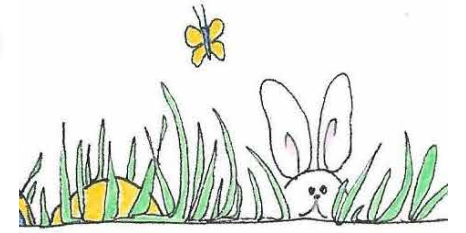
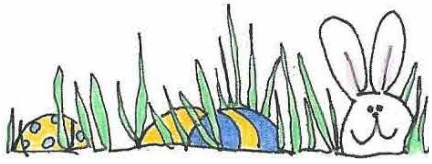


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Encouraging Words

I want to let everyone know the support the community has shown our paper. It has been a blessing receiving emails and texts this past couple of weeks. The outpouring is more than encouraging. Thanks! Papa Deau

“Yes, I read it each month!

I make a point to pick up multiples at Ferguson Library or Schnucks each month. I live in U City and my mom is now in skilled nursing and we both want to keep up with the local news. I like the new columnists but miss Bob McCarthy’s info on old houses. Keep the Merferd toons coming. Thank you for all your efforts!”

“As an out-of-state transplant who arrived in Ferguson in the middle of the pandemic in 2020, it is one of the main resources I’ve used to learn about this community. I hope you will be able to continue publishing it in some fashion going forward.”

“First and foremost I would like to thank you for providing the Ferguson Neighborhood News for the past two plus years presenting the good side of Ferguson as stated! Your effort and dedication to report news not subjected to main stream and social media influence is very much appreciated. I hope you get the additional community support needed to keep the publication of this news paper active.”

“We need this paper to let everyone know we are a great community to live in and we do have businesses and stores that are here. Be proud of Ferguson and lets support our town.”

“Yes!! I always read this, love it. Several months ago I sent a copy to my sister-in-law who lives in Oregon, but grew up in Ferguson. She was so impressed with it that she took it to her local newspaper office. Told them this is what they should be doing.”

“I am an avid reader and look forward to every edition. I love the mix of the slice of life from Marion Linck or the new history I learn from the history museum and everything in between. Also farm girl is another favorite of mine. The newspaper has also kept me informed of the great local offerings, which are not readily available to note anywhere else that I can see (online or elsewhere). I have also used the newspaper for local referrals like when I needed a mechanic.”

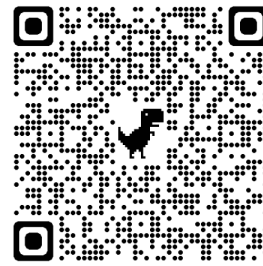
“I love the Ferguson News. I skim it when it arrives and keep it handy for reference throughout the month.”

I appreciate and admire the team that puts out this paper. Having a community newspaper is a cohesive force for our area. and losing it would be one more setback for Ferguson (et al). We need more communal activities like this and the city hopefully understands that its loss would put us in the mix of North County suburbs which lack tools to engage their residents.



FERGUSON TWILIGHT RUN

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1-MILE FUN RUN



Registration Now Open

SATURDAY
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- Festivities begin at 4:30PM
- Pre-race Entertainment
- Cheer Stations
- Medals for ALL Finishers
- Free Post-Race Concert



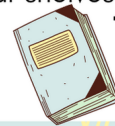
April News and Events at the Ferguson Public Library

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

Not a Book Club Book Club - Wednesday, Apr. 5 at 6 pm
Come and meet with us to discuss what you are reading, watching or listening to! For more information, please contact the library and ask for Taneesa.

Stories and Songs for Little Ones - Saturday, Apr. 15 at 10 am
Join us for some stories and songs for your littlest readers! We'll also enjoy some time to play and make new friends. For children ages 0-5 and their adult caregivers.

FLIERS Spring Book Sale - April 20-22
Refresh your shelves for spring! Enjoy finding a new book at a low price.



Thursday, April 20: 4-7:30 pm
Friday, April 21: 9-5:30 pm
Saturday, April 22: 9-3 pm

Rainforest Robots - Thursday, Apr. 27 from 5:30-7:30 pm
Join us and Friends of the Rainforest as we celebrate STEM Week with some robots! You'll learn how researchers use robots to study the rainforest, then work as teams to program your own robot to collect samples. **For kids ages 6-12 and their adult caregivers.**

Book a Librarian - Anytime
Could you use a little one-on-one help with your resume, business plan, family history search, or technology? We can help! Contact Taneesa at the library by calling 314-521-4820 or by emailing thall@fergusonlibrary.net to set up an appointment today.

- Ongoing Programs
- Readings on Race Book Club - Apr. 10 at 6 pm
 - Ferguson Sewing Club - Mondays from 9-12 pm
 - CAASTLC At Your Library - Tuesdays from 1:15-4 pm

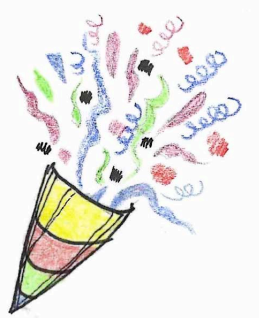
- Craft Kits
- April 3-8: Button Flower Pin
 - April 17-22: Woven Butterfly
- Pick up a free kit while supplies last!

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April Celebration Shout-outs



- 1 - Happy Birthday Leslie Reed
 - 13 - Happy Birthday Me, your editor
 - 26 - Happy Birthday Rosie Byrd
 - 27 - Happy 14th Birthday Peter Nadeau
- Email Shout-outs to asroc873@charter.net - deadline is the 15th of each month



April at a Glance

- 1 April Fools Day
- 2 Palm Sunday
- 5 Passover
- 7 Good Friday
- 8 ECO Team St. Peters United Church of Christ at 1425 Stein Rd at West Florissant Ave 9:00 Am.
- 9 Easter
- 15 Farmers Market - 9 to noon St. Stephens Episcopal
- 15 NorthHills Community Meeting 10AM (see ad page 4)
- 16 Orthodox Easter
- 18 TAX Day
- 21 Eid al-Fitr.
- 22 Earth Day
- 24 South West Community Meeting 6PM (see ad page 4)
- 27 South Central Community Meeting 6PM (see ad page 4)



A special shout out to Marianne and Rosanne for your gracious donation, kind words, and support.



Immanuel United Church of Christ

Join us for Holy Week Services:

- Palm Sunday - April 2 at 9:30am
- Good Friday - April 7 at 1:30pm & 7:00pm (Choir Cantata)
- Easter Sunday - April 9 at 9:30am

126 Church St. Ferguson, MO 63135 | 314-521-7324 | www.immanuelucc.org

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Advertise with the paper

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 Please send all ads to Gary: asroc873@charter.net

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

Please come join us at...

Ferguson Church of the Nazarene
 1309 North Elizabeth Ave. Ferguson, MO

Good Friday April 7th Service at 7pm

Easter April 9th
 Free Breakfast at 9:00am
 Easter Worship at 10:30am
 Nursery and Children's Program Available

ARTFUL CONSIDERATIONS

By Beth von Behren



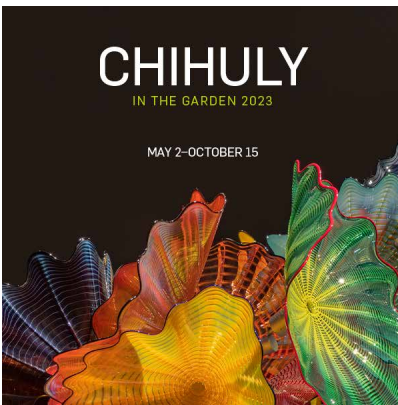
Spring is here, which means lots of fairs and festivals are coming up, including a brand new one. Have you heard about the Evolution Festival? A new festival, featuring music, barbecue, and bourbon, will premiere August 26 and 27 in Forest Park, with Brandi Carlile and The Black Keys as featured performers. More information to come. This month's column is all about April, May, and June.

EXHIBITS:

Monet/Mitchell: Painting the French Landscape. Saint Louis Art Museum, March 25 thru June 25, 2023. Offering a fresh view of two of the most experimental painters of the 20th century, this is the first exhibit in the U.S. to examine the complex dialogue between French Impressionist Claude Monet and American Abstract Expressionist Joan Mitchell.



Chihuly in the Garden, Missouri Botanical Gardens. Presents the work of world-renowned artist Dale Chihuly in an exhibit at the intersection of art and nature, May 2 thru October 15. Thousands of pieces of blown glass become 18 dramatic installations on display throughout the grounds of the Garden. Daytime viewing is included in garden admission. Chihuly Nights at the Garden will run May 13 thru August 27, Thursday thru Sunday nights, showcasing Chihuly's illuminated works with live music, cocktails, and pop-up offerings. Advance purchase recommended to guarantee admission. Tickets for adults: \$10 to \$25. Tickets for children: \$8 to \$10. MissouriBotanicalGarden.org



Alayna N. Pernell, "Our Mothers' Gardens." The Sheldon, through May 6, free admission. A series uncovering repressed images of Black women from the photographic collections at the Art Institute of Chicago. Artist's statement: "The images I have found and researched thus far depict the exploitation and violence towards Black women, whether overt or obscured. Pernell is an interdisciplinary artist, researcher, and educator from Heflin, Alabama."

Age of Armor. Treasures from the Higgins Armory Collection at the Worcester Art Museum. Saint Louis Art Museum, through May 14. Slam.org.

ART FAIRS:

- Laumeier Art Fair. May 12-14. A 3-day outdoor event held over Mother's Day weekend each year, with up to 150 artists from across the country. Laumeiersculpturepark.org
- Art Fair at Queeny Park. March 31 to April 2, rain or shine. This will be held inside the Greensfelder Recreation Center. 130 juried artists from 20 states. Artfairatqueeenypark.com

CONCERTS:

- Gary Clark, Jr. May 8, The Pageant.
- Dead and Company, the Final Tour. Wednesday, June 7, Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre.
- Willie Nelson's Outlaw Musical Festival. Sunday, June 25, Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre. Featuring Robert Plant and Alison Krauss and others.



Gary Clark Jr.

THEATRE:

Elton John and Tim Rice's "Aida." Presented by STAGES St. Louis, June 2 to July 2, Kirkwood Performing Arts Center, 210 E. Monroe, in downtown Kirkwood.

At the Touhill (touhill.universitytickets.com or 314-516-4949):

- Black Violin, April 3
- HITS: The Musical, April 13
- Saint Louis Ballet: Swan Lake, April 28-30
- Neil deGrasse Tyson: An Astrophysicist Goes to the Movies (The Sequel): May 10

Miscellaneous:

St. Louis Earth Day. Saturday and Sunday, April 22-23, Forest Park, 11am to 5pm both days. Music and entertainment includes DJ Whiz, The Groovelineer, Midwest Avengers (on Saturday); Fire Dog, DJ Nico Marie, and Steve Ewing Band, plus juggling and aerial acrobatics performances (on Sunday). For full schedule: earthday-365.org.



FERGUSON EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE AT JANUARY-WABASH MEMORIAL PARK

The annual 2023 Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service will be held Sunday, April 9 at 6:30 AM at January-Wabash Memorial Park, located at January Avenue and North Florissant Road. The service will be held outside on the west side of the lake. Bring your own chair, if desired. Giving a brief meditation for the informal service will be The Rev. Larry Lemke, Pastor of Zion Lutheran Church. Clergy from various churches and ministries in Ferguson will also participate. What a great way to begin the celebration of resurrection and new life!

This special service is sponsored by the Ferguson Ministries Alliance. A free-will offering will be received for PAKT which benefits the Ferguson Community. For more information, please contact Rev. Ellie Stock (314) 521-8418 or elliestock@aol.com



Celebrate with us!

Holy Thursday	7:30 pm
Good Friday	3:00 pm
Easter Vigil	8:00 pm
Easter Sunday	8:15 am 10:30 am



Come visit St. Stephen's in April!

Easter week Services are:

- April 6 Maundy Thursday service at 7 pm
- April 7 Good Friday Service at 12 noon
- April 9 Easter Sunday Service at 10 am

The Winter Farmer's Market will be on April 15th from 9 to 12.

Our Clay Café will be April 16th from 4:30 to 6:30 pm.

Our Clay Café brunch will be April 18th from 10 to 12.

Tai Chi is offered every Thursday morning from 10 to 11 am.

***New- We are offering Gentle Yoga classes every Wednesday at 7 pm.

We are located at 33 N Clay Ave in Ferguson.

Our office phone number is 314-521-0138 if you have any questions!



CROSSWORD

BFF's

By Robin Shively

ACROSS

1. Copy
4. "...yada, yada, yada"
7. Snoopy and Underdog
13. He's not here, man.
15. Gilt bronze
16. Yes, to a captain
17. Ice and Iron
18. Tutu textile
19. Wager
20. Flock tender in Baden?
24. Craving
25. Tigger's T in TTFN
26. Jewish wedding ring
29. P.C. managing software
31. Parlor mimes
34. Turned-up nose
36. Vader, formerly
38. Drunkards
39. Spanish alternative?
41. Beginning
42. Daughter of 13 across performer
43. Article
44. Thus
46. Sunrise location
49. Autumn mo.
51. Fox follower
54. Precedes "gesundheit"
56. Initials for Bolt or Tesla
57. Last known transport for Charlie, whose fate is still unlearned
58. "The Last _", TV show
59. One who recovers
63. Some mukluk wearers
66. German engine lubricant
67. Type of whale
69. Pugilist
70. Tom & Jerry's friend Spike

DOWN

1. Saying, maxim
2. Summon
3. All
5. In the direction
6. Pie pastry
7. Word before dry or china
8. Animal described by blind men in a parable
9. Book maker?
10. Half of Canada's easternmost province
11. Spied
12. Place
14. Bella's mother-in-law
21. Dwarf buffalo
22. Cab drivers
23. Ages
27. Liability opposite
28. Jeff's cartoon partner
30. ___-Caps
32. Hasten
33. LAX guess
34. Index fingers
35. Actress Garson
37. Everyone knows it can't move a rubber tree plant
40. Epps or Sharif
44. Cavalier King Charles ___
50. Rx not needed
47. Figure of speech used to compare
48. Parisian head
49. Sacred beetle
50. Above-average bear
52. Wall-E's crush
53. Toyota SUV
55. Pester
60. Also
61. Popular dog name meaning "king"
62. Initials for Charlotte's creator
64. Surname of South African classical pianist Anton
68. When doubled, name of "Little" comics character

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Ward 3 Southwest Neighborhood Association

4th Monday of Every Month
6 PM on Zoom

Supported by
Ward 3 Council Members
Naquittia Noah & Mike Palmer



Zoom Link

Meeting ID: 826 7908 5465
Passcode: 178001

NORTH HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD Community MEETING

COME JOIN US VIA ZOOM!
EVERY

3RD SATURDAY

10AM Call-In Number
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MTG ID: 819 9311 4925
Passcode: NorthHills



<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81993114925?pwd=UzJmVUJlMDFhSjUzG0G1QSc0RGlqdz09>



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, Woodstock, St. Louis Place, homes on S. Florissant, Redmond, Short and Adams.

4th Thursday of Every Month
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Dial in: (312) 626 6799
Meeting ID: 891 4130 6663
Passcode: 678106
or visit: FergusonCity.com





Hello Ferguson!

by Marian Linck

I think I have an idea! There may be a pattern here and if there is, I shall try to continue in the same vein for a while. This will be second in what I hope will be a series of stories. Last month I told you why I loved Ferguson, Missouri. This month, although it sounds a little silly as I begin to tap this out on my trusty laptop, I want to tell you how much I love Aldi. OK, this does sound silly but here goes.

I became familiar with Aldi long ago when my family lived in Jennings. The Aldi store was located in what the locals referred to as the lower level of Northland Shopping Center, now known as the Buzz Westfall Center. I only shopped at that location a few times. It seemed grungy and not



very welcoming. I must admit I did not really try to like the store, I did however think the tomato soup there was delicious and much tastier than Campbell's. My allegiance to the Jennings Schnucks and all the friendly people who worked there was pretty strong. I was in that store often and I knew the staff there and they knew me. In a pinch I would go to Clock Tower Dierberg's where my dad had acquired his retirement job as a bagger. Everyone loved all the old guys who bagged groceries on the weekdays. Once again, I digress.

When I worked at Saint Louis University, I always had lunch in the department conference room with other members of the faculty and staff. The other secretary always had fresh fruit and vegetables. She also always had a tub of yogurt with a brand I was unfamiliar with. We all knew Dannon and Prairie Farms, but this yogurt? How could it be any good? She shared her yogurt with me and told me the price. I think the cost was half of what I was paying for Dannon and it was delicious!

I tried Aldi. I bought yogurt and a few canned goods and then back out the door. THEN, I noticed this one aisle in the store that had nothing that I had ever seen at a grocery store. There were children's toys and books, small kitchen appliances and any number of things I did not know I needed until I saw them in what has been lovingly renamed "The Aisle of Shame". I started going to Aldi just to see the "Aisle of Shame" and discover the things I could not live without.

Then I noticed how nice my friend's vegetables and fruit looked at lunch time. She proudly said she buys those items at Aldi as well. I looked at Aldi in a whole new way when I discovered the produce was as good and often better than Schnucks and Dierbergs. I was sold.

When everything changed because of the pandemic, and I was no longer employed full time in a beautiful downtown office space I decided to try my hand at SHIPT. I would get orders on my phone to grocery shop and deliver groceries to those who were uncomfortable mingling with other people in stores. The more time I spent in the big stores the less I liked them. There were too many choices, too many sodas, too many cereals, and too many things that I felt I personally had no business eating. I have always preferred to shop the perimeter of the big stores but SHIPT had me shopping the entire store and I did not like what I saw. I knew I preferred the more limited choices and the smaller spaces of Aldi.

Also, during the pandemic, we began shopping for my mother-in-law. Now, my mother-in law did not want anything that did not come from Dierbergs in O'Fallon. She only wanted name brands and was spending a lot of money. My husband and I offered to get things from her list at Aldi and she could decide if she liked our alternative purchases. She wasn't exactly on board until I showed her how we had saved her \$75 the first time we shopped at Aldi for her. She still had a couple of things one could only get at Dierbergs, so we shopped both stores every other Sunday morning.



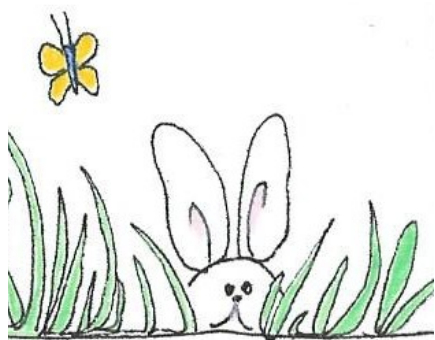
The Aisle of Shame is still my favorite place to be at Aldi. I have bought shoes, boots, sweatshirts, leggings, swimsuits, a smoothy blender, a sewing machine, and auto windshield covers, just to name a few of the things I could not live without (smile).

Did you know that within 5 miles of Ferguson we have four Aldi Stores? Our Ferguson store, of course on Adams Street, the Lindbergh location is 5 miles away, Jennings is just over 2 miles away as well as the location in the old Clocktower Shopping center at West Florissant and I-270. One more reason to love Ferguson, Missouri!

Every Wednesday new items appear in the Aisle of Shame. Hope to see you there!

Thank you for letting me continue. I hope you smiled a little when you read my story. I love hearing from you. I love your compliments and welcome your criticism. You may contact me at manhattanmarian@gmail.com.

Oops. I have a last-minute comment. I am no longer in love with the Aldi in Florissant on Lindbergh. The store has installed too many "self-check outs" causing a bottleneck and has considerably slowed the process of getting out of the store with purchases. The "Aldi employees" are much faster than the "self-checkers".



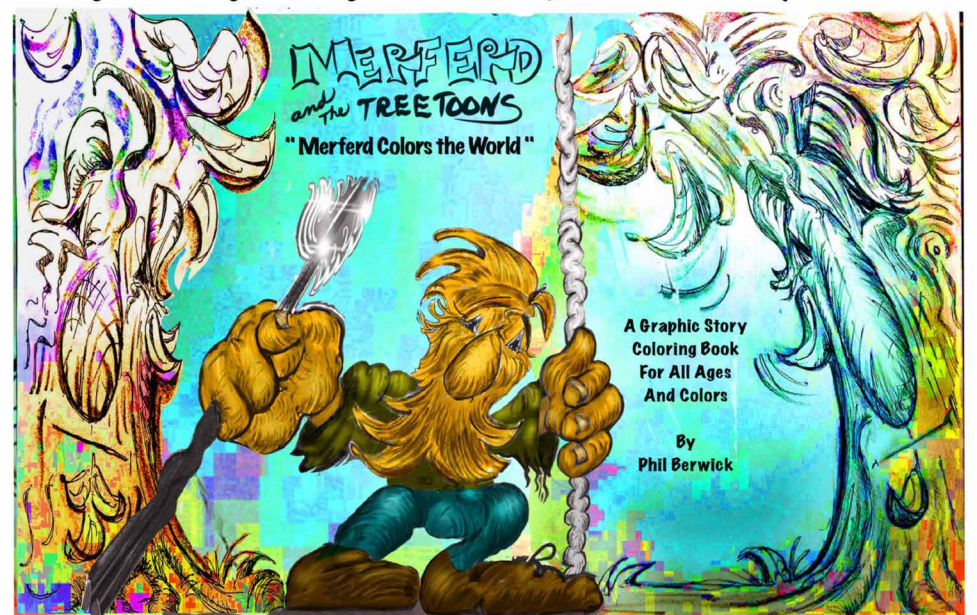
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 Special Categories include: Art, Baseball, Civil War, Native Americans, Railroads, Writing for publication
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 35 N. Florissant Road, Ferguson, MO 63135
 For info, call (314) 521-4663



Our patio opens mid-April come in and check out our new lunch menu.



Coming to the Ferguson Neighborhood News; A Merferd comic you can COLOR.



Based on the award winning documentary by Josh Herum, "The Man Behind the Merferds"

A Word From Our Planet.

The Ferguson Eco Team is a group of local residents in the Ferguson (MO) area working to create a more ecologically sustainable community through raising awareness of the current situation, networking with environmental allies, and advocating for environmental sustainability. The team meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7PM at the St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Ferguson, MO. For more information call Carleton stock at (314)-941-9378 to see if we will be virtual.

On Saturday April 8 9:00 Am The Ferguson Eco Team, Missouri Stream Team 888, and St. Peters United Church of Christ will be cleaning up West Florissant Ave from Chambers Rd to Highway 270. Trash bags will be provided. Bring grabbers (if you have them) and gloves. We will meet at St. Peters United Church of Christ at 1425 Stein Rd at West Florissant Ave 9:00 Am.

Ferguson City Hall Information

Your Vote Matters

“Someone struggled for your right to vote. Use it.”

- Susan B. Anthony



Hello Neighbor,

Voting is one of the most important acts that citizen of the United States can do. It is more than an honor and privilege; it is our moral obligation. Many men and women have paid the ultimate sacrifice with their lives for all of us to have the freedom to vote. As I contemplated on the upcoming municipal election, this piece of legislation, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, found its way into my thoughts.

The Voting Rights Act of 1965 was signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson. It aimed to overcome legal barriers, at the state and local levels, that prevented African Americans from exercising their right to vote as guaranteed under the 15th Amendment to the United States constitution. It is considered one of the most “far-reaching pieces of civil right legislation in the U.S. history.”

Your vote matters because each citizen has the right to choose an individual or ballot measure that they want to support. Far too often some of us take voting for granted; even dismiss the opportunity to vote and think our vote doesn’t matter. We must remember the evidence of the last presidential election and the one several years ago; our votes matter. It is important to learn about the candidates and the issues that are on the ballot; issues that impact the way that we live and move forward.

Citizens have tended to believe that the most important election in this county is the presidential election. Yes, it is important, however, we should not bypass state and local elections. Local elections effect the quality of life of all citizens in a community. Local elections determine several of your local taxes. For example, utility taxes, property taxes, economic development sales taxes and more. Also, local elections determine who will lead your local government. Your vote matters because the mayor and citizen who are running in this election will set the tone, course, and direction of our community. You must determine what matters most to you and vote for those who represent those things; at least some of them if not all of them.

In addition, women have always championed the right to vote. When we take a bird’s eye view into the life of Sojourner Truth it becomes easy to recognize her passion for women’s rights. She was a women’s right activist, and an inspirational leader in black history. Truth delivered a now famous speech at the Ohio Women’s Rights Convention in Akron, 1851, that has come to be known as “Ain’t I A Woman?” Another courageous woman, Eleanor Roosevelt, who was a diplomat, humanitarian and first lady, and was appointed chair of the United Nation Commission on Human Rights. She was credited for bringing forth the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

History, time and time again, has shown us the purpose of voting and the critical need for exercising our right to vote. Voting is a central part of being an American, of taking a stand to move your destiny forward, and of claiming American citizenship that many fought and died for. On April, 4th please exercise your right to vote. It matters.

“There’s no such thing as a vote that doesn’t matter.” -Barack Obama

Connecting,
Mayor Ella M. Jones

FERGUSON EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER – FLOOD RECOVERY/COVID 19

The City of Ferguson has created an Emergency Operations Center portal on its website. Along with information related to COVID-19, you will also find helpful resources regarding flood recovery. Visit <https://www.fergusoncity.com/> for more information.

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.

Consider volunteering on a Ferguson Board, Committee, or Commission.

We have multiple vacancies available. The list includes committees like the Architectural Review Board, Plan Commission, Park Board, Personnel Board, Senior Commission and others. For more information regarding vacancies, requirements, roles and responsibilities and/or how to apply, visit <http://www.fergusoncity.com/57/Boards-Commissions> or contact your City Clerk at City Hall.

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	Second Thursday	7:00 - 8:30 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	Fourth Thursday	6:00 p.m.
South West Neighborhood	Fourth Monday	6:00 p.m.
West Ferguson Neighborhood	Third Thursday	6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, April 18th and Tuesday, April 25th 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.

Ferguson City Hall Information

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Ferguson Parks and Recreation has a ton of fun, flexible, and rewarding jobs available both seasonally and year-round. Work with kids at camp, soak in the sun at Splash at Wabash, or provide excellent customer service at the community center. Check out all our amazing jobs at jobs.fergrec.com.

Positions Available at Splash @ Wabash

- Lifeguard
- Pool Manager
- Front Desk Attendant
- Concession Attendant
- Swim Team Coach
- Swim Team Assistant Coach

Positions Available at Ferguson Adventure Camp

- Camp Counselor
- Group Leaders

Positions Available at the Ferguson Community Center

- Front Desk/Building Attendant



Tiny Tots Takeover

Are you looking for something fun for your toddler to do? Join us for our bi-weekly Tiny Tots Takeover at the Ferguson Community Center. We will have activities, trampoline, slide, bounce house, and more for your tiny tot to play with. Parent participation required.

Ages: 0-5
 Dates: Every 2nd Tuesday of the Month & Every 4th Friday of the Month (January-April)
 Time: 10:00am-11:00am
 Location: Ferguson Community Center (1050 Smith Ave.)



Ember's Dog Egg Hunt benefiting St. Louis Pet Adoptions

Grab your pup and their friends to join us for our annual Dog Egg Hunt at Wayside Dog Park! We will have dog treat eggs scattered throughout the park for your pups to find and special prizes. This year we have partnered with Ember, the Ferguson Fire Dog's supporting non-profit, St. Louis Pet Adoptions. This event will be free for all dogs, but donations are strongly encouraged. All donations will benefit St. Louis Pet Adoption.

Dates: April 1
 Time: 10:00am
 Location: Wayside Dog Park
 Fee: FREE, Donations are encouraged

Bunny Brunch

The Easter Bunny will be hopping over to the Ferguson Community Center for our 2nd Annual Bunny Brunch! We will have photos with the bunny, an egg hunt (ages 13 & under only), activities, food, and refreshments.

Egg Hunt: Ages 13 & Under
 Meals: All ages that are accompanying a minor
 Dates: April 8th
 Time: 10:00am
 Location: Ferguson Community Center (1050 Smith Ave.)
 Fee: \$5/Child (Includes Admission, Egg Hunt, and Meal)
 \$2/Each Adult (Includes Admission and meal)



Proper Medication Disposal helps Substance Use Disorder Prevention

We are H.E.A.L.: STOP HEROIN and we are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and a local coalition that focuses on education, substance use prevention, and harm reduction primarily in the North County Area. We have been in existence since 2018. Our Mission is “Since our son’s death in 2014 to an accidental heroin overdose, it has been our mission to share with the community our story in order to educate and spread awareness about the dangers of opiates and other harmful drugs both legal and illegal. We want to empower others with the knowledge that we have gained throughout this journey for the purpose of prevention, early intervention, and harm reduction.”

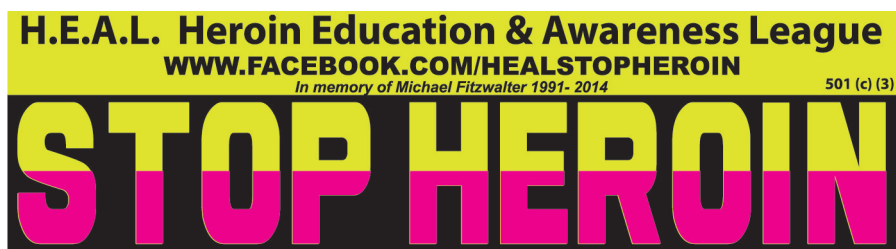
As the title says, “Proper Medication Disposal Helps Substance Use Disorder Prevention” and is good for the environment. 80% of all those that suffer Opioid Use Disorder get their start from prescription medications whether they have been prescribed them or got them from a medicine cabinet. The biggest way you can help is by proper disposal of your medications you no longer need, never throwing them in the trash or flushing them down the toilet, and if you have medicines you need that have the potential for misuse, keep them locked up.

In 2022 H.E.A.L. worked in conjunction with the Ferguson Police Department to acquire a medication drop box at no cost to the city of Ferguson. It was installed in the Police Department Lobby on November 7, 2022. You can dispose of prescription, pet and over-the-counter medications, vitamins, and supplements. For a complete list of what is accepted and not accepted visit the police station lobby.

Also, we would like to let you know that on April 22 from 10am to 2pm we will be hosting a National DEA Prescription Take Back Day at the Dellwood Recreation Center located at 10266 West Florissant Ave., Dellwood, MO 63136. Not only can you drop off medications for proper disposal, but you can also learn about available resources, and pick up free bracelets and stickers to help spread awareness. We will also have Narcan, Fentanyl Test Strips, Locking Prescription Bags, and safe medication disposal bags. No sharps, illegal substances, hazardous waste, liquids, or inhalers at this event.

Other things we do as a coalition are host monthly awareness walks, set up resource tables at events, and share our story. We also offer Overdose Education and Narcan Distribution training, and we host an annual memorial blood drive in August. This year it will once again be in Dellwood, and we will be partnering with Refuge and Restoration NPO.

We have monthly coalition meetings via ZOOM, and we are always looking for stakeholders \ volunteers in the community to help us in our efforts to prevent substance use disorder. For more information about the coalition, you can visit healstopheroin.org.



Northwinds Concert Band Spring Concert on April 23

Northwinds Concert Band has been performing concerts throughout the St. Louis area since 1975. The 60-piece ensemble plays a wide variety of audience-friendly music, featuring light classics, novelty numbers, music from Broadway shows and films, and big band sounds. In 2005, the band performed at music festivals in Germany. The ensemble frequently plays exciting new music from international composers. The band has been a community program of the Ferguson-Florissant School District for over fifty years.

Larry Marsh recently retired as conductor, having directed the band since 1982, and “handed over the baton” to long-time band member Hadley Haux retiring Director of Bands at Ritenour High School.



Larry Marsh, recently retired conductor of Northwinds Band, hands over the baton to new conductor, Hadley Haux.

The Band has performed in many North County venues, including concerts in January Wabash Park, Plaza at 501, the Florissant Performing Arts Center, and holiday programs in Jamestown Mall.

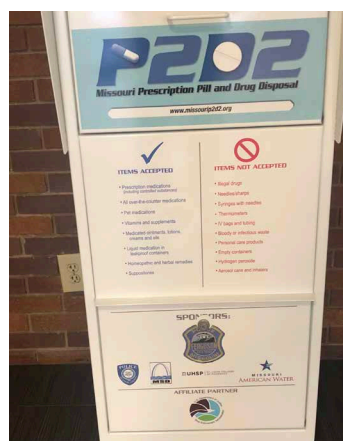
The Northwinds Band Association, Inc. is an independent organization, dedicated to helping support the Band in its concerts and other activities. The Band is always looking for new members. If you're a musician looking to join some fun, dedicated musicians and an amazing North County tradition, please contact us at: northwindsbandstl@gmail.com

Please join us at our upcoming spring concert on Sunday, April 23, at the Florissant Performing Arts Center. Enjoy selections from Mary Poppins, Back to the Future, Funny Face, as well as composers and songwriters such as John Philip Sousa, Alfred Reed, Burt Bacharach, Leonard Bernstein, and others.

Purchase your tickets at: <https://www.florissantpac.com/shows>



Northwinds Concert Band on the stage at Ritenour High School



First Awareness Walk in Ferguson May 25, 2016

FERGUSON**TWILIGHT RUN****5K★10K**
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Ferguson, MO - Ferguson Twilight Run is seeking volunteers for the 14th annual event, set for Saturday, May 20 for runners and walkers to enjoy one-mile, 5K (3.1 miles) and 10K (6.2 miles) distances.

Ferguson Twilight Run relies on volunteers for various needs - cheer stations, water stations, road closures, start and finish areas, packet pick up, and course monitors - to make the race a success.

Volunteer Needs at a Glance

Packet Pick Up - Check pre-registrations in a database, assign bib numbers, give T-shirts to participants; register new participants and accept payments; answer questions about race day; explain course routes, etc. Packet pick up dates are May 17, May 18 and May 19 at Ferguson Community Center; hours to be announced. Packet pick up location and hours on race day will be announced.

Start and Finish Area - Keep the area clear for runners and walkers to cross the start line and finish line; hand out medals to race finishers only; congratulate finishers; direct participants to water, restrooms, first aid, etc.

Cheer Stations - Cheer on runners and walkers to energize and motivate them as they achieve goals! Be loud and have fun! Cheer stations are designated at points along the route on sidewalks, on public rights of way, and residential areas.

Water Stations - Set up and take down water station tables, fill cups with water before race begins, keep cups filled and ready to go, hand out cups to runners and walkers as they move through, clean up discarded cups, etc.

Road Closures - Ensure the safety of runners and walkers by keeping intersections closed from vehicles and traffic; follow guidelines from local police; help runners and walkers follow the course route.

Course Monitors - Ensure the safety of runners and walkers by monitoring the course and ensuring participants follow the route; includes bicycle monitors.

Race Details

Course routes are USATF-certified by Big River Running Company. In the spirit of community, routes take participants through different residential neighborhoods.

The race starts and finishes at Plaza at 501 in downtown Ferguson. Pre-race fun includes music and a warm up; post-race fun includes a free concert with a live, local band and a finish area with health, wellness and food vendors.

Sign Up to Volunteer

Sign up to become a Ferguson Twilight Run volunteer. Volunteers will receive a T-shirt to wear on race day.

History

Ferguson Twilight Run debuted in May 2010 as the first evening race in North St. Louis County. The run encourages a sense of community while supporting a common interest. Proceeds are donated to nonprofits in north St. Louis County that promote the healthy and sustainable benefits of fitness.

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SECONDARY EDUCATION NEEDS THIS NOW!

Rev. Larry Brown

When young people finish high school, they begin their lifetime journey towards responsible adulthood. They should have acquired enough skills and learning to proceed with life while under the watchful and informative eyes of various teachers and coaches who have given them the tools that they need in order to function independently and make decisions for themselves based on their own self – interest.

However, because of the tremendous expansion of social media, the world, its various cultures, and all of its problems and differentiations which has become more available to them, it has made the process of venturing on in life, more problematic and difficult to stay properly focused.

When children finish high school, they have to begin to make decisions immediately, and presently these decisions are often made without much thought, help, or assistance to make the decision a success.

This is the most important time in a person's life, therefore, there needs to be a careful transition mechanism available to these young people in order to maximize the potential for them becoming positive adults.

We encourage the school systems to allocate \$100-\$150 of their budget for each high school senior to assure that this occurs. Since the primary purpose of the public education system is to continually prepare our nation's youth to successfully exist in this country, we should recognize the importance of this allocation.

In every urban community in our country, there exist organizations and individuals who are anxious and qualified to contract with the local school system to insure this transition.

Young people need adults to assist them along the way to make correct decisions and to access the resources that may be available, whether they be educational scholarships and opportunities, military involvement, employment, training, treatment programs, or affinity organizations for their fields of interest. There also must be those who are willing to help the young people who are undecided as well as those who choose early matrimony and family rearing.

In this manner, we can assure that the finances that have been spent getting the youth from kindergarten to this point accomplish that which is intended. Grace Chapel Ministries recognizes the significant importance of this concept, especially in the current age in which we live. For further information one may contact us at www.gracechapelministries.org. or email us at gracechapeldevelopment@gmail.com

There are fraternities, sororities, and other organized groups across the country, Masons, churches, youth groups like Big Brothers and Sisters, YMCA, YWCA, and individuals who are willing mentors to make sure that our young people become positive adults in our society.

It should be an easy thing for the school systems to do and what a significant impact it will have on those communities who decide to participate. In today's world, we need creative solutions and we need them NOW!



Digital Ferguson - No Crying allowed

by David Pickens

In last month's article I shared the horrifying story of a friend and coworker who lost a lifetime of sermons due to a failed backup thumb drive. I'd like to follow up with some backup strategies that you can implement at home or in a small business setting to help avoid such a loss.

But first let's create another slightly less horrific scenario based on the fact that American cat owners on average take 7 pictures of their pet every day. At 1.7 megabytes per photo that adds up to 4.3 gigabytes of cat data per year. So as time goes by this data treasure can become a large burden to store, manage, and back up. And on any given day a device such as a hard drive holding that data could fail.

And for a final situation let's imagine you own a small business and all your company data is stored on a server a dozen staff use every day for their daily work. Like cat data, this grows a little every day, and without a backup strategy, so does your risk of losing everything.

So thinking about the three situations – or imagine your own particular situation – the idea is to ask yourself, how much data am I willing to lose? How much risk of loss is acceptable to me? Can I afford lose a week of cat pictures, one day of business data, or a lifetime's work of sermons? How you answer that question determines your backup strategy and eventually your backup costs.

For our household needs, we have two mobile phones, three cats, and two dogs. And since that adds up to a lot of photos, we pay \$0.99 / month for 50 GB of Apple iCloud storage and our photos are automatically saved up in the cloud. There are plans for Android devices also using Google One. They have a free plan with 15GB, and a paid plan for 100GB for \$1.99 / month for up to 5 devices. Apple has a 5 GB free plan.

One thing to watch out for especially if you take a lot of pictures on the road is you probably want to be think about whether to use mobile data (instead of your home wifi network) to send your photos to the cloud as depending on your mobile plan that can get expensive. Again this decision relates to risk – you just took this once-in-a-lifetime shot of a sunset over that lake you love, but before you could get home and the device automatically saved your precious photo to the cloud, you dropped the phone into the lake in a boating accident. It happens. But how likely is it to happen?

50 GB might seem like a lot of data but over the years even in a home setting with photographs, music, and video files these limits can easily be exceeded. Our home currently needs 909 GB of backup storage. One of the reasons this is so large is that we create music in a digital studio, and these high-fidelity music tracks can take an enormous amount of storage. And I also save about five snapshots of two personal PC systems. I store this data on two identical Western Digital 1 Terabyte USB drives. The 2 Terabyte drives now run about \$60 on Amazon.

Why two? Because one could fail, and that loss would be catastrophic for us personally. The chances of two drives with the same data failing on the same day, however, is as close to zero as you can get. So about twice a year for our personal systems my backup process is:

1. Create a folder on USB Drive 1 – for example: 2023-03-15 David PC Backup
2. Copy my important data folders into the new folder
3. When finished copy this new archive folder onto USB Drive 2.
4. I then put USB Drive 2 into the glove box of my car. If there is a fire at least I haven't lost all of my data.

So this last process is because we don't consider the loss of half a year's cat pictures anything to be worried about. But after any large or special project I'll do an additional backup. Also it is always wise and highly recommended to make a backup before doing any major upgrade.

Now there is a system at my house where I do development work, writing software, preparing reports for clients, tracking hours, etc. And it is called – Development. This system has a cloud backup software installed called Crashplan. There are a lot of newer cloud-based backup systems out there and I invite you to explore others, like Dropbox, Google Drive, OneDrive, Carbonite, or others. It's just that I've been down the road a bit with this product and we get along well with one another.

Crashplan Small Business costs \$10 / month per protected system. I have it configured to constantly monitor files and it constantly tosses changed files up into the cloud. I have used this product in many small to medium businesses to protect their data. A useful feature is that it keeps multiple versions of any changed files in the cloud so that you can retrieve them if needed. This is very handy when finance calls weeping because they just blew up a super-important version of their payroll spreadsheet and can we get the one from last week? This is the kind of technology that can make you feel like a superhero some of the time.

So as you can see even within my own little home we have different backup strategies for different systems involving different risks. When I am writing code I just can't afford to lose one hour of work. But it's really not worth it to me to spend \$10 / month per machine to protect every home system with the Crashplan product – I'd rather use the dualing backup USB drives for that.

However you decide to accomplish this, the last thing I'll say is get it done and hold yourself – or your staff - accountable to getting it done. As I have mentioned, I have almost never walked into an organization that had a working backup system. I have gone into organizations that had an elaborate system in place, but no one was looking at any reports and every backup was useless. I have literally watched grown men cry. But there's no crying allowed in IT my friends.

David has been in Information Technology in almost every role possible for such a long time it would take a supercomputer to calculate. The first computer someone let him play with was in an F4-E. His first PC was a Timex Sinclair because he could not afford a TRS-80. He is currently running a computer consulting practice. You can contact him at david@bigpurr.com.





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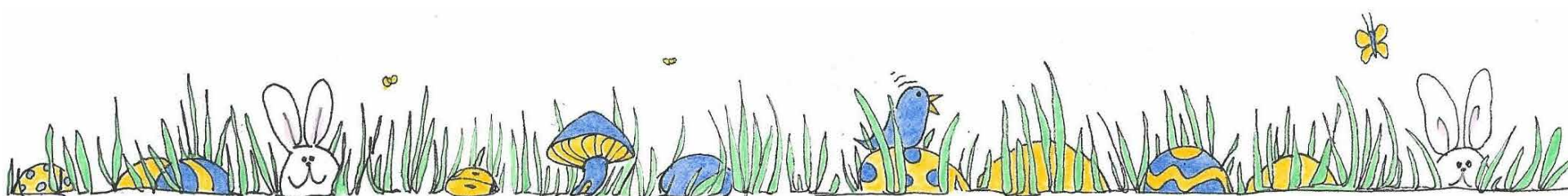
Ferguson is a fabulous community with generations of families living here. We have been proud to be a part of such a vibrant and close-knit town.

We want to extend our appreciation to our Customers and our Community for rolling with us through the years.

Andy and Joe, and our families, want to extend an invitation to the public to come down to the store Saturday April 15th from 11 am- 4 pm for food and raffle prizes and a good time. "Most importantly we want to say, THANK YOU!!!"

The family understands and appreciates that this milestone would not have been reached for Andy Wurm Tire & Wheel Company if it was not for our patrons, friends, and community.

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2023 Blue Note Cup Championship

St. Louis Sting vs St. Louis Eagles

The St. Louis Sting 13U Bantam AA Minor League team culminated their 70+ game season on March 4th at the Centene Community Ice Center in Maryland Heights Missouri with a victory over their rival team: the St. Louis Eagles.

With 3.7 seconds left in sudden death overtime Kaesen Graff deflected a shot from the point by Peter Nadeau to score the winning goal capturing the Blue Note Cup with a score of 4 - 3.

The two St. Louis clubs are part of Central States Developmental Hockey League that are made up of players from around the bi-state area. The Sting are partners with St. Peters Hockey club and the Twin Bridges Lightening out of East Alton, Illinois. The Eagles partner with Meramec, Affton, and southern Illinois.



A shot from the point by Nadeau



Winner, winner chicken dinner! Bring out the Zamboni!

St. Louis Sting Roster:

- #5 Thomas Caplan F
- #87 Ayden Cooper D
- #53 Gavin Dillow F
- #13 Blake Evans D
- #55 Liam Field D
- #23 Aiden Freeman FD
- #27 Brady Gerstein F
- #40 Kaesen Graff F
- #2 Zachary Guinn FD
- #41 Nicholas Kuhn F
- #10 Harrison Land F
- #89 Peter Nadeau FD
- #9 Colin Powers F
- #49 Alexander Schoenholz G
- #91 Nicholas Skorubskiy G
- #71 Owen Stinnet F
- #59 Ruilong Tang F

Head Coach:

Cooper Seedott

Asst. Coach:

Jordan Klimovsky

Asst. Coach:

Jon Girard

Team Manager:

Kelly Caplin

Treasurer:

Tiffany Kuhn



Photos provided by Christee Evans



**Under The Hood
With Robinwood**
By Bob McGartland

**WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR
VEHICLE WHEN YOU HIT
ONE OF THOSE PESKY
POTHOLE...**

Potholes are a common occurrence on many roads, especially after harsh weather conditions like winter storms. They are formed when water seeps into cracks in the road, freezes and expands, leading to the pavement breaking apart. These road hazards can cause significant damage to vehicles, including affecting their alignment.

Alignment refers to the way that the wheels on a vehicle are positioned in relation to each other and the car's body. Proper wheel alignment ensures that a car handles well, drives smoothly, and avoids unnecessary wear and tear on the tires. When a vehicle hits a pothole, it can cause a shift in alignment, resulting in several issues that can impact the safety and performance of the car.

One of the most common issues caused by potholes is a misalignment of the wheels. When a tire hits a pothole, the impact can cause it to shift slightly to one side, leading to an uneven distribution of weight across the car. We also see the tire will get a bulge on the side wall or break the belt inside the tire. We often find the steel or aluminum wheel will get bent. All of these conditions can cause the car to pull to one side or the other when driving. It can cause the steering wheel to shake back and forth while driving. This can be both dangerous and frustrating for drivers.

Another issue caused by potholes is damage to the suspension system. The suspension system is responsible for keeping the car stable and absorbing shocks and vibrations. When a car hits a large size pothole, the suspension system can be jarred, leading to damage to the shocks, struts, or other components. This damage can cause the car to handle poorly, leading to a less comfortable ride and potentially causing safety issues.

Hitting a pothole can also cause damage to the steering system. The steering system is responsible for controlling the direction of the car, and if it is damaged, it can lead to the car becoming difficult to control or even causing it to lose control entirely. This can be a significant safety issue and can put the driver and passengers at risk.

In conclusion, hitting a pothole can cause a range of issues for a vehicle, including affecting its alignment, suspension, tires, wheels and steering. It is important to have your car checked for damage after hitting a pothole to ensure that any issues are identified and addressed promptly. Regular maintenance and inspections can also help prevent alignment issues and other problems from occurring in the first place. Remember, the safety and performance of your car are essential, so always be mindful of road hazards and take steps to keep your car in good condition.

I'd like to give a shout out to our friends Joe and Andy Wurm and fellow Ferguson business Andy Wurm Tire on celebrating 50 years in Business! Congratulations!!!

As always, feel free to give me a call with any automotive service-related issue. Visit us at robinwoodauto.com



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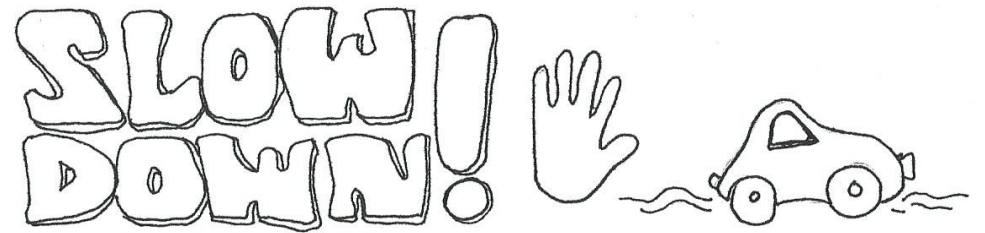
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Financial Focus – Should We Worry

By Joan Cleaveland (cleav73@gmail.com)

Business Manager for St. Joseph Parish in Cottleville
Lindenwood University – BA Business Administration

The second and third largest bank failures just went down this first week of March. To calm fears of more failures, the government has stepped in to boost confidence in banks and prevent more damage to our fragile economy. Like most people I am concerned about the stability of banks. It’s hard to exist in this world without a bank account or some type of banking service, even if your bank doesn’t have a building like so many new banks that are just on-line. Today most payments from the government come in the form of plastic flowing through the banking system or directly into a bank account. So keeping the system solvent is very important.

So what we’ve started hearing about what went wrong and why these banks failed, sounds somewhat familiar. Were there warning signs that they could mean they were in trouble or was it simply depositor’s fears that drove large withdrawals causing a run on the bank? Concerns at Silicon Valley Bank had been brewing for some time. Their base has been mostly in the tech industry for the past forty years. With SVB, the bubble pandemic era tech boom caused their deposit base to triple within the last 2 years. Rather than invest the increase in deposits back into other new start-ups they did most investing in treasury bonds and bills which may not earn much, but are relatively safe instruments. With inflation the value of these safe investments began to drop as the Fed raised interest rates to help calm inflation. So when depositors started to get nervous withdrawals began and causing a run. To obtain the cash to pay off depositors the bank is forced to sell off assets that are now valued less than when they were purchased.

When Signature Bank collapsed just two days later for similar reasons, it presented us with the same lesson. For years Signature Bank paved the way for banks to enter the cryptocurrency world allowing deposits in the new form of currency. Like the huge influx of deposits from the tech industry at SVB, Signature Bank grew quickly with the explosion of cryptocurrency. The recent crash late last year of the FTX exchange for cryptocurrency crashed. Like SVB, they wre hurt by the Fed’s rising interest rates which were supposed to help curb inflation. Instead of rising

in value, crypto currencies fell and the excitement over the recent years gave way to some skepticism and fears about these virtual forms of cash. The downturn in its popularity helped expose firms that were engaging in fraudulent activity and had poor risk management procedures. Falling out of favor has caused many to doubt that crypto currency can make a comeback. Yet some believe it is inevitable that it will once again reach the main stream. That remains to be seen.

So we are hearing from politicians and economists with recommendations or criticism on how the government response has been. Like any past financial crisis, looking for someone to blame is an important part of the investigation. To me this doesn’t seem that different from our last major economic crisis in 2008 when “too big to fail” was the mantra for the “Big Bailout.” At that time it was the risky business of selling mortgage backed securities, and when the real estate bubble burst home values dropped. You probably know what happened and how bleak things seemed. The “Big Bailout” seemed the only logical option to save the banking system and well fare of our country. As we reviewed and investigated what went wrong, greed and very little oversight seemed to be rampant. What’s happened this time has many of those same components. To prevent another banking crisis like 2008, the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act was passed to help protect consumers. It tightened some regulations and improved oversight on the banking industry.

Fast forward to 2018, bankers finally got their wish to have some of the requirements within Dodd Frank repealed. So is it possible to figure out if those changes made it possible for these latest failures in the banking system. Like many people I do believe greed and the desire to increase profits leads to results like these. And while I also prefer small government, I do feel that oversight is necessary and desired in the financial world. When our President assured all depositors at these banks including those with more the \$250,000 on deposit will be protected, I wasn’t sure that was the best quick response. It’s kind of like setting up consequences for inappropriate behavior and then putting them aside to lessen the pain. Although I know the consequences of not giving this assurance would be painful for everyone. As more information is uncovered we will get a better picture of what went wrong and the best way forward.

If you have any questions or comments please contact me at cleav73@gmail.com.

Ferguson Has A History Museum

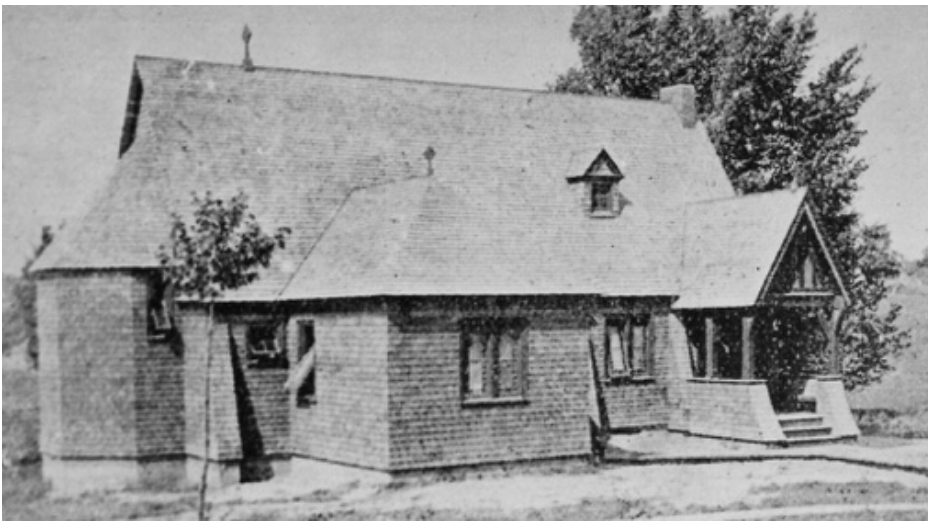
Ferguson has a Historical Society and a History Museum. We encourage any people reading this article to join in the conversation. Contact information is at the bottom of this article.



In the last four issues, we have been presenting information about five of the earliest church buildings in Ferguson: First Presbyterian Church (1871), St. Stephens Episcopal Church (1872), Mt. Olive (1880), Sts John & James Catholic (Blessed Theresa) (1882) and Ferguson Methodist Church (1886). We still have two more churches to cover – however – this month we will simply take a look at early Ferguson. One of the sources for the Ferguson Methodist Church article was a booklet put out by the members of the church at its hundred-year anniversary (1986). The article begins with what was happening in 1886 then goes on to give the beginning of the church. The remainder of the article just talks about daily life in Ferguson Station. It is a delightful article which, in part, we will present here.

“The year 1886 brought some significant additions to the American scene. On January 1, the first Tournament of Roses parade was staged in Pasadena, California. . . In October of that year President Grover Cleveland unveiled and dedicated the Statue of Liberty on Bedlow’s Island. In the same year a big event was taking place in the very heart of the nation – Ferguson Station, Missouri. Here in the evening of November 7, 1886, a small group of Christians led by Dr. Charles L Smith gathered in the Tiffin Town Hall and held the first organized service for the Ferguson Methodist Church.”

“Organizing or planning without telephones, home mail delivery, cement walks, automobiles, or electricity was a challenge.” (Since this was written in 1986, the author also didn’t mention cell phones, computers, the internet, or social media.) “Ferguson Station, Missouri, in the 1880’s was home to less than 1000 people. Houses sat back from the streets on plots of ground sometimes containing as much as six acres. There were cisterns (wells that collected rain water) or some type of well in the yards, and nearby were gardens and outdoor toilets. Coal oil lights were used in the evenings, and bedrooms were equipped with wash stands which sometimes had marble tops. Bowls and pitchers of water were provided for bathing.”



“Early residents of Ferguson Station, in recording memories have made numerous references to the plank sidewalks. These walks were about four planks wide and sometimes spanned gulleys. People in Ferguson Station used these walks to keep their shoes out of the mud and water as they went about the town. Extreme caution was required to keep the walker from falling off the planks. Following a rain storm the planks became ‘rafts’. Mr. Williamson in Ferguson—in the Old Days recalled, ‘As the pedestrian approached, he was lulled into a false sense of security by the fact that the tops of the planks were an inch or so above the surface of the water. As soon as he stepped on them, he found himself wading through the pool,-- usually to his great surprise.’”

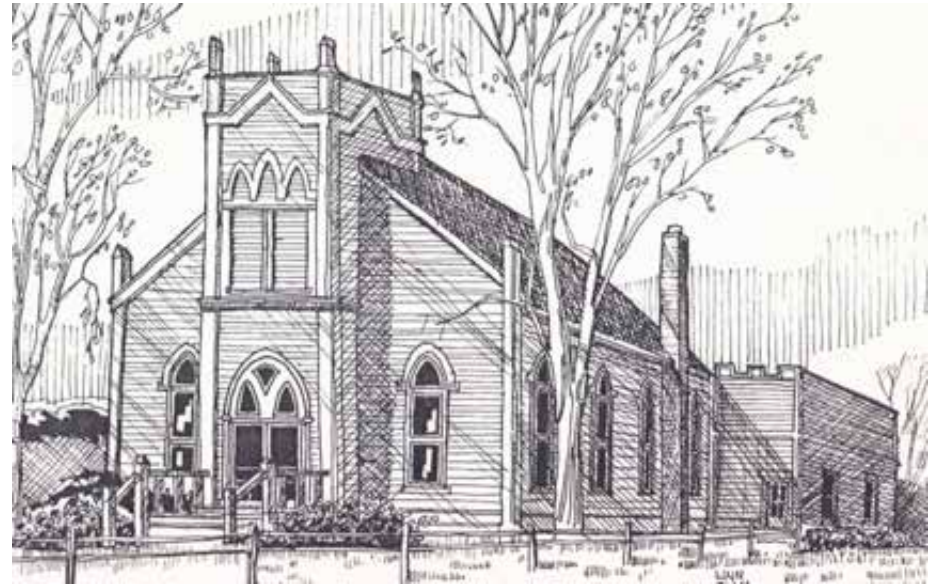
“The post office at Church and Florissant Road was a busy place. There was no mail delivery to homes, so the citizens went to the post office there twice a day to collect anything that might have been deposited in their boxes.”

The Wabash Railroad provided transportation for the Ferguson Station residents who were employed in St. Louis. Three trains left Ferguson Station each morning. The early train carried the ‘works’; the second train took the ‘clerks’ and was the most popular ride; the third train and final run was for the ‘shirks.’ The trip to St. Louis was inconvenient; and

unless people worked in the city, they spent most of their time in Ferguson Station and depended on each other for social entertainments. ‘They lived together like a big happy family’, according to Charles A Cunningham, who moved to Ferguson in 1887. Homes and churches were the centers of their activities.”

“According to previous writings of Ferguson’s history, the first church in the village, the Presbyterian, was founded in 1871. The small frame building with a spire provided a place of worship for all protestant groups until they had places of their own.”

“In 1872 the congregation of St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church held its first service at the home of a member. About 1884 regular services were organized and a small church with brown shingles was built in 1891.”



“The Roman Catholic Church of Sts. John and James was founded in 1882. The first building was a small frame church with a spire and stood on the southeast corner of Chambers Road and North Elizabeth Avenue.”

“In the fall of 1886 the Rev. Charles L. Smith came from Guthrie , Kentucky to establish a preaching place in Ferguson Station – to become the Ferguson Methodist Church”

“By 1894 Ferguson’s population passed the 1000 mark, and it became a city of fourth class! In 1895 electric lights came to the town, and seven years later Fergusonians saw water mains being laid and the first general telephones.”

The author left out the establishment of Mt. Olive Baptist Church, the African-American Church created by the freed enslaved people from the January plantation (1880). We don’t know who the “works” and “shirks” are unless they were the workers and those who avoided work. There is no author given for this month’s brief social history of early Ferguson. We hope that as you walk or drive around Ferguson and as you put your cell phone to your ear as you are checking e-mails on your computer, you think back on how things were over one hundred years ago.

Two churches remain to be presented: Immanuel United Church of Christ and Zion Lutheran Church.

Stories of churches in the Ferguson area come from documents in the Ferguson Historical Society archives. Special thanks to Sandy Hunter, long time member of Ferguson UMC, for the Centennial Methodist Church Booklet.

If you have any suggestions, questions, or items to donate to the Ferguson Historical Society, please contact Jerry Benner at fjbenner@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.

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Half a Century of Trusted Tires and Wheels

By: Sophia Fish

Andy Wurm Tire and Wheel has been a staple in Historic Downtown Ferguson for the past forty years but has been a part of North County since its inception on March 1, 1973. Started by Mr. and Mrs. Wurm with only four employees, Andy Wurm Tire and Wheel started out at Kingshighway and MLK, and in 1981 they had a location right down the road from where they are currently. In 2001, the Wurm's decided to move to their current location. Right across the street from the Ferguson Police and Fire Department at 201 S. Florissant Road. They've seen many things change over the past 22 years in their current location.

The tire shop has since grown to 25 employees with Mr. Wurm's, son Andy and Joe taking the shop over. Being a family-owned generational store, the Wurm brothers expressed how thankful they were for the loyalty from the Ferguson community and the city itself. They're grateful that a lot of their customers have become friends and have been fortunate enough to see those customers become parents and grandparents.

Going back to the start, in 1973, Mr. Wurm used to work at a local grocery store. Johnny Knoll wanted to sell his tire shop, and Mr. Wurm bought it. Out of Wurm's six kids, Andy at the age of sixteen loved fixing and tinkering with cars, so it was only a matter of time before Andy took over the business. Andy started working at the shop in 1975. Joe Wurm joined the family business in 1981. The two brothers have had a good working relationship ever since the store was passed down to them. Andy is the face of the business and Joe takes care of the backside of the business.

Over the past fifty years, Andy and Joe have made it clear that people and customers are the heart of their business, and that both of them are still actively involved in the business daily. The Ferguson Community means the world to them and they're always willing to actively help with community events and parades. To give back, Andy Wurm is having a customer appreciation day on April 15th, 2023, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at their shop. There will be a raffle for a bbq grill, gifts, food and drinks, and other fun activities. Stop by and congratulate Andy and Joe on the 50th Anniversary of Andy Wurm Tire and Wheel.

Without the support of their customers and employees Andy Wurm Tire and Wheel would not be what it is today. The Wurm brothers are extremely grateful to everyone who has come to their shop over the past fifty years and hopes to make the next fifty even better.



Kingshighway and MLK 1973



Location on Florissant Road 1981



Current Location 2001

Photos of Andy Wurm's locations throughout the past 50 years.



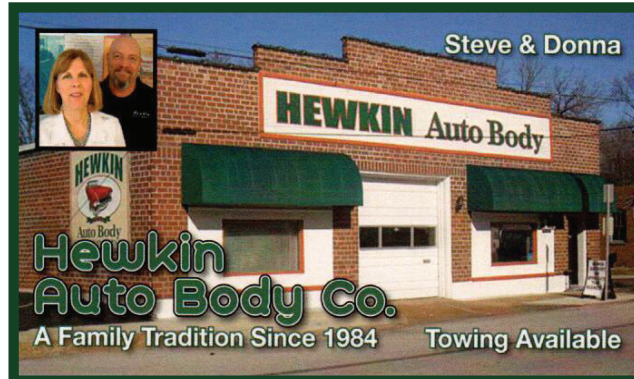
Location on Florissant Road 1981



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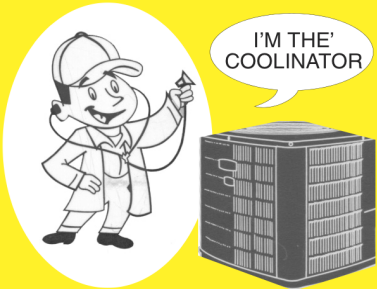
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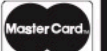
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