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# The Bells of Blessed Teresa

By Nancy K. Wenger

If you live within a mile or so of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church, you’ve heard them chiming the hour until eight o’clock in the evening. I heard the bells this afternoon and wondered what is going to happen to the lovely melodious chimes, once the parish church closes in late July. Supposedly, one Sunday Mass will continue to be offered until sometime in December. Then, again, the parish school will remain open for the 2023-2024 school year, and some Masses will continue to be offered with the school children in attendance. I guess, during that time, the bells will continue to “sing” and ring out the hour. But, what then?

And, what about those who work within the parish setting? What will happen to the staff and the volunteers who offer their services to the church and the community?

Oh, it’s easy to dismiss my questions, and there are others, with a wave of the hand and say: “It’ll work out. The employees will find jobs, the church building could be re purposed, the kids will find another school, the volunteers who work with food pantries and other services will surely find an outlet for their talents.”

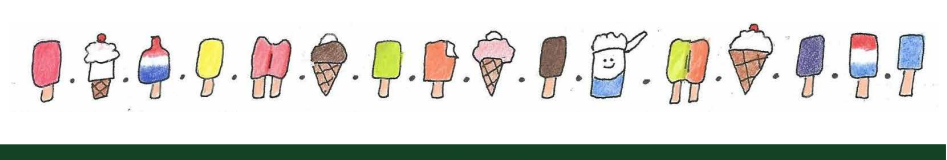
But, what about the church as a landmark and fixture in the Ferguson landscape?

I have lived in Ferguson since 1954. The church, established in 1882, and originally named Sts. John and James, has been my parish since I was ten years old. As a younger adult, I invested much of my time as a Children’s Liturgist, teacher, “Heavenly Duster,” school parent and neighbor. My husband and children and some of my grandchildren are members of this parish. The parish church is one of the things that has kept us in Ferguson.

There are hundreds like me and, yet, we are being asked to pull up our roots and go elsewhere. Why? Because Archbishop Rozanski is telling us to do so.

In the old movie, The Bells of St. Mary, the parish priest, played by Bing Crosby, is faced with the dilemma of tearing down a derelict school building. He spars with the principal, Sister Mary Benedict, played by Ingrid Bergman. Guess what? Everything works out okay...and the film was nominated for several Academy Awards with a win for Bing. It was well-received by the public and grossed a lot of money for Republic Pictures. You can still catch this oldie but goodie around Christmas time on late night TV. Ah, Hollywood!

Alas, I don’t foresee that happy ending. And, it is much to the great sorrow of parishioners and our neighbors alike.





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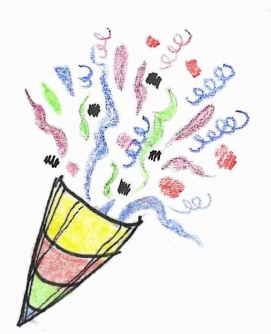
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### Contributors wanted!

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### A word from our



### Maline Creek volunteer water quality monitoring August 13 2023.

Hey Stream Teamers and every one else. There is a hands on Water Quality Monitoring event happening on August 13 2023 at 1:00 P.M. at Forestwood Park on Ferguson Ave.

Missouri Stream Team 888 will provide a hands on Volunteer water quality monitoring event. Yes, you will get to use the Kick Net and the WQ Equipment at stream side. So, you will pick the macro invertebrates out of the Kick Net and get to use the Dissolved oxygen kit, Conductivity and pH Meters, turbidity tube, check for chlorides, hardness, ammonia, phosphate, alkalinity, and Nitrates, and Temperature both (Air and Water), we also in Flow Rate of the stream with a rope and a tennis ball.

Come out and find out how the Stream Team program monitors Missouri streams, and see what’s really in your rivers and streams and if you are lucky a train might pass by overhead. All this while enjoying nature all at the same time. This is our 23 year with the MO Stream Team Program.

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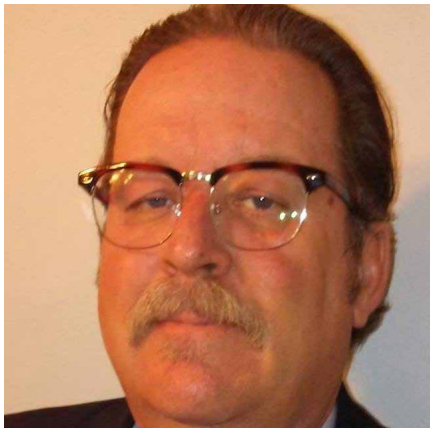
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# Reflections on the Small Stuff

By Michael Pierce

I’m a historian and genealogist. I’ve been working on family history since 1977. I’ve had a love of history since I was ten years old. As time went on, I realized history was more than famous people and dates, it was also about the regular folks who lived through those times, and how the events of those times affected them.



I’ve traced most of my family back to around the 10th century in Europe. We’ve got some famous folks in there, folks who lived through and fought in rebellions in the United States and Ireland, Vikings, ladies of the evening, moonshiners and illegal liquor runners, along with the occasional Southern Baptist and Methodist preacher.

When a person works on family history, one of the things often available to the researcher, is death certificates. I’ve got a stack of them, and other death records for family members, going back hundreds of years. I always paid attention to the cause of death on each of those forms that crossed my desk. The causes spanned the spectrum of ways to die. Murder, suicide, execution, auto accident, childbirth, died in prison, etc.

I really started paying attention to health-related causes of death, and after a few years I realized that, between mom’s side and dad’s side of the family, we had all the major killers. Time marched on.

Now I’ve developed my own serious health issues over the past several years. The seriousness of a couple of them pushed me into early retirement. Then, along came June 7, 2023.

Coming home from running errands I stepped onto our front porch. As I shifted my weight, which was quite substantial at that time (and still is), I felt what seemed to be a massive muscle pull in my lower right leg. After trying to put weight on it a couple more times, I dialed 911. Surprisingly, there was no pain.

I ended up being in the hospital for almost a week. But there’s a back story to this. Fluid retention.

I’d been gaining weight like crazy for about a year. Neither I, nor my medical team, considered that I was retaining fluid. I started getting massive amounts of intravenous diuretics. The water began exiting very quickly. Thanks to that, and Lasix after I got home, I shed about nine gallons of water weight. That’s between 60 and 65 pounds.

I spent three weeks homebound, hobbling around with a walker, with a visiting physical therapist coming by twice a week. As my PT sessions were coming to an end, I began to occasionally use a cane in the house. Now, almost 45 days after being hospitalized, I’m using a cane exclusively in the house. I still use the walker when I go for my daily outside walks.



I’m a tall guy, 6’3” to be precise. I normally look straight ahead or up when I’m walking. That’s changed for the time being. I’m constantly looking down now when I walk outside. Watching out for the little stuff on the sidewalk. Rocks, cracks sticks and such. It’s a point in my life where the little things actually matter. Our Basset Hound, Miss Jennie, is just over two years old and, like a lot of toddlers, likes to drag all the toys out and throw them around the house. I can move her toys out of my way quite easily.

But when it comes to those little, temporary obstacles I encounter on the sidewalk, I kick them out of my way. The day will come, hopefully soon, when I fold the walker and take it to the basement, when I only carry one of my walking sticks because I WANT to carry one. The little things aren’t stopping me now, and I’ll soon be looking ahead, again, when I move.

# ARTFUL CONSIDERATIONS

We are seeking anyone interested in the arts to replace Beth von Behren as author of Artful Considerations. If you would like to pick up this column, please contact us either by email or phone.





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By Robin Shively

1. Crafty site
4. Group to select from
7. Chest makeup?
12. Island token
13. Twilight tune
14. Tasty tidbit
15. 1989 film title flowers
18. Inclines
19. Clove hitch and sheet bend
20. Potent potable
22. 33, but not 45 RPM
24. Acronym which translates to "health through water"
25. Trini Lopez song
28. Start for Bamba or Brea
30. Nightmare address
32. Framer's tool
33. Campfire detritus
35. Film holder
37. Morse's E
39. Uproar
41. It's at its best when boring
42. Flow's partner
43. Trendy health chips
44. Intensely desire
46. Liquid
48. And no other
49. Monopolize
50. Bad and Ugly film companion
51. per pc.
53. Kettle name
54. Kettle name
55. Ridged surface
58. Kukla and Ollie's co-star
60. St. with a namesake trail
61. Bela's co-star
62. Ohio nickname
65. Author of "The Republic"
67. Frightening
68. Man-beast connection
69. Role for Audrey
70. Beginning of a rhyme about a mouse

1. It may be either Dutch or American
2. Battleship decking material
3. Movie featuring tin foil hats
4. Buds
5. Sally Hansen competitor
6. Hedge apple
7. Auto
8. Makes law
9. Sire's counterpart
10. Beatles label
11. Title spelled out in a song
13. Sum
16. Not yep
17. Type of card
21. Not previously identified
23. \_\_\_ Arkansas, Jim Dandy band
26. Zilch
27. Start of a rose
29. Literary lion
31. Transform
34. Monitor's assignment
36. Ram's fan?
38. Sash
40. 25 Across Variety
42. Evil Woman grp.
45. Des Moines denizens
46. Not anti
47. Parish group
50. Co. that "brings good things to life"
52. Metals mix
54. Name appearing at upper left on a check
56. \_\_\_ contendere
57. Russian range
58. Initials for "The Metamorphosis" writer
59. "The Biggest Little City in the World"
62. \_\_\_ humbug
63. Spoon-bending Geller
64. StL Parochial sports org.
65. Acidity scale
66. Atomic #81 symbol



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# Hello Ferguson!

by Marian Linck

Before this turns into a full-blown rant, let me give you the background story. My son and his girlfriend believe in celebrating birthdays in a big way, especially milestone birthdays. Last year my son turned 40 Oh no! I cannot possibly have a 40-year-old son! That number takes me by surprise every darn time.

Anyway, the two of them planned a two-week adventure to National Parks in the west. Tim and Liz rented a camper and stayed in the National Park Campgrounds. The adventure culminated in Glenwood Springs, Colorado where Liz’s aunt has an Airbnb. The rest of Liz’s family and I met them there for a long weekend. We visited hot springs, a cave and enjoyed the cool mountain air. My mother-in-law was in the hospital so unfortunately, my husband had to remain in St. Louis for that adventure.

During our stay in Colorado Liz announced that she would like to go on a Greek Island Cruise for her 40th birthday in 2023. My thoughts? Oh, dear that sounds ambitious, and I secretly hoped she would decide on something less, shall we say extravagant?

When Liz decides on something she manages to make it happen. Here it is July, the cruise is booked as well as the airfare to Athens and back. My husband prefers not to travel abroad, so once again I will join my son and Liz’s family on the trip of a lifetime. I thoroughly enjoy her family so I am sure we will have a wonderful time. I am a little nervous about the travel and the extended airplane ride.

## Now, let the rant begin....

My husband and I have had passports for many years. We have renewed more than once. Passports were required when we went on cruises. We have not cruised in some time, however.

When traveling abroad, some countries require a current passport that does not expire within six months of your travel to that country, Greece is one such country. I checked my passport, and it would expire in January 2024 and my travel was planned for September 2023. I began the process of renewal in April. I visited the website, paid the fees, downloaded the proper paperwork, and got my picture taken. I placed my old passport in an envelope with my renewal application and sent the package with a tracking number to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Then, I waited. Imagine my surprise when I got an envelope from the State Department less than a month later. I thought, wow, that was easy until I read the letter. They had returned my old passport with a letter saying that because I had not paid the fees, they could not process the renewal. WHAT? You had to pay

fees before they would even send the application. I wanted to go pound on someone’s desk. This was an obvious case of “There are too many of these renewals in my workload, so let’s send a few back”. Fortunately, I saved every email I got from the State department. I printed a copy of the email the clearly said that all fees were paid successfully and here is the form I should complete and return. I also printed a copy of the credit card transaction. I put the whole mess in an envelope and returned it to the State Department. I have tracked the letter and it was delivered on June 20.

I am still waiting. I know there is a considerable backlog for passport renewals and the process can take 10 to 13 weeks. I have some time, but I am nervous. There is a website where you can check the progress of your passport renewal. I go there daily, sometimes multiple times in the day. I get the same “Status Unavailable” message every single time.

Today I tried to place a phone call to the passport office. I got through! I was so hopeful. I waited an hour for someone to take my call. I told this person my story, to which she said I am sorry, I cannot give you any information about your application. When I asked about the “Status Unavailable” notice on the website she again said I’m sorry. I asked if I could make an appointment for an in-person renewal. Again, “I am sorry you must be two weeks from your travel dates to make an appointment. My reply was, “well what if there are no appointments available when I am two weeks from my travel dates?” She again said “I’m sorry. I offered other suggestions and continuously heard “I’m sorry” on the other end.

Now, in my job at the Country Club I often have to say I am sorry, but I usually have a solution that will satisfy both the member and me.

I asked the person at the State Department if she spends her day apologizing and saying she was sorry to which she answered yes, pretty much. I told her I was sorry for her as well as myself.

I will continue to check the State Department website multiple times during the day. When my travel date is within two weeks, I will be traveling to Chicago or maybe Atlanta...whether I have an appointment or not. I may then get to pound on someone’s desk. Oh Boy!!

If you have any solutions or suggestions for me, please contact me. I would also be interested in hearing about your passport or travel nightmares. My email address is [manhattanmarian@gmail.com](mailto:manhattanmarian@gmail.com).



# The Ferguson Highlights

by Teyuna T. Darris, M.A.

## “Neighborhood Leadership Academy - Helping to Build Stronger Communities”

I, first, learned about the Neighborhood Leadership Academy (NLA) in 2017 while a fellow alumna was celebrating the fact that her experiences in the NLA helped her to sharpen her volunteerism and community service. Soon afterwards, she introduced me to other alumni who also spoke highly of NLA. So, after completing the first cohort of the Neighborhood Leadership Fellows (NLF), I enrolled in the Neighborhood Leadership Academy in September 2018. Each year, the course is taught by an upstanding group of instructors who fuse their expertise, network and resources to guide everyday people like you and me who want to make a positive impact in their communities.

I had the pleasure of talking with Tasnim Haq, who is a program manager from Creating Whole Communities (CWC), about the Neighborhood Leadership Academy to help our readers decide if they might want to enroll. The interview follows:

### What is NLA, and when did it start?

The Neighborhood Leadership Academy (NLA) provides in-depth and multifaceted leadership training that emphasizes community building principles and strategies, project planning, organizational leadership and management practices, and personal leadership skills. Participants are actively involved in their regions, towns and neighborhoods and represent



Neighborhood Leadership Academy Class of 2022 cohort members participating in a group activity. SOURCE: CWC / MU Extension / UMSL communities throughout Missouri. Participants work on a community improvement project for their neighborhood such as the formation of a neighborhood association, community garden, youth program, among many other ideas. Academy participants may be neighborhood association members, community leaders, resident volunteers, community-based organization staff, business owners, local government staff, and municipal elected officials.

NLA is a 20+ year program that started in 2002 as a partnership between University of Missouri Extension and University of Missouri – St. Louis. Within the last few years, we expanded the program statewide and now residents across Missouri can participate in this program. There are 550 graduates of the program.

### Why should I join NLA?

Through NLA, participants gain networks, resources, knowledge, and skills to grow their community in the way that they envision. Participants will develop a community improvement project that they would like to see in their community, such as a neighborhood association or community garden and will learn how to implement and fund their project. Participants also join a family of neighborhood leadership alumni who all carry a diverse array of skills, ideas, and networks. The valuable connections and support that leaders gain from NLA are named as one of the biggest takeaways of the program. Upon graduating from NLA, participants



NLA Class of 2019 Group Photograph/Photo by Dave Menninger

receive a Chancellor’s Certificate from University of Missouri – St. Louis in Neighborhood Leadership and can apply for up to \$2500 to kickstart

their NLA project from our NLA Mini-Grant fund.

### How does NLA benefit people who live in Ferguson, Missouri?

NLA will support the strong and inspiring residents of Ferguson in achieving growth and vibrancy in the way they envision. Through NLA, resident leaders in Ferguson will become equipped neighborhood leaders who will work towards community-identified needs and goals in order to make Ferguson a more thriving place to live.

### Who are some NLA alums from Ferguson, and how do they use what they learned in NLA to support Ferguson?

We have nearly 30 alumni from Ferguson who have gone on to develop community gardens, paint murals, run for elected office, start non-profit agencies, lead racial healing conversations, record community podcasts and more! Check out our website to see an interactive map of our NLA alumni: <https://www.ums1.edu/wholecommunities/interactive-map.html>

### What is the time commitment?

The program takes place one evening a week for 10 weeks from 6 - 9 pm.

### How can my participation in NLA improve the community work I do in Ferguson?

There are many motivated, eager and talented residents in Ferguson. NLA will support these residents in becoming more advanced neighborhood leaders and support them in implementing their goals in an organized and well-informed fashion. Participants will learn community building principles and strategies, project planning, organizational leadership and management practices, and personal leadership skills and will gain resources, networks of topical experts in the region and of other neighborhood leaders, mentors, etc. to enhance their community work.

### Is there any additional information you’d like potential NLA participants to know?

NLA has two formats to select from. The virtual/hybrid cohort is open to residents across the state and starts September 13th, while the 100% in-person cohort is only open to St. Louis residents and starts September 12th. NLA offers competitive mini-grants to launch community building projects. NLA has awarded 20-25 mini-grants within the last 2 years. NLA offers scholarships and have awarded about 50 in the last 2 years. We ended our interview there. But, the best way to learn about the Neighborhood Leadership Academy is to sign-up! And, after you sign-up, participate in the sessions, then use what you’ve learned to positively impact your community. I personally know dozens of people who have enrolled in the Neighborhood Leadership Academy, and whose neighborhood and community-oriented work was inspired, informed, or improved because they invested the knowledge and resources they acquired or learned about while participating in this awesome program. To learn more about the Neighborhood Leadership Academy, contact Tasnim Haq via email at [TFHKTb@ums1.edu](mailto:TFHKTb@ums1.edu), or via phone at 314-516-6392, or read more online at <https://cwc.ums1.edu/nla/>.



The 2019 Neighborhood Leadership Academy Graduation Class Photo



Graduates from the NLA Class of 2019 Cohort



# The OT Lens

## Clearing the Air: Understanding the Importance of Indoor and Outdoor Air Quality

by Chelsia Bradley  
Licensed Occupational Therapist and Realtor

Many of us were surprised to learn that the smoke from the Canadian wildfires had traveled over 1000 miles to our doorsteps here in Saint Louis. While many fared just fine during those haze covered days, some of us felt the physical consequences of the poor air quality. From itchy throats and sensitive eyes, we quickly learned that the haze was more than just a rust colored sunrise, it was a flaring, red flag!

If you’re like me, maybe air quality isn’t something that you paid much attention to in the past. It wasn’t until I started receiving air quality alerts on my phone, that I really began to plan my day not only based on the weather forecast, but the air quality forecast as well.

With air quality alerts suspected to continue throughout the summer, here are some important things to consider when it comes to indoor and outdoor air quality. Let’s start with the basics.

What is air quality?

Air quality is a measure of how clean or polluted the air is, based on the concentration of air pollutants at a particular location.

What symptoms are associated with poor air quality?

Potential symptoms include shortness of breath, wheezing/coughing, chest pain, fatigue, sore throat, difficulty breathing deeply, and eye irritation.

Who is particularly at risk for experiencing these sorts of health effects?

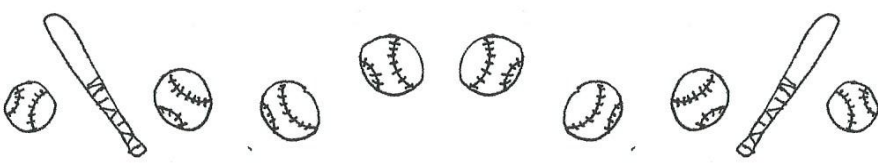
If the rating is high (red, 151+), anyone can be at risk. However, sensitive group (And extremely sensitive) members could experience health effects, even when the rating may be acceptable for the general public ( yellow, 51+).

Examples of people who may be extra sensitive to air quality include people with heart or lung disease (heart failure, asthmas, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, etc.), older adults, and young children.

What can I do?

While air quality challenges will require global effort, here are some things you can do:

- Understand the Air Quality Index (AQI) and its scale.
- Check and plan your day based on the air quality forecast, especially if you are in the “sensitive group” as defined by the AQI.
- Reduce the amount of time you are outside when advised by the AQI.
- Monitor your symptoms on poor air quality days.
- Research HEPA air purifiers for your home.
- Avoid rigorous outdoor activities when advised by the AQI.
- Change your home filters regularly.
- Buy indoor plants that improve indoor air quality.
- Check in with family, friends and neighbors who may fall in the sensitive group, when AQI ratings warrant.





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# The Ferguson Computer Corner

by Doug Neely

AUGUST, 2023

This month is a month with very few holidays. (I USED to say NO HOLIDAYS!) Well, maybe we should say no MAJOR holidays. Shall we begin?

- 2nd...Ice Cream Sandwich Day—no explanation needed here, except to say that I do particularly enjoy a good ice cream sandwich! :)
- 6th...National Root Beer Float Day—I LOVE IT!
- 7th...Purple Heart Day—most honorable!!!
- 15th...Assumption of Mary—the mother of Jesus
- 24th...St. Bartholomew—one of Jesus’ 12 apostles who spread the gospel and was martyred for it.

The Past, dept.  
As I watched TV lately, I saw an interesting little historical account of back around the late 1960’s when we put astronauts into space and sent them to the moon. More specifically, the Apollo 13 mission, I believe it was. This was the one where everything went south, and our boys made it back by the skin of their teeth.

It was mentioned several times that the computers that were onboard the spacecraft, as well as the mainframe at NASA saved their lives. Thank Goodness for that!

Think hard, now, did YOU have a puter back then?  
No, you did not. A calculator? Still a decade away.

So what was it that NASA had? It was certainly a custom-made computer in the command module, running an extremely simple (by today’s standards) glorified “adding machine”. The mainframe at NASA was one of the most powerful of it’s day, and took up the entire confines of a rather large room.  
To give you an idea of it’s processing power, let me put it this way: the notebook/laptop that you had 20 years ago would have had roughly 100

times the processing power of NASA’S mainframe. Let that sink in for a bit.

And the notebook/laptop you have today has about 100 times the processing power of your 20 year old notebook/laptop. Take a little longer to let that sink in.

So as far as I am concerned, I have to say that I am truly and completely amazed regarding how little they had back in the late 60’s and how much they accomplished with it. And that leads me to ask this:  
WHY haven’t we gotten so much further along today? We sure haven’t gotten 100 times further along in any direction if you ask me. So why not?

To answer that question, I would have to ask God. I suspect it has something to do with our combined lack of caring about our neighbors (read: our fellow man). We don’t care because we don’t love. We can do something about that, but most of us won’t because that would be too much like work, and we would rather sit around and be entertained in some manner. We are such a selfish lot. How do I know?  
Because I am one of you. I shall pray to ask God to help me do better.

ME GO NOW!  
I think we could admit that we all need to pray a LOT more, being as how things have gotten a LOT worse in this world. After all, it IS OUR fault things are the way they are. Pray to ask God to enter our lives and push us in the way He wants us to go. We really blew it! I have to go pray now...please join me!

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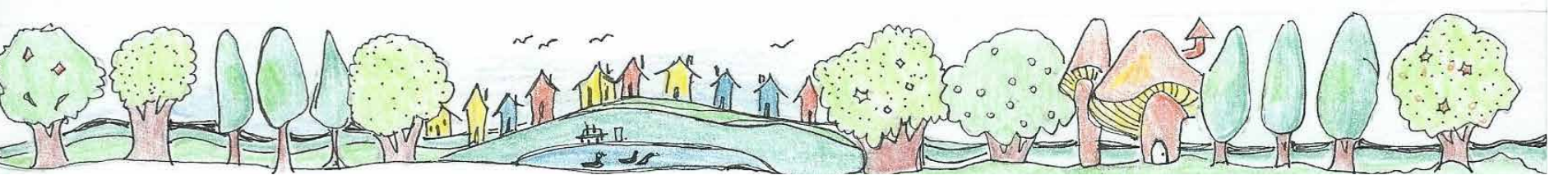
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# Strength & Honor Summer Camp helps young people sow seeds of resilience at EarthDance Organic Farm School

By Jess Coffin

For eleven years now, Coach Albert Harrold has been bringing Strength & Honor Summer Campers to EarthDance Organic Farm School, and the roots of this partnership go all the way back to his father’s garden.

“I grew up on Carson Road, and we could see the Mueller Farm [that would become EarthDance from his garden.” Fast forward through many growing seasons to Summer 2023, and you’ll find Coach Al and his SAH team at EarthDance for the eleventh summer, working together with farm school staff, guiding students in activities like harvesting berries, cutting and arranging flowers, collecting chicken eggs, making fresh herbal tea, and starting seeds.

Why a teaching farm? “There’s so much symbolism here at the farm that we can connect to campers’ lives in a positive way,” Harrold said.

Harrold founded Strength & Honor (SAH) Mentoring and Tutoring when he saw a need for additional enrichment and support for students while working as a teacher and coach in the Ferguson-Florissant School District. “We are trying to change lives and generations. Trials and tribulations are going to come, but we are going to prepare [the students] to take them on,” Harrold said.

The SAH Summer Camp aims to engage youth in community service projects and fun team-building activities, with a focus on building character and confidence. The summer camp evolved organically from the mentoring and tutoring program, and the campers visit various enriching destinations throughout the summer. EarthDance is one of these. Others include the Ferguson Twilight Run/Live Well Events, the City of Ferguson and Splash at Wabash, Ferguson-Florissant Schools, and more.

Coach Al explains what he means about symbolism rooted at the farm. “With seeds - you plant seeds on fertile soil, water the seeds, and make sure they get plenty of sunlight. We help the campers connect these ideas to the importance of good nutrition and choosing positive activities for their bodies and minds, along with choosing happiness when it’s possible over the issues that may happen at home that we can’t control. And it takes time for seeds to grow, just like with the good things in our lives.”

For more information on Strength & Honor Mentoring and Tutoring, you can visit their web site at: [www.mysah.org](http://www.mysah.org)



SAH campers enjoy learning about and feeding the EarthDance chickens.



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Coach Al helps SAH campers shop at the Pay What You Can Farm



SAH campers harvest and eat cherries, mulberries, and other tasty, farm fresh foods while on the farm, here guided by EarthDance Farm to School Educator Joia Walker,



SAH campers group photo



# What's Fresh: August

Joia Walker - EarthDance Farm to School Educator

EarthDance is back letting you know What’s Fresh for August! August is such a great month for us here on the farm. With events like Hoppy Hour and the Summer Apprentice graduation, August is sure to be a month filled with celebrations! While we may be celebrating the departure of one group of students, we’ll be welcoming the AgriCulinary Interns from Innovation High School at Cool Valley, to immerse themselves in agricultural and culinary education. The interns, along with our Farm to School Educator, will spend the season discovering What’s Fresh on the farm.

This month we’re featuring the dynamic duo squash and zucchini! Squash and zucchini are in the gourd family along with pumpkins, melons and cucumbers. These summer squash are tasty raw and cooked and can be served in a variety of ways. Zucchini contains vitamins like B6 which is great for an energy boost and Vitamin A along with Phosphorus that help the body fight free radicals and build healthy cells and tissues. Surprisingly, the amount of Vitamin A found in zucchini is boosted when it’s cooked. Whether coated in olive oil, salt and pepper and charred on the grill or spiraled into pasta, squash and zucchini are a colorful duo that will jazz up your plate! Grab this awesome pair at our Pay What You Can Farm Stand or visit us at the Ferguson Farmers Market and try this tasty recipe from COOKIE + kate! <https://cookieandkate.com/creamy-cherry-tomato-summer-squash-pasta/>

Simple summer pasta recipe featuring roasted cherry tomatoes, zucchini and yellow squash with rotini and a light goat cheese sauce. Recipe yields 4 servings.

### INGREDIENTS

- ½ pound whole grain rotini or fusilli or penne pasta
- 1 pint (2 cups) cherry tomatoes
- 2 medium yellow squash, quartered vertically and then sliced into ¼-inch wide wedges
- 1 medium zucchini, quartered vertically and then sliced into ¼-inch wide wedges
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons butter or olive oil
- 1 ounce goat cheese, crumbled
- 1 small clove garlic, pressed or minced
- Pinch red pepper flakes
- 1 to 2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil

### INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat oven to 400 degrees Fahrenheit and line a large, rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper for easy cleanup. On the baking sheet, toss the whole cherry tomatoes and sliced zucchini and squash with 2 tablespoons olive oil. Sprinkle with salt and pepper and arrange in a single layer (or as close to a single layer as possible). Roast for about 25 minutes, tossing halfway, until the cherry tomatoes have burst and the squash is tender.

Meanwhile, bring a pot of salted water to boil and cook the pasta until al dente, according to package directions. Before draining the pasta, reserve about 1 cup of the pasta cooking water. Drain the pasta and return it to the pot.

While the pasta is hot, add the lemon juice, butter, goat cheese, garlic and red pepper flakes to the pot. Add about ¼ cup of the reserved pasta cooking water and gently toss the pasta until the ingredients are evenly mixed together and the pasta is coated in a light sauce (add more reserved cooking water if the pasta seems dry).

Once the tomatoes and squash are out of the oven, add them to the pot along with all of the tomato juices. Gently toss once again to combine. Season to taste with salt (I added more than ½ teaspoon) and freshly ground pepper, then sprinkle chopped basil over the pasta and divide into individual serving bowls. Serve immediately.

### NOTES

MAKE IT GLUTEN FREE: Substitute gluten-free pasta for the whole grain pasta.

MAKE IT DAIRY FREE/VEGAN: Substitute olive oil for the butter and skip the goat cheese. The starchy pasta water is pretty creamy in itself, so I think it’ll still be nice and saucy without the goat cheese. You might want to add some nutritional yeast, to taste, for cheesy flavor.



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A Little Noise in Your  
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We’ve all experienced it—an unusual noise coming from our vehicle that catches our attention for a moment but is quickly dismissed. Or maybe you hear the noise and just turn up the volume on the radio a little louder. What noise? However, ignoring those seemingly insignificant noises can lead to more significant problems down the line, costing you both money and inconvenience. Here are some common noises you should never ignore and why it’s essential to have them checked out earlier rather than later.

- 1. Squealing or Grinding Brakes:** If you hear a high-pitched squealing or a grinding noise when you apply the brakes, it’s a clear indication that your brake pads are worn out or damaged. Ignoring this noise can lead to costly damage to your brake rotors, which may require more extensive repairs or replacement. Additionally, compromised brake performance can jeopardize your safety on the road. Addressing brake issues promptly can save you money by preventing further damage and ensuring your vehicle’s braking system is in optimal working condition.
- 2. Clicking or Knocking Sounds from the Engine:** Any unusual clicking or knocking sounds coming from the engine should never be ignored. These noises can indicate problems with the engine components, such as worn-out bearings, damaged pistons, or loose parts. Ignoring engine noises can lead to severe engine damage, resulting in costly repairs or even engine failure. By having these noises checked out early on, technicians can identify the underlying issue and make the necessary repairs, saving you from more extensive and expensive engine repairs later.
- 3. Rattling or Vibrating Sounds from the Exhaust System:** If you notice a rattling or vibrating noise coming from your vehicle’s exhaust system, it could indicate loose or damaged components. This can include exhaust pipes, brackets, or even the catalytic converter. Ignoring these noises can lead to further damage to the exhaust system, potentially resulting in costly repairs or even a complete replacement. Furthermore, a compromised exhaust system can affect the vehicle’s performance and fuel efficiency. Having these noises inspected early can help prevent more significant issues, ensure proper functioning of the exhaust system, and save you money in the long run.
- 4. Whining or Humming Sounds from the Transmission:** Unusual whining or humming sounds from your vehicle’s transmission can be a sign of a developing problem. It could indicate issues with the transmission fluid being low, worn-out gears, or problems with the transmission itself. Ignoring these noises can lead to transmission failure, which can be a significant expense to repair or replace. Early detection and repairs can prevent further damage to the transmission and save you from the inconvenience and expense of a major transmission repair.

In conclusion, paying attention to and addressing any unusual noises in your vehicle is essential. Squealing brakes, engine noises, rattling exhaust systems, and whining transmissions should never be overlooked. Having these noises checked out earlier rather than later can save you money and inconvenience by preventing more significant problems down the line. Regular vehicle maintenance and inspections can help catch these issues early, ensuring your vehicle stays in optimal condition and providing you with peace of mind on the road.

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We Live on “Hallowed Ground”

By Dr. Larry A. Brown

We could be currently living in Ukraine or some other place that was experiencing daily bomb scares, sounds of bullets firing, famine, and all kinds of bloodshed. We could be living in a land that had no natural resources such as water. We could be living in a land that limited our freedom. We could be living in a land that had all kinds of restrictions and prohibitions.

Instead, we live in a land of plenty. There is plenty of unrestricted room in which to move around and there is an abundance of resources that are available to everyone.

There are enough untapped resources available to the challenges of the dreams of others who have ideas that need to be developed.

However, we must be aware and understand that these resources are available to whomever controls them and not exclusively to us and those who presently are in charge.

We must always seek to heal the wounds that would shatter and forge unrepairable gaps within the fabric of our cohesiveness as a country; hence, the United States of America.

We must constantly work to keep this union together and fight against issues and people who tear us apart.

This can happen from within, and outside. There are those within who are influenced and controlled by outside forces who support and encourage their actions that can weaken the union and allow a takeover. There are those who oppose us from outside our boundaries and seek to gain enough support to overthrow our union. Then also, there are those insiders who may not be content and wish to change our leadership by means other than those already in place, such as voting and lobbying for change. We must constantly be cautious, wary, and concerned when issues arise that tend to separate our union.

There are those countries and individuals who would love to overthrow and seize our land and government because of its plentifulness, power, and geographical position.

We must recognize this, and work diligently to preserve our “ Hallowed Ground “

This is not a perfect union, but it is a special one that has excellent potential for all who get the opportunity to call it their home. Each of us has a responsibility of some kind, to help make our country and its citizenry better. We were placed here rather than in other countries and other lands, for a unique and individual purpose.

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We must do our best to make this “Hallowed Ground” better and better for all who may find themselves in this country!

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Financial Focus – Personal Finance for Children

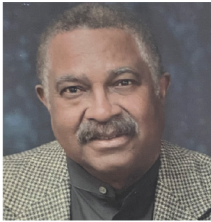
By Joan Cleaveland (cleav73@gmail.com)  
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Recently, I read comments from a young teenager about the lack of school curriculum covering finance. It surprised me. Although I don’t have children in school myself, I do recall that back in the nineties they had a class. I seem to recall that class covering more than just personal finance. It also dealt with teen pregnancy and its costly effect on a young person’s financial future. Carrying a doll programed to be fussy and needy was supposed to help teens make better decisions and prevent pregnancy. My children may have had to carry as bag of sugar to represent their offspring and if the broke during the week of care, their grade would suffer. In any case, the comment made me concerned for those preparing to leave home and start a life of their own without the skills to manage their money.

So is it the school’s responsibility to teach children how to handle finances or is that a job for parents? School should be preparing young people for becoming adults with the tools to become productive citizens. It isn’t just reading writing and arithmetic anymore. Schools must play a large role in student’s lives teaching them about technology that is changing constantly. Personal finance is another area that keeps changing and often parents aren’t as savvy with changes, so teaching is probably best being a joint venture with parents and school.

So at what age should money lessons begin? When I grew up most would start with showing children coins – pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters. The penny candy store was popular and we shopped with change we may be given. This should happen pretty early possibly before children enter school, but certainly by kindergarten. Many parents will pay for small chores to be done and to give children spending money. The purpose was to instill a work ethic, pride and decision making skills. As a child spending our own earned money felt good and it did to some extent instill some responsibility. We could also witness how a sibling may have more money because they saved some from a prior week. This lesson in how the world works with the exchange of money for goods demonstrates commerce in action. Noticing an older sibling making the choice to delay gratification and save some is also a teaching moment. Today, there are no penny candy stores, so you may have to look a little harder to find a good place to give a young child some freedom to spend their own money, perhaps a dollar store. You’ll also find your change won’t buy much, so paper money will be necessary.

As they get older their needs and wants become a more costly lesson. The question of an allowance will likely come up. There are different opinions



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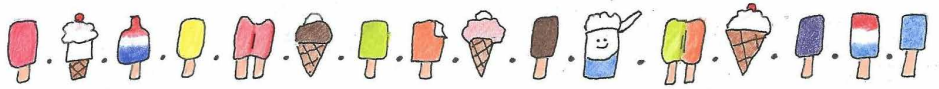
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on this. Some believe requiring chores is just part of living in a household of people and everyone needs to share in helping provide a good home. Since everyone has food and shelter, why should some members of the household get paid? I agree with that group although I do agree there is value to paying for some extraordinary chores. The value of working for money is another good lesson. And during the grade school year, is a good time to instill the understanding of delayed gratification. Our world is so moving so fast in so many ways, it is often difficult to require ourselves and our offspring to delay a “want.”

Shopping at the dollar store may not be the best use of your hard earned money. The feeling that comes from saving up for the new toy can provide much more happiness and pride. Also, recognizing the investment in something that can provide hours of entertainment and fun, rather than the short lived fun from the mostly disposal cheaply made toys from the dollar store. .

Once young people are making more decisions about the way they spend money, it’s time to give them more responsibility. Maybe you can give them a budgeted amount to spend on school clothes and supplies. Staying within the budget may offer a reward of having the extra money for savings. This is also a good time to encourage children to save for future expenses. It may not be too early to think about transportation for your youngster who may only be five years from going off to college. It may also be a good time to start using various methods of handling money.

Today, as long as a parent is on the account a child as young as thirteen may be allowed to have a checking account. Thirteen may be a bit young for a checking account, but if your child is working to earn money it may be a good idea. Bank accounts often come with other products to make paying for things easier such as a debit card. In some cases spending more than available might be allowed with fees involved, a parent may want to limit that exposure or explain how it works and let any problems that result be lessons. The adult on the account should also be monitoring activity to catch any problems early. It may be a good idea for a youngster to stumble. If they over spend and see the consequence of an extra fee taking away some of their money, they won’t lose much in the lesson. Making an unwise purchase may also result in disappointment and the realization that perhaps saving up for a better quality purchase is a wiser decision. It is much easier to learn early than when you are an adult and have no one to fall back on except yourself.

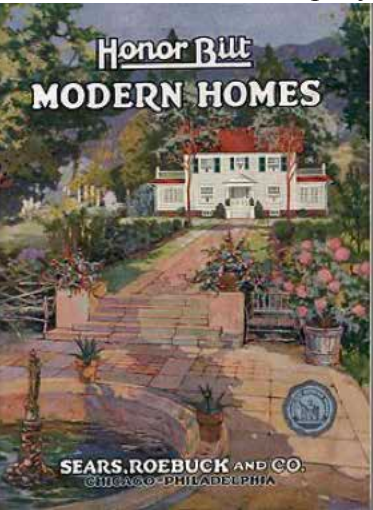
Certainly, by middle or high school curriculum choices or required classes on economics and personal finance should be available. In the past, I’ve been aware of banks or credit unions partnering with school to provide this type of training and experience. Next month, I’ll be gathering some information on what might be available to students in the area. Comments may be directed to cleav73@gmail.com.

Ferguson Has A History Museum

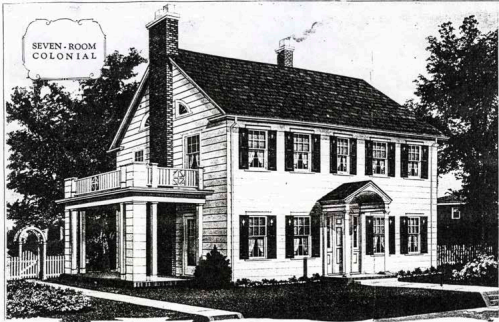
Ferguson has a Historical Society and a History Museum. We encourage any people reading this article to join in the conversation or become a member. Contact information is at the bottom of this article.



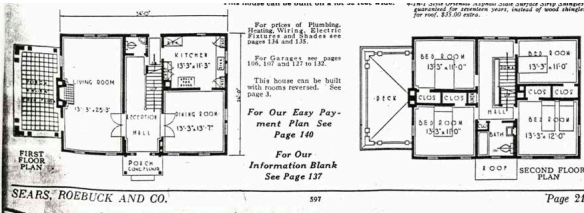
While the name is no longer prominent in most of America, many readers will remember the name, SEARS. SEARS is actually a shortening of the actual company name, Sears, Roebuck & Company. Last month, we gave you a brief history of the Sears Company and the “kit-homes” they sold via their catalogue. Most of these homes – ready to build – were shipped by the railroads. Since Ferguson was a railroad town, several Sears Homes are located in our town. This article will deal with five of those homes - known to be Sears Homes. There probably are others, but we will deal with these five. Please note, that while we are giving you the address of each home, these homes are private property. Should you wish to drive by the actual homes, please be respectful of the owner’s privacy.



The first home we will look at is at 933 North Elizabeth. It is the Lexington and is the most expensive of the Ferguson homes at \$3588. Like all Sears Homes, it arrives as a kit – the owner must build it – or have it built. The final cost would be slightly more than double to kit cost – maybe \$8000. The floorplan is shown below.



**The Lexington**  
No. 1358 "Already Cut and Fitted"  
\$3,588  
The Lexington, two-story residence, is an imposing and dignified study in traditional colonial architecture. It features a wide entrance porch with columns, a central chimney, and a gambrel roof. The house is finished with white siding and dark shutters.



This was a 2-story house with a living and dining room along with a kitchen, hall and porch on the first story. The second story had four bedrooms and the bathroom. All the homes in this article have a few things in common: only one bathroom (usually on 2nd floor) and if 2-story, bedrooms always on second floor. All homes have a porch included and suggested a basement.



The second home is on the other side of Florissant Road, at 237 Louisa. The Walton at \$2433 is the second most expensive of the five. Sears estimates the final constructed cost to be \$5630. This was a one-story home. The floorplan called for six room and a porch. Along with the living and dining rooms and kitchen, the home featured three bedrooms and a bathroom. All bedrooms have closets. Kitchen cabinets and counters are included in most Sears Homes. As with most Sears Homes, plumbing, electrical and heating could be purchased at additional costs. The final suggested cost of \$5630 included this and labor needed to construct.

One block north of Louisa, the third home is located at 219 Roberta. The Marina, costing \$1594, is a two-story home. The first floor includes the usual living and dining room along with the kitchen and front porch. The second floor has two bedrooms, located in the center of the floor with the bathroom located in the gabled front of the house. Sears estimated the final cost of the finished house to be \$3690.



**The Marina**  
No. 1594 "Already Cut and Fitted"  
\$1,594.00  
\$1,568.00  
The Marina, two-story home, features a gabled roof, a front porch, and a chimney. It has a living room, dining room, kitchen, and two bedrooms on the second floor.

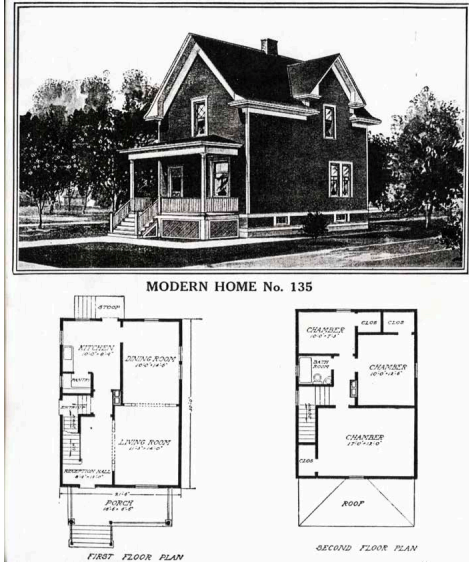
The fourth home is located in the same area as the last two. Located at 401 Estelle is The Lebanon. Coming in at \$1415 for the complete kit, this is the second lowest price kit-home in Ferguson. Unfortunately, we do not have information as to the exact age of each of Ferguson’s homes – we are

assuming sometime in the 1930’s to early 1940. Home costs during this time seem amazing to those of us in the 21st century. Completed cost for this home was estimated to be \$3600. The Sears Catalogue often gave a pleasant view of what each home had to offer. To the right is a first-floor description of the Lebanon. This was a two-story home. The first floor consisted of the typical living and dining rooms along with the kitchen and the porch. The second story had two bedrooms and the bathroom.



The fifth Sears “kit-home” we are featuring is located at 131 N. Harvey. This is the smallest and least expensive of the homes. Kit cost was only \$791 for what was called Modern Home #135.. This was a two-story home. The building had the smallest footprint of the five homes. The first floor has the usual living and

dining rooms along with the kitchen and front porch. The second floor actually had three bedrooms (one very small) along with the bathroom. All of these rooms were smaller than the other homes. For around \$1620 you could have your own Ferguson home – close to all the stores and services.



**First Floor** From the porch a glazed door leads into the living room, which has an open stairway to the second floor. A cased opening leads into the dining room and a swinging door leads from the dining room to the kitchen, furnished with a convenient pantry case. From the kitchen a stairway leads to the basement. There is a side door leading to the kitchen from the outside, so that it may be entered without passing through the other rooms.

So how does one know if you have a Sears Home? First, your home would have to have been built between 1908 and 1940 – most probably from the early 1920’s to 1940. For most of the years the kit-homes were sold, each timber and part carried a part number often indicating where the part goes (building a kit-home was like a paint by numbers painting). The easiest place to look is in the basement – especially if the joists are exposed. Look for these numbers. If you see them, you may have a Sears Home. If you don’t, you still may have a Sears Home. Either way, you will have considerable research ahead of you. Also, remember that Sears is not the only kit-home supplier – there were others such as Montgomery Ward.

It will be a fun trip to take the article with you and see if you can locate these historic Sear’s Kit-Homes. What do they look like in 2023. It can be a challenge as many changes have taken place over the years. Also – all completed homes did not always look like the catalogue drawing. A recent drive around Ferguson indicated that the first four homes are at their location and, while different, look great. The 131 N. Harvey is not an active address – no home is at that address and there does not appear to be any room for a house. A home nearby could be the Sears Home, but has so many changes that it is difficult to determine its origins.

*If you are the owner of one of these homes or if any of our readers are aware of other Sears Homes in the Ferguson area, the History Society would love to talk with you. Please see our contact information below.*

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

**Membership in the Ferguson Historical Society is open to anyone** – the price is \$20.00 a year. If you are interested in joining or 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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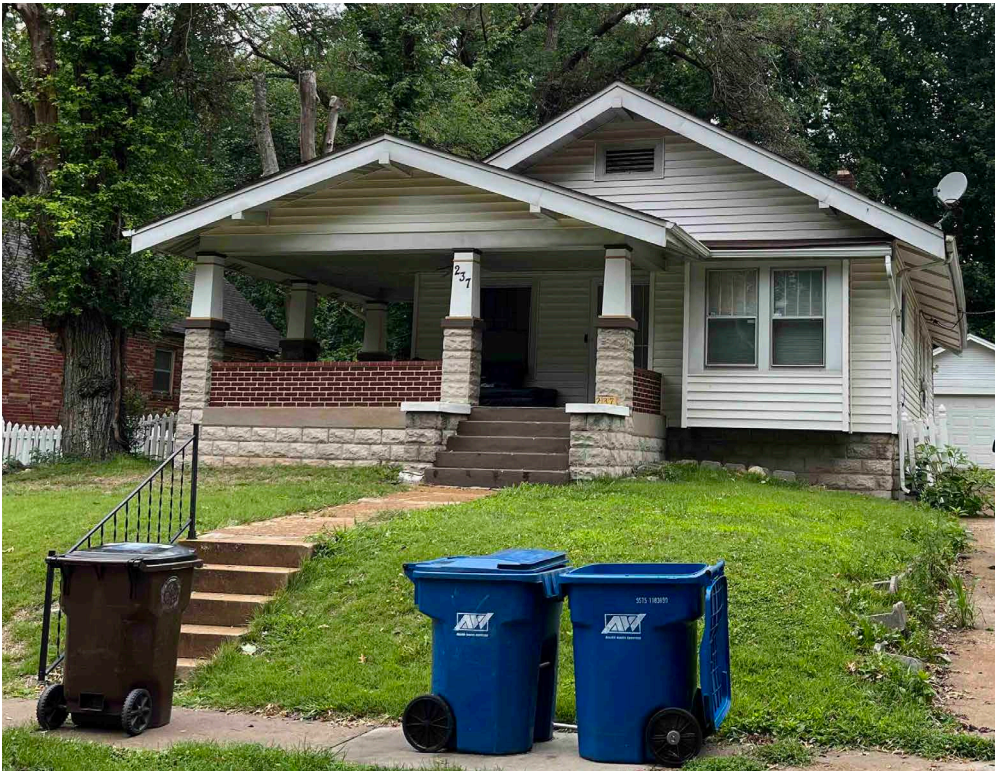


933 North Elizabeth

How They Look Today

One of the benefits of being the editor is I get to read everything before you all get to. As I love history (which I flunked in high school), this series about the Sears homes really piqued my interest. So, two days before I had to send this to press I jumped in my car and drove around to find and photograph these historic beautiful homes.

The only house that is no longer standing was the one at 131 North Harvey.



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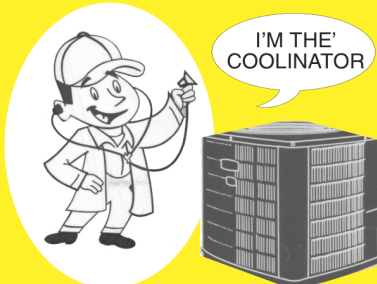
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