid = PRO's: For people with a commute and/or daily travel under 40 miles, the PHEV may be the right choice. The

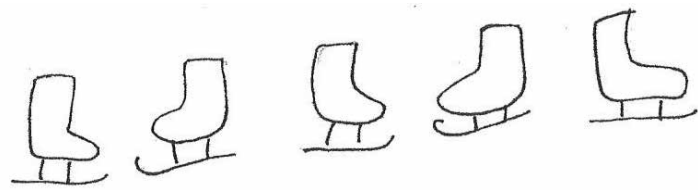
plug-in electric vehicles allow the vehicle to travel approximately 30 to 40 miles per day on a charge. If you happen to drain your batteries, your gas-powered engine will pick up your additional travel needs. With a Standard Hybrid your driving lifestyle will not have to change much at all. The Standard Hybrid has an on-board charging system that delivers power to the batteries. When you are driving a Standard Hybrid, the vehicle's electrical system is delivering more of your power at low speeds and less at high speeds. The net result is much improved mileage with the electrical assist system. CON's: As your PHEV and Standard Hybrid still has an internal combustion engine it will require the same maintenance that any vehicle with an engine requires. At some point you may have to replace the batteries. The exact cost will vary, but industry experts indicate \$1000 on the low end, and as much as \$3000, even \$8000 on the high end.

BEV's = Most of the news today is about BEV's. These are the 100% battery driven vehicles with no internal combustion engine. PRO's: First and foremost, these are emission free vehicles. Due to no internal combustion engine, there is more room for batteries which extends your mileage between charges. Many BEV's now boast up to 300 miles of driving between charges, but the average is about 250 miles. Select BEV's now claim as high as 600 miles. BEV's are incredibly quick due to the direct acceleration from the electric motors to your drivetrain so entering traffic is very convenient. With no internal combustion engine, you eliminate the need, inconvenience, and cost to have all the normal combustable engine service and repairs completed. CON's: Adequate charging systems while traveling remain an issue. Planning a trip based on where you can find a charging station for your BEV is a definite lifestyle adjustment. In addition, if you are towing, the electric mileage is reduced by 50% or more. Lastly, BEV's are very heavy due to all the extra weight of the batteries. As mentioned earlier, if the batteries need replacing, the cost is substantial.

There are many benefits to the consumer and the environment to consider when making the decision to own and drive a PHEV, Standard Hybrid, HFCV (if you live in California), and BEV anywhere in the U.S.A., but be prepared for the investment these vehicles will present. In 2022 the average cost of a BEV was \$65,291, or approx. 37% more than the normal new car market. Electrical costs and how electricity is delivered will vary by state. If your electric is generated by an electric provider using fossil fuel to generate their electricity, what is the true benefit to the environment? I can't answer that question.

The good news is there are federal tax credit "up to" \$7500 when purchasing a new electric vehicle. BUT remember a tax credit is not a check. Your individual tax credit will be based on your personal income level. Also, there are other requirements....one is your EV must be American made. As with any major purchase, please do your homework before you buy.

One thing will remain the same.... regardless of whether you are driving a classic 1957 Chevrolet, 1972 Pontiac GTO, 4X4 pick up, or a PHEV, Standard Hybrid, or BEV, Robinwood has trained technicians, the tools and equipment necessary to service and repair your vehicle. Happy New Year Everyone!



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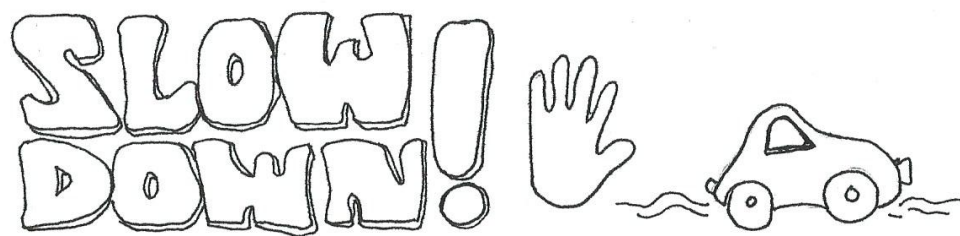


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The Ferguson Computer Corner

by Doug Neely
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New month, new year. Calendarly speaking, there are not many major holidays on the calendar in this frozen month of January. Let's consult wincalendar.com to see what we have, shall we?

- 1st---New Years Day...HAPPY NEW YEAR!
- 6th---Epiphany...A.K.A. , the 12th day of Christmas, and the visitation of the 3 wise men with their gifts to Jesus of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Also the final day of the church Christmas season.
- 16th---Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day...This is a celebration of his life of seeking civil rights thru non-violent civil dis-obedience.

All three of these are important to me. I hope for you also. Celebrate as you see fit, with great gusto!

How Many Processors Are Living Inside Your Puter?, dept.
There is only one, isn't there? If this is your answer, stand up and raise your hand! Now, sit down, because you are not correct. You are not as informed as you thought you were. But don't worry; you are about to be set straight!

And The (correct) Answer Is..., dept.
It depends upon what kind of puter you have. Still, I can assure you that there is more than one. I will list the ones you likely have, and you can count as we go, OK?

CPU---Central Processing Unit. This is the one most of you are thinking of when you say there is only one cpu in your puter. To be sure, it is (for the most part) the most biggest, most powerful, most fastest and most biggest eater of electricity processor in your puter. If you thought that cpu's do not use electricity, then go unplug your puter right now and try to turn it on. How did that work for you? (fyi: EVERYthing inside your puter uses electricity!)
The cpu does MOST of the work; more so than that of the other processors that live inside that box.

GPU---Graphics Processing Unit. This is the processor that processes the VIDEO signal which puts that picture onto your monitor screen. No GPU, no picture. See?Most of your name-brand puters may have this built into the motherboard or into the (are you ready for this?) CPU itself. Like, WHO KNEW? RIGHT? This is done for a lot of reasons, the almost always top reason is to reduce costs. When you build something onto the motherboard instead of plugging it into an expansion slot, you are selecting a less costly option, using less electricity which means you can use a less powerful power supply, which costs less money, and you

can also use a smaller case (which costs less) and, well, I think you get the idea.

APU---Audio Processing Unit---this is almost the same deal as the GPU, except it processes the sounds your puter makes that comes out of your speakers, so you can hear all those sounds. You could live without this ability, but video clips, movies, and music and the like would be kinda useless (to try) to immerse yourself in. you would be left with only the whine of the fans inside your puter whirring merrily along. Fun city, eh? This solution is also done to save the dollars for the manufacturer. Remember: EVERY penny counts, especially the dollars. You know what I mean.

BIOS---Basic Input Output System---this little guy is its own self-contained processor WITH its own OPERATING SYSTEM (A.K.A. firmware)! Cool, huh? This is what fires up when you push the "ON BUTTON", and controls ALL of the hardware inside your box, before handing it over to your operating system (such as windows or linux or whatever) which then runs the whole show. Now, I don't mean to confuse you, but the BIOS stays ON, and WATCHES OVER THE WHOLE BALL OF WAX in order to take over if any SERIOUS HARDWARE PROBLEM is about to happen. Software is relatively easy to fix or replace; hardware can be more expensive to replace. Btw, if you have ever gotten a BIOS error screen right away immediately after pushing the ON button, it USUALLY means that your BIOS BATTERY needs to be replaced. Didn't know THAT, didja? To check for this, see if the TIME in the BIOS agrees with the time in windows or linux. If not, you likely just need a fresh battery.

There are also processors in some other eeproms (cute little black thingies) with sometimes letters and/or numbers written on them. This may include USB controllers, firewire controllers, ethernet controllers, etc, etc, ect. See? Lots of silly little goobers!

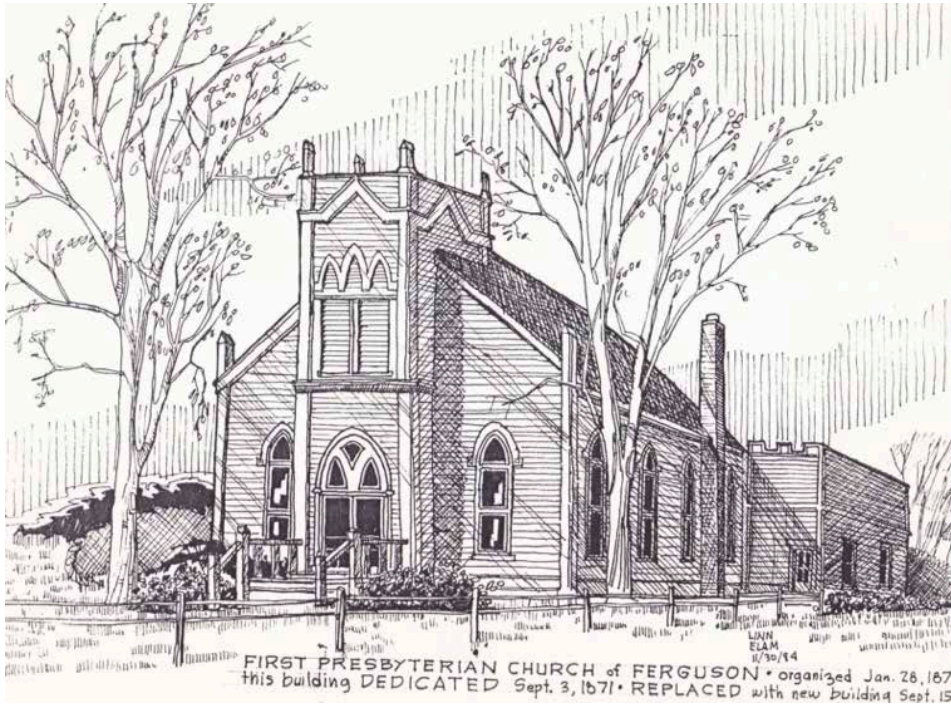
ME GO NOW!
I hope and pray that your 12 days of Christmas are truly blessed and joyful. Did you know that today we exchange presents during the Christmas holidays to celebrate the Gift that God gave us at Christmas: JESUS CHRIST! Please do tell Him in prayer how thankful you are for this Gift.

IF YOU would like to discuss your puter issues with Doug and get some of his FREE WORLD-REKNOWNED FREE PUTER ADVICE, which is totally FREE, please send him a free email, briefly explaining what you need. If you include your local telephone number, and put the phrase "I need puter advice" into the subject line of your missive, he will reply just as soon as he can. In the meantime, HAVE A BLESSED AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Ferguson Has A History Museum

Ferguson has a Historical Society and a History Museum. We encourage any people reading this article to join in the conversation. Contact information is at the bottom of this article.

Last month we began the series of articles dealing with the late 19th and early 20th century churches in the Ferguson area. As a quick review, we discussed that there were families in the Ferguson area since the 1840's. Ferguson, however, did not become a city until 1894 – though the area was known as Ferguson Station since 1855. We know there were religious meetings prior to the building of the first recorded church (First Presbyterian Church of Ferguson) – Presbyterians began formal meetings in 1867 with the church being built in 1871. Since last month, review of the archives has produced a drawing of that church by Linnell Elam (1984) (shown to the left). I have included it as it much more clearly shows the church than

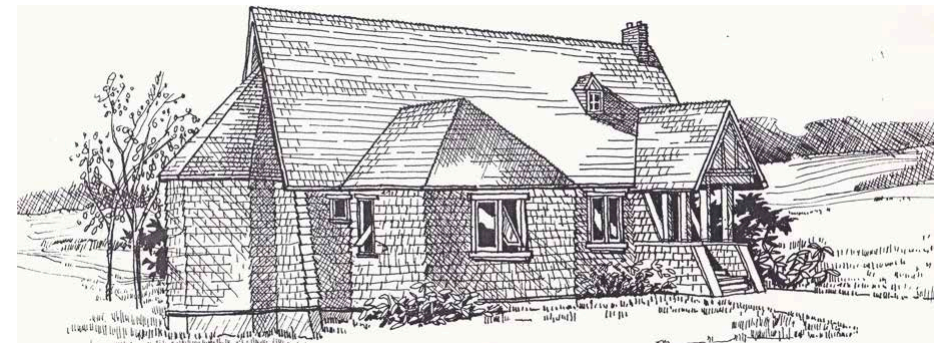


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FERGUSON • organized Jan. 28, 1867
this building DEDICATED Sept. 3, 1871 • REPLACED with new building Sept. 15

last month's photos. We have no new information about Mount Olive Baptist Church which was started by an ex-slaved people. *If anyone has more information about this church, please contact us.*

For January, we will look at the second oldest church in Ferguson – St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Ferguson. There were Episcopal congregations as early as 1819 in the St. Louis area. By 1844 the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri was founded with nine congregations – Ferguson was not yet one of them. The current Episcopal Cathedral, Christ Church Cathedral, located at 1210 Locust in downtown St. Louis, was begun in 1859 and completed in 1867. Still no Ferguson.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Ferguson was founded in 1872 – making it the second oldest established church in Ferguson. The church was founded by Rev. J.M. Chestnut of Bridgeton as a Mission Church. Services were held in the home of Eliza L. Walsh (located on Darst Road – near the present site of the church). In 1891 the first church building was completed. The Lennell Elam drawing above right shows this first church building on the corner of Clay and Darst. Nearby homes would serve for Sunday School and prayer study. In 1899 the church was consecrated and became a parish. By 1943 plans were being drawn up for an attached parish hall. In 1949 (remember there was a war going on between 1943 and 1945) the current parish hall was completed. That parish hall pretty much stands as it was built with a warm wood interior. An office was added in the 1970's



By the 1950's and 60's St. Stephens was growing quickly as the World War II vets become more established and the air and space industry was in full swing at nearby McDonnell Aircraft. By 1954 it was clear that two things may need to happen. One, the start of a mission church in Florissant (present day St. Barnabas). The other was a larger church building. The original building no longer being sound enough for enlarging, a new building was proposed. In 1955 the last services were held in the old church and the worshipers moved into the parish hall for services.

By 1956, the new church was completed. The new church is a more contemporary building. The interior is definitely 1950's modern Christian with a Great Cross the center of worship. The architect was Gale Henderson. New stained-glass windows were designed and built by Robert Harmon of the Emil Frei Studios in St. Louis. The windows show the sweep of the Liturgical Year. The windows are also of a contemporary design. Original windows from the old church continue to be used throughout the building.



The church is named for the first Christian Deacon and the first martyr of the Faith, St. Stephen. Over time, Stephen had angered the establishment and was stoned to death. It is alleged that one of his sermons is related to the sermon found in Acts 7:2-53. St Stephens Episcopal Church in Ferguson, second oldest church building in Ferguson, stands on the corner of Clay and Darst – just across the street from the oldest church building in Ferguson, First Presbyterian.

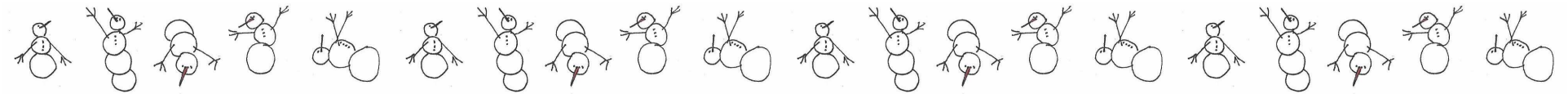


In future months we will take a look at the other early churches in Ferguson: St. John and James Catholic (now Blessed Theresa), Zion Lutheran, Emmanuel E&R (now UCC), and Ferguson Methodist.

Stories of churches in the Ferguson area come from documents in the Ferguson Historical Society archives.

If you have any suggestions, questions, or items to donate to the Ferguson Historical Society, please contact Jerry Benner at atfbenner@mindspring.com. You are also welcome to visit the History Museum at 1064 Smith (behind the Community Center) by e-mailing the above address. Note: we will need to schedule a date for you, so ask well in advance.

“The Ferguson Historical Society is dedicated to preserving and promoting the history of Ferguson Missouri. Membership is open to all sharing our interest.”





The OT Lens

by Chelsia Bradley

National Bath Safety Month—Uncovering Hidden Bathroom Dangers

Did you know? Thousands of slips and falls occur annually in the bathroom. These falls result in hundreds of hospitalizations and billions of dollars in medical costs. Fall-related injuries range from minor scrapes and bruises to broken hips and head injuries.

While any room in the home can present fall hazards, the combination of hard floors and water in the bathroom can create slippery surfaces.

As we step into the New Year and celebrate National Bath Safety Month, let us add keeping ourselves safe from falls to our New Year's resolution list.

Here are some things you can do to keep everyone in your home safe:

- Install easily reachable grab bars near the toilet, shower, and tub.
- Ensure that the path to and the bathroom itself is well-lit.
- Remove clutter from the bathroom floor.
- Place commonly used items somewhere safe and easy to reach.

In addition to falls, accidental scalding can be a bath time hazard. Prolonged exposure to high water temperatures can lead to third-degree burns.

It is generally agreed upon that keeping your water temperature to 120 degrees or less can prevent accidental scalding (and lower your energy bill!).

Older adults and young children have sensitive skin that puts them at a higher risk for burns. According to the American Burn Center, most scald injuries occur in children under 5.

Diagnoses and conditions such as diabetic neuropathy, strokes, or spinal cord injuries can also place people at an increased risk for burns. Sensation loss can be consistent with these types of diagnoses. When there is a sensation impairment, it impacts how well someone can detect when things are too hot or too cold. When this skill is compromised, it may take them an extended period to realize that they are in danger. This delayed response increases their risk for burn injuries.

There are other ways to alert someone to dangerously hot or cold temperatures. Visual supports, such as objects that flash red when the water reaches a high temperature, can be another strategy to help prevent injury.

While the bathroom can have hidden dangers, there are several precautions you can take to protect yourself and your loved ones.

For questions about home safety consultations, home modifications, or equipment recommendations, contact me using the contact information below.

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Financial Focus – The Cost of Reporting Income

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As part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) came a notable change in the requirements on reporting income from third party transactions. It took effect January 1, 2022 and we'll soon start seeing its consequence as tax season begins. For those unfamiliar with a 1099-K form, its purpose has been to provide an information return to report certain payment transactions to improve compliance in reporting all income. Prior to this change reporting on a 1099-K was required for gross payments received for more than \$20,000 and over 200 transactions. With the change, the reporting threshold for was lowered to \$600 and any number of transactions. It's very likely that the burden of these new limits will create a monster of paper work and some angst for individuals receiving their first 1099-K.

The reason for this dramatic change was to increase new tax revenues. It was estimated that the first year would generate about \$146 million dollars and nearly \$1 billion over the next ten years. With the advent of so many new ways to pay for things, the IRS seemed to recognize that this may make it easier to collect income information on an entire group of self-employed people that may have been missed in the past. The gig economy has been flying high and people are using third party transaction vendors more than ever before. Think of all of the transactions going through some very familiar third party vendors like eBay, PayPal, Amazon, Apple Cash or Google Pay. This lower threshold will be a burden for them to file a 1099-K for an enormous number of customers that will reach the \$600 limit pretty quickly. While you can hardly blame the IRS for wanting another method of gathering information to make certain taxes are being paid, it could cost more than it brings in.

Like many taxpayers I don't want to see others not paying their fair share. We all receive some benefits from the services our own municipality offers and on up the line through our county and our state. Even on the federal level we get to enjoy National Parks. So it does seem that we should all help provide the funds to pay for the nice things we have. And if everyone paid their fair share it would seem that more paying would reduce the tax burden for everyone. So while I can see why the lower amount of \$600 was chosen, It does make me wonder about how this can possibly be cost effective.

For years, the IRS has relied on businesses reporting payments they have made to other businesses that are owned by individuals or small limited liability companies. A 1099 has been the main form used by the IRS to get income information for non-employees providing a service. An example might be a small donut shop on the corner paying a guy to mow the lawn for the summer to keep his business looking good on the outside. Of course, it's a business expense for the owner of the donut shop and it is taxable income for the lawn guy. The donut shop would need to provide a 1099 to the IRS and the lawn guy if his income was \$600 or more per year. It is possible, there might be people who would just pay the lawn guy cash and not deal with the extra burden of writing a check or providing a 1099 at the end of the year. I suppose this is an example of what the new reporting on the 1099-K may be able to catch. It's much harder to hide if you are using a 3rd Party Vendor.

What I don't understand yet is how the recipient of a 1099-K can determine or prove that the funds being reported are taxable or non-taxable. Certainly, all of these payments would not be taxable income. I happen to be on a phone plan with my daughter's family, so several times year I will make a payment to her to cover my share of the phone bill. Over the course of the year I just might go a bit over that \$600 threshold. As I understand this transaction would be considered a personal transaction and should not be reported. How would a third party provider know that? Another concern may involve selling some furniture on eBay, could it trigger a 1099-K? Or a parent loaning his son \$1000 to help out during a financial problem, these are examples and I am sure there are many more. These are the types of things that people do worry about. And maybe that's why the tax law needs to be tweaked.

This year, will help determine if more tax revenue is being generated and at what cost. The increase in paperwork and time might be justified or it may prove to be good reason to make some changes. It's already been suggested that returning to the previous level of \$20,000 might be best or at least making it a more reasonable amount like \$5,000 or \$10,000. Giving better guidelines as to what should be reported may also help clear many transactions from qualifying as reportable. That could save time and money. In the meantime, make sure you have good records to help verify any 1099-K you may receive. Don't just automatically assume you owe taxes. You may want to get advice and verify your own files to make sure the information is accurate. If you have any questions or comments please contact me at cleav73@gmail.com.

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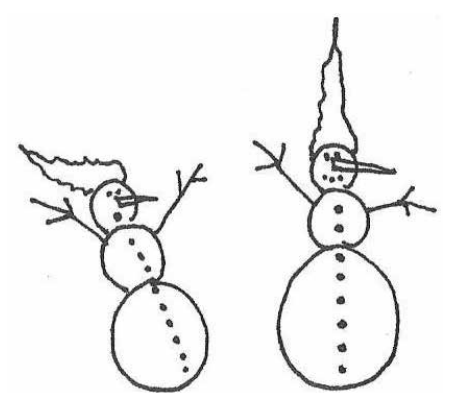
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