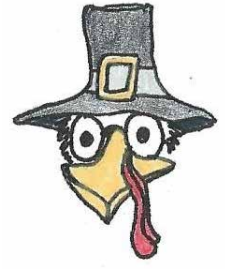


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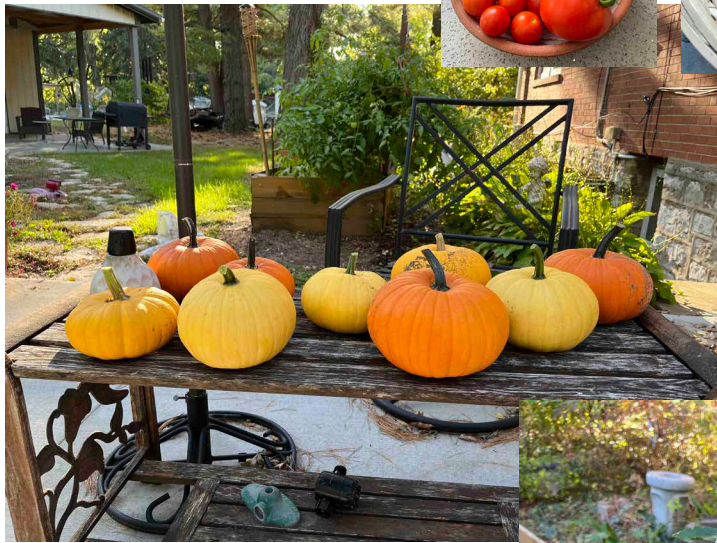
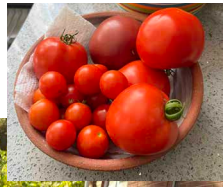
I have been so blessed this year. My tomatoes finally came in after so much worry, my lone pepper plant produced a bumper crop, and my wonderful volunteers are ready to be carved.



I peeked out my kitchen window the other morning and glimpsed a turkey pecking at my tomatoes. He comes around most days and I'll find him either at my sisters bird feeder or browsing my garden. He's a friendly bird that has been here for the past several years and seems to be adapting to life in the park. As long I don't make any sudden moves.

As I was picking tomatoes I was also giving them away. But when I picked a bunch two weeks ago I knew I couldn't get rid of them all before I went out of town. So, I dropped

them in boiling water, then cold and removed the skins. Then I placed them in ziplock freezer bags and put them in the freezer. Now I can pull them out in February and use them for soups and stews.

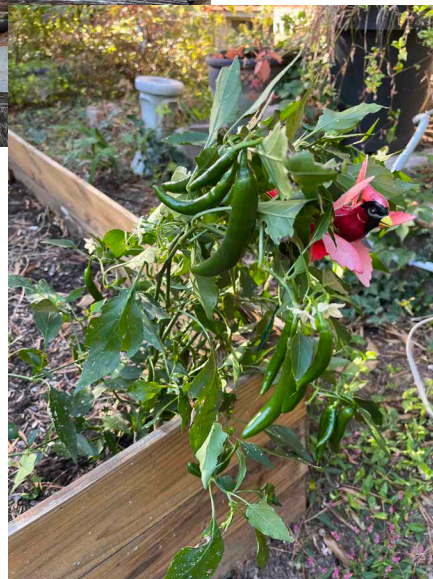


I just picked all my pumpkins and am still amazed at my volunteers. Hope they come back next year.

Now, can someone tell me the best way to dry serreno peppers?

Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!

Papa Deau



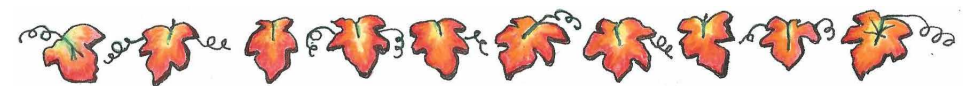
November

Farm Fresh, Ferguson-Grown Produce

While the regular Ferguson Farmers Market season is over, there are 4 opportunities to buy our fresh, certified organic, Ferguson-grown produce this month!

Sundays: Nov 5, 12, 19
11am - 3pm
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Saturday, Nov 18
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November News and Events at the Ferguson Public Library

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Children and Teen Events

Stories and Songs for Little Ones Enjoy stories, songs, and playtime! Ages 0-5. Saturday, Nov. 4 at 10 am Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 10 am	Nailed It: Turkey Cupcakes Can YOU decorate a cupcake to look like a turkey? For children and teens. Register at bit.ly/fmplturkey23 . Thursday, November 9 at 6 pm
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Adult Events

Not a Book Club Book Club Wednesday, Nov. 1 at 6 pm	Readings on Race Book Club Monday, Nov. 13 at 6 pm	Conversations and Coffee Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 6 pm
Homebuyer Education Learn the ins and outs of buying your first home. Register at bit.ly/fmplhome23 . Saturday, Nov. 4 at 1 pm	The Healing Effects of Social Connection and Community Join us and PROUD for a Courageous Conversation on loneliness and connection. Thursday, Nov. 16 at 6 pm	

All Ages Events

Cultural Cuisine Enjoy Cherokee Nation Cooking! Wednesday, Nov. 15 at 6 pm	Board Game Night Try out some new board games! Wednesday, Nov. 29 at 6 pm
November Craft Kits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nov. 13-18: Macrame Bookmark Nov. 27 - Dec. 2: Felt Catchall Pick up a free kit while supplies last!	The library will be closed Saturday, November 11 for Veterans Day and Thursday, November 23 for Thanksgiving.

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24 - Happy Birthday Donna Potter

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November at a Glance

- 1,2 FLIERS Trinkets and Treasures Sale (see ad page 3)
- 5 Daylight Savings Time ends (Fall Back)
- 7 Election Day
- 9 Jeske Park Neighborhood Association Meeting 7PM
- 11 Veterans Day
- 11 St. Vincent DePaul Collection @BTC 9AM-Noon (see ad Page 13)
- 12 Diwali
- 16 West Ferguson Neighborhood Meeting 6PM
- 18 NorthHills Neighborhood Meeting 10AM
- 18 BTC Bingo Night 7 - 9PM
- 23 South Central Neighborhood Meeting 6PM
- 24 Thanksgiving
- 27 South West Neighborhood Meeting 6PM

St. Vincent dePaul Food Pantries— We're still here!

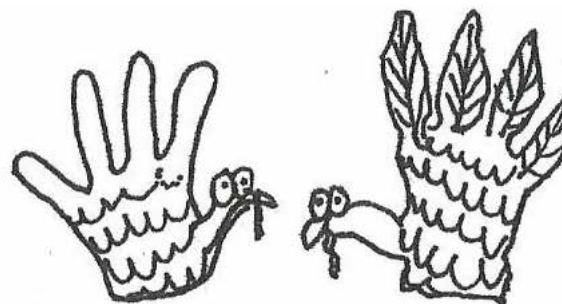
The Society of St. Vincent dePaul Conference continues to operate 2 food pantries in Ferguson. BOTH pantries remain open currently, and for the foreseeable future.

Our Tuesday USDA pantry is located at Blessed Teresa Church, 120 North Elizabeth Ave. We are open from 9:30-11:30 A.M. Our Friday pantry is located on Church Street in the old firehouse. We are also open from 9:30-11:30 A.M. **You may attend one of our pantries once a month.** Our pantries are operated to assist all of our neighbors in need of food. We rely on the US Department of Agriculture (USDA), Operation Food Search, St. Louis Area Foodbank, local grocery stores, and our generous parishioners and neighbors for the food we distribute. Thank you to everyone who donates!

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Ferguson Fire Department's Home Fire Safety Tips

Check Your Detectors

Spring forward, fall back, and check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. When you change your clocks, also change the battery in your detectors. Developing this habit is a good way to remember a simple task that can save your life. Be sure there are working smoke detectors on each floor of your home, particularly outside of sleeping areas. Approximately 20 percent of detectors don't work because of dead or missing batteries. In addition to replacing smoke detector batteries twice a year, smoke detectors should be replaced every 10 years.

Space Heaters

Space heaters need space, too. As the weather gets cooler, space heaters come out of their summer hiding places. Remember to leave at least 3 feet of space around your heater. Unplug it when not in use.

Cozy Up to a Safe Fireplace

Fireplaces are involved in thousands of home fires each year. Before you toss a log on the fire, have your chimney inspected annually and cleaned when needed. Creosote, the buildup of deposits, is a top reason for fireplace fires. In addition, cracks can allow poisonous carbon monoxide to seep into your home. And finally, a thorough inspection will remove any animals that may have built a home in your chimney during the summer. The fire protection association also suggests the use of fireplace screens to keep sparks from floating out. In addition, don't leave your home or go out or go to bed with a fire left burning. And if you have a gas fireplace, have all the connections and lines checked.

Have an Escape Plan in Place

Be sure you have a family fire escape plan, and practice it regularly. Have an escape route for each area of your home and a designated meeting place outside. Draw a map of the escape plan and make it easy for all members of the family to understand. Train every one to stay low to the ground when escaping a fire. If you must travel through smoke to your exit, crawl and keep your head at level of 12-24 inches above the floor. Windows may provide a secondary means of escape from a burning home. For two-story homes, we would suggest the purchase of a non-combustible escape ladder that's tested and listed by an independent testing laboratory. Store the ladder permanently near the window. Escape ladders are available at most hardware stores. Buy one that hangs away from the house, rather than right up against it. Practice deploying the ladder, including how to use it from a first floor widow.

Outside the Home

Never park your car or truck over a pile of leaves. The heat from the vehicle's catalytic converter or exhaust system can ignite the leaves below. The resulting fire could destroy your vehicle. Flammable liquids should not be stored in inside the home. Remove fuel from lawn mowers before storing them for winter. Contact your utility company if trees or branches are not clear of power lines. Prune back trees, and rake up leaves and debris. If you live in an open area with a lot of natural vegetation, consider creating a defensible fire zone around your home. Prune the bottom branches from trees and remove shrubs and trees within 20 feet of your home. Don't store cardboard boxes, paper or other flammable materials in the backyard. These materials provide ready fuel for a fire and all it takes is one spark.

Have a Plan, Be Safe!!



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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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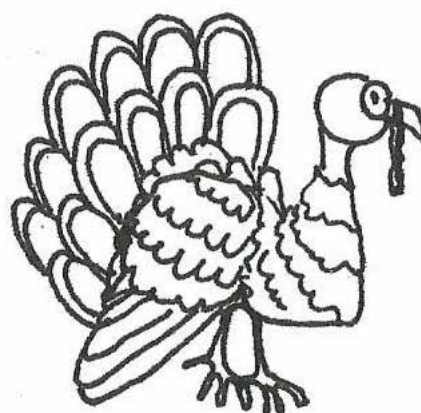
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5. Indian Reservation band
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12. Attire
14. Lorax villain
17. Broadside
18. Unit of maize
20. Medicare sign up acronym
21. Big bird
23. Pre-Olympian god
25. "Touch the __ His garment"
27. One tiny bit
29. 12 mos.
30. Lively dance
31. Coastal city north of LA
32. "Cone of shame" film
33. Separate Tables actor
36. Fall fruit variety
39. Jack's nemesis
40. MRI target in a knee
42. Fluffy filling
43. Onager or hemione
45. It's hot in Hanoi
46. Sabado o Domingo
47. Nickname for a society newbie
49. Bro or sis
51. Erie to Buffalo dir.
52. B&O or CB&Q
53. Galoot
55. Nelly tune
56. Theme for several answers of this puzzle
60. Half of a rock band name
62. Self esteem
63. Director Ephron
64. U.S. immigrant's course
65. Fingerprint patterns
67. Pub tours
69. Microscopic components
70. Syllable representing the original vibration of the universe
71. Sagal or Lewicki

DOWN

1. "Smarter than the average __"
2. Go-fer's task
3. Name shouted in Cheers
4. Org. with Juniors and Cadettes
5. Word following "also" to indicate a loser
6. Eye care brand
7. Slurpee sibling
8. Certain cetacean
9. Chemistry suffix
11. Clementine's dad and his associates
13. But; nevertheless
15. Losing My Religion band
16. Cody's nickname
19. 2001 Haley Joel Osment movie
22. Rapper Def
24. Operatic solo
26. Such as (abbr.)
27. May accompany a BOLO
28. Lafitte and Morgan
30. Spa spouts
34. RN home healthcare grp.
35. Sundown song
37. Unusual
38. Possibly a patron?
39. Olympus resident
41. Pontiac, Osceola & Geronimo
44. Osprey
48. You've got 8 seconds to ride one
50. Commonly heard in Texas
53. Other, abroad
54. No. 26
57. Rootless plant
58. Shape
59. Certain dolls do this
61. Evita narrator
66. Atop
68. Word before Brea or Bamba

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The Curious Case of the Tomato Thief of Royal Avenue

By Michael Pierce

She would strike without warning. It began in the middle of the summer.

We decided to do some front yard gardening this year. My wife spent many hours constructing what she called 'the trellis to make you jealous,' (a sobriquet apparently obtained from a YouTube video), made from three steel fenceposts, a long piece of electrical conduit, and some nylon string strung vertically to create the trellis. It is her pride and joy and, as the tomatoes she had nursed inside the house for many weeks began to crawl towards the heavens on the nylon strings, she looked upon it with pride.

Enter Miss Jennie.

She's a two-year-old red Basset Hound. I've written about her before. She's blind in one eye and the runt of the litter. Jennie came into our lives in early June. She's a really good girl 99.9% of the time. She has several nicknames. My wife calls her Jennie-Boo and Jennie Bean. I sometimes call her Heathen and Stinkerella.

When we're in the front yard we put her on a lead that gives her the run of almost the entire front yard. Our effort to give her as much freedom as possible would eventually become a problem. We were so naïve.

She would wander over and sniff the plants. As the tomatoes began coming in she would sniff them. We never dreamed she had larceny in her heart.

She sniffed the fruits of the vine as they grew. Then she would continue getting her sniffs around the rest of the yard, as she is wont to do. The day finally came when she revealed her true intentions. The day she pulled a half ripe tomato off the vine, then had the nerve to eat it right in front of us.

As time went on we learned to pick them as soon as they began to ripen. The vines grew thicker, and as the vines grew thicker, she would go on deep dives to get the tomatoes that we didn't see. Sometimes they were completely ripe. We caught her doing it one day. She was low as she could get, crawling in, to the point where all we saw was a butt and a wagging tail. Photographic evidence of the incident is included in this article. I laughed heartily. The missus stifled hers.

We planted Habanero and Jalapeno peppers in a raised bed. One day she climbed in and grabbed a Habanero. She was not happy. She bit into it, dropped it, commenced snorting and whimpering and running in a circle while rubbing her face on the ground. She ran up on the porch and chugged a gallon of water. She looked at us like it was our fault.

She's a really good girl 99.9% of the time. It's that .1% that gets her into trouble.

Life with Jennie keeps us entertained, and on our toes.

We love her to the moon and back.





Hello Ferguson!

by Marian Linck

I made it home safe from the big Greek Island Cruise!

We were a gathering of ten in the 40th birthday group. The group was comprised of a bunch of 30 somethings, a couple just barely 40 somethings and two old people, a 60 something and a 70 something. I did my best to keep up with the young people during the day, forget that late-night partying.



We arrived in Athens and were met by a taxi hired by the birthday girl for her father and I to take us to our hotel. The hotel was lovely, small, and very intimate. We were in the heart of Athens and could see the Acropolis from the rooftop bar. The Acropolis is beautifully lit at night and can be seen all over Athens because, by law, there are no high-rise buildings to block the view of the city's most famous landmark. We enjoyed a guided tour of the ancient building and learned much about Greek history. The rest of the day we enjoyed Greek food, wine and of course

Ouzo. I happen to LOVE black jellybeans, so I really enjoyed the Ouzo!

The next day we boarded our cruise ship. I was fortunate enough to have received an upgrade to my cabin. I had booked an inside, solo traveler cabin. That means no window. My upgrade included a balcony with a hammock. I was very happy with my spacious cabin. The ship was large but had warm intimate spaces for groups to gather within. The food was "pretty", delicious and offered the very best coffee I have ever enjoyed. I will not bore you with a day-by-day description of my trip, but I would like to share what was perhaps one of my favorite activities.

The ten of us commissioned a boat in Bodrum, Turkey complete with a pilot and a first mate. We went island and beach hopping all day. One stop included a beachside cave. We were invited to swim into the cave and enjoy some warm water. We were then instructed to rub mud all over

ourselves and each other. We let the mud dry and then jumped back into the water. I must admit, my skin felt great! The first mate provided a delicious lunch after one of our stops. We were enjoying after lunch cocktails when a boat pulled up close to ours. It was an Ice Cream Boat! We were like little kids with excitement over the ice cream boat. Everyone enjoyed an ice cream confection. I think I know my next dream job! Seriously, who would not love to see a floating ice cream truck at the lake? Who wants to go in business with me?

The islands we visited included Santorini, Rhodes, Bodrum, and Mykonos. I toured a bit of Rhodes and learned much about the local wine and listened to the tour guide's theory about the devastating fires on that island. Her theory was indeed from political leanings and made me think about the fires in Maui.

Mykonos is a party island with private beach parties. Yes, my crew rented a cabana, a "cabana boy" and purchased a LOT of vodka! This old lady got a taxi and went back to the ship around 6PM while I could still walk in a straight line and be able to communicate to the taxi driver where I needed to go. The youngsters partied into the night. Mykonos is also a good place to shop for Greek souvenirs. I was concerned about the extra weight in my luggage, so I was prudent.

I am currently trying to compile my many photos into a book. This was indeed the trip of a lifetime. I do not know when or if I will travel abroad again, but I am so grateful to have been able to take advantage of this opportunity with my son, his partner, Liz, her family, and friends.

Thank you for reading my articles. Thank you also for letting me bore you just a little about my adventure to the Greek Islands. I know it is difficult to listen to someone go on and on relaying every moment of their experiences while traveling.

I truly enjoyed the cruise and visiting Greece. I am, however, very happy to be home.

You may reach me at manhattanmarian@gmail.com. I have enjoyed hearing from some of you and appreciate your positive comments. Thank you!



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What's Fresh: November

Joia Walker - EarthDance Farm to School Educator

As a part of the collaborative Farm to School Program with the Ferguson-Florissant School District, the team at EarthDance Organic Farm School has started the "What's Fresh" initiative! What's Fresh highlights farm fresh organic produce in its season, in hopes of educating families, neighbors, staff, and students on the benefits of growing and eating fresh produce. Each produce item featured can be found and purchased right here at EarthDance growing on our organic farm!

What a wonderful season it's been here at EarthDance. We've grown food and people right here in the heart of Ferguson, and now we're welcoming fall. Fall for us means celebrating the end of our volunteer season with a bonfire, planting garlic and greens and putting our summer crops to bed. Though our pace may be a little slower, there are still a few crops that just won't quit.

This November, EarthDance is cooking up a little 24 carrot magic, with carrots that were harvested in the early fall to be stored for winter! Carrots are jam packed with vitamin A, which can support eye health, fight cancer and even help prevent night blindness. In fact, just one cup of carrots contains 100% of the recommended daily intake of vitamin A. Hip hip hooray for vitamin A! Carrots also contain carotenoids which give carrots their beautiful orange color. Carotenoids can help balance blood sugar which is good news for those with diabetes. Need energy to last throughout the day? Carrots can help! Raw or blanched carrots can help provide steady energy to the body because they are low on the glycemic index. There are so many ways to enjoy carrots. Whether raw, steamed, roasted, or mashed, do your body a favor and grab a carrot for your next snack break.



EarthDance Farm Manager Jena Hood with just a portion of our fall carrot harvest. Photo by Farmer Will Delacey

Warm up during the cool weather with this flavorful Thai Coconut Curry Carrot Soup recipe from budgetbytes.com

Thai Coconut Curry Carrot Soup

SERVINGS about 1.5 cups each

PREP: 15 minutes COOK: 40 minutes TOTAL: 55 minutes

INGREDIENTS

- 2 Tbsp butter or coconut oil (\$0.26)
- 1 yellow onion (\$0.32)
- 4 Tbsp red Thai curry paste (\$1.45)
- 1 lb. carrots (\$0.89)
- 1 sweet potato (about 3/4 lb.) (\$0.84)
- 3 cups vegetable broth* (\$0.39)
- 1 13.5oz. can full fat coconut milk (\$1.99)
- salt and pepper to taste (\$0.05)

Optional Garnishes

- cilantro (\$0.25)
- sriracha (\$0.25)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Dice the onion and add it to a large pot along with the butter (or coconut oil). Sauté the onion until soft and translucent (about 5 minutes).
2. Once the onions are soft, add the Thai curry paste and continue to sauté for about a minute more.
3. While the onion is sautéing, peel and dice the sweet potato (about 1-inch cubes). Add the sweet potato to the pot after the curry paste has sautéed, and continue to sauté the sweet potatoes while you peel and slice the carrots. Add the carrots to the pot as you slice them.
4. Add the vegetable broth to the pot, stir to combine, place a lid on top, and turn the heat up to medium-high. Allow the soup to come to a boil, then turn the heat down to low (or just above low) and allow it to simmer for 30 minutes, stirring occasionally. After 30 minutes the sweet potatoes and carrots should be extremely tender and fall apart as you stir the pot.
5. Turn the heat off and remove the pot from the hot stove top to facilitate cooling (to another area on the stove is fine). Add the coconut milk and stir to combine. You can reserve a tablespoon or two of the coconut milk to garnish the finished soup, if desired.
6. Use an immersion blender, or allow the soup to cool further and carefully purée in batches using a traditional blender. Once the soup is puréed, give it a taste and add salt or pepper if desired (this will depend largely on the type of broth used). Garnish with fresh cilantro and a drizzle of sriracha, if desired.



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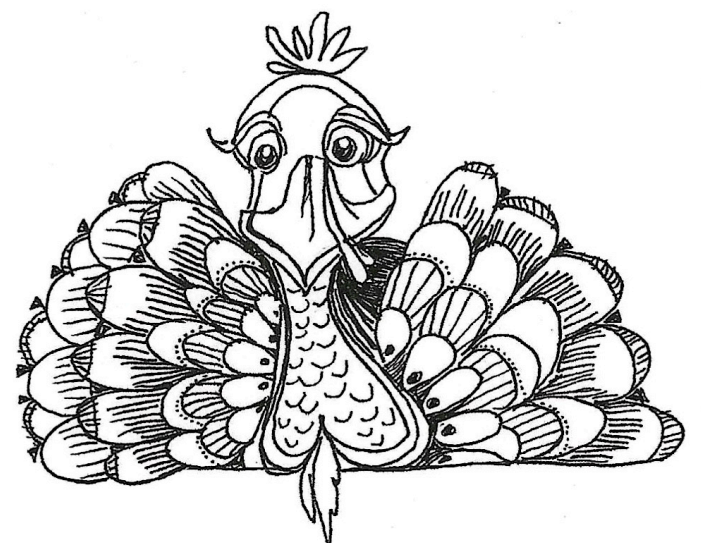
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The Ferguson Computer Corner

by Doug Neely

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Let us check with Wincalendar.com to see what is in store for us this month.

1st---All Saints Day
 2nd---All Souls Day
 (If I may make a differentiation between the 1st and the 2nd, it appears the first is more about the saints who are alive, and the 2nd concentrates on the saints who have passed. Please study this on your own.)
 5th---daylight savings time ends...adjust your clocks accordingly.
 7th---election day...elect only the best candidates!
 11th---Veterans Day...we owe them a debt that cannot be repaid, so we honor them as best we can!
 23rd---Thanksgiving Day...i think we all know what this day is for, and we know what to do. Therefore, let us be truly thankful to God!

INFECTIONS, dept.
 Let's say that we have a desire to infect a bunch of puters with the best malware we can make. If it were me, I would like to NOT have it be detected, but remain active for as long as possible. One of the reasons might be to have a constant income of either valuable data or cash. Only some of the best protective software would be able to detect and defeat it. So, if YOU do not know about the infection, it will stay on your puter and send itself out to everyone on your email list, and so on.

Then there are some bad guys who are more interested in just \$\$\$. In this scenario, you may get a message when you start your puter which tells you that in order to unlock your puter, you will have to send a lot of \$\$\$ to a certain account, and then the bad guy (IF you can trust him) will send you the password to unlock your puter. I mean, why would he bother if you already paid him. If you choose not to pay him, he also needs to do nothing further. He doesn't care; he will get many others to pay him off. Hint: any anti-virus is not gonna unlock your puter, so you're pretty much on your own to wipe your drive and re-install your operating system. Be sure to add some much better protective software immediately following this re-installation.

Sometimes the bad guy will simply destroy all the data on your puter before you can do anything. He will just count the number of puters he destroyed and tell his peers that he is the best, and to see if they can do more damage than he did, if that is even possible. This earns him a great deal of respect. He will be highly revered in his little group, which makes him feel really wonderful. What a guy!
 I could go on with different examples, but you get the idea. Now imagine that you have a stain on your favorite shirt.

If you know what kind of cleaner to use on it, great. If you don't, you may try different things. Maybe you will get lucky. Maybe you won't.

Often you don't get lucky. Now you will try to replace your shirt, IF it is available and doesn't cost too much. See what I'm saying?

What if you need to match the paint on your car? Your house? What if you loose the recipe for grandma's plum pudding? Beef stew? Vegetable soup? Can you replicate it? Or is it gone forever?

What To Do?, dept.
 well, don't get infected. Obviously. How do I do that?
 Getting the best protective software is only part of the prevention. You have to know how malware works. Believe it or not, knowing just how malware works sometimes is all you need to PREVENT bad stuff from happening.

How Do Infections Happen?, dept.
 for instance, MOST of the time infections occur when you open an email that you shouldn't. Most of the time, all you have to do is to put your mouse cursor onto the FROM address (do NOT click). See if is the same as the address that is listed without hovering the cursor. Do you recognize EITHER of the addresses? Find anything even a little funky? Send it to the trash. Better yet, send it to the spam container.

Or how about the "advertisement"? It can be on a webpage, or it could be on a pop-up. Don't put your mouse cursor anywhere near it, even if you think that since you are on a trusted, known safe website that ads are safe. They take in \$\$\$ to pay for their expenditures just like anybody else does. Paying for technicians to verify the safety of ads costs \$\$\$ too. Even the "trustworthy" websites do not verify ALL, or even MOST of their ads.
 They just load them up on their pages as-is so they can start raking in the \$\$\$ as soon as possible. Like I said, keep your cursor AWAY from ads.

The above are just 2 examples of stuff you didn't know could get you into a lot of trouble. The BEST cure is still PREVENTION!

ME GO NOW!
 I have to go get ready for church. I don't get to go as much as I used to, so every time I can go is really special to me. Go whenever you can! You will be happy you did!
 If you would like to talk to someone about visiting my church, call 314-868-3232. The church office is open from 9am to 4pm M-F, not including holidays. Sometimes an "emernency" comes up and nobody is in the office. Just keep trying until you get someone. You can leave a message if nobody answers. Or you can just call on God Himself; He is always in! :)

IF YOU would like to ask Doug for some of his puter advice, or for any reason, really, email him at:
 fergusoncomputercorner@aol.com
 Be sure to put "I need puter advice" into the subject line, and include your local telephone number so he can call you back. Blessings to all!

The Aloha Spirit

by Bob McGartland

In this month's article I want to share with all of you the experience I had on my recent trip to Maui Hawaii. The news and reports of the wildfires that happened in Maui in August did raise some concerns; should we travel over there in September, just a month after the devastation? My wife and I had a ten-day trip planned to Maui since April. As we got closer to our trip my wife decided to stay home, yet I was feeling the call to go and help with the relief efforts. Before I left, I got in touch with a couple of organizations that were assisting the victims of the wildfires. With only a month after the fires the need was growing for volunteers to come out and help.

When I stepped off the plane in Maui, the weather was warm and sunny. The palm trees swaying in the wind. Ahh, Hawaii, the tropical paradise you always read about. I got the sense of the Aloha Spirit right away from the people at the airport. It is the ancient native spirit that is present in all the Hawaiian Islands. Aloha means "Presence of Breath" or Breath of Life".

"Aloha" is more than a word of greeting or farewell or a salutation.

"Aloha" means mutual regard and affection and extends warmth in caring with no obligation in return.

"Aloha" is the essence of relationships in which each person is important to every other person for collective existence.

"Aloha" means to hear what is not said, to see what cannot be seen and to know the unknowable.

So important is this spirit of Aloha here in Hawaii that it has actually been written into the Hawaii Statutes. Section 57.5 states:

"All citizens and government officials of Hawai'i are obligated by law to conduct themselves in accordance with this law, while performing their duties and obligations, as well as in their day-to-day living. Likewise, those visiting our fair islands are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with this Hawaiian law. [5-7.5] "Aloha Spirit"(a) "Aloha Spirit" is the coordination of mind and heart within each person. It brings each person to the self. Each person must think and emote good feelings to others. In the contemplation and presence of the life force, "Aloha".

The next few days I was in tourist mode, hiking a few trails, trying some native food and enjoying the sunset over the horizon of the deep blue Pacific Ocean. I was experiencing God's natural beauty that encompassed the island of Maui.

My first experience helping with the relief efforts was in a small town in the upcountry part of Maui called Makawao. The local Catholic church had set up disaster relief center for the victims of two smaller wildfires around the town of Kula. This area was 25 miles away from the major wildfire in Lahaina. More than twenty homes were destroyed. The church center had adult and children clothing and shoes, food, water, toiletries, baby items and diapers. I assisted victims who arrived at the center gathering the different items they needed. Hearing their stories that everything they owned was gone kept me humble and thankful for the many blessings I have here back at home. Yet these people were very thankful and exhibited the "Aloha Spirit". Later I was talking with one of the local volunteers who works in real estate, she explained many of the people who lost their homes also have huge financial challenges ahead of them as well. She explained that these homes have been in their families for generations. Since the property values are so high in Maui, there could have been 3 to 5 people all related to each other, in the household working to pay the high mortgage payments. She said many of the insurance policies don't have enough coverage to rebuild the home to the current building codes.

My next volunteer opportunity led me to the west side of Maui near the city of Lahaina. It was a sobering moment driving through the town of Lahaina and seeing the devastation with my own eyes. Entire streets once lined with houses with only their stone foundation remaining. Amazingly, there were some houses untouched by the wildfires as though the fire just jumped over those houses. It will take some time for those people who didn't lose their homes to return, because the utilities infrastructure has been destroyed by the wildfires. There was a small group of us volunteers let off at Pu'uhoonua National Historical Park about two miles from Lahaina. Pu'uhoonua means "a place of refuge". This was one of three very large relief centers set up to assist the people from Lahaina. 7,500 people from Lahaina have been displaced by the wildfires. Most of them have been set up in 35 hotels in the nearby area.

There was a huge kitchen tent set up that prepared hot meals for people. Two large tents house the Medic area staffed by volunteer doctors and nurses that help the people with many different medical needs. Other tents house clothing, baby items, toiletries and a food pantry. There was a tent staffed by trained professionals that provided mental health counseling to the victims. We spent the day helping people load their vehicles with much needed bottled water, food and other items. The Aloha Spirit was very much felt from the gratitude expressed by the victims of the wildfires, along with the main volunteers at the park. Some of those volunteers have been working there 7 days a week.

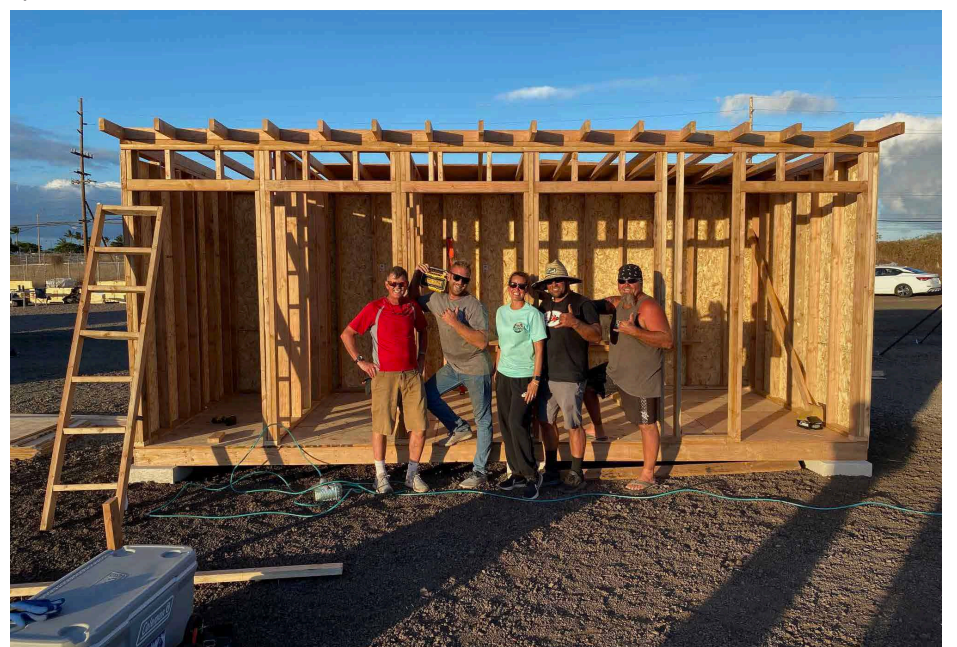
I have to say this next volunteer opportunity to help in the relief efforts was my most fulfilling one. One Tuesday morning a group of over 50 volunteers showed up to a large vacant rock paved piece of ground that was recently donated by the State of Maui for a temporary shelter site. This site needed to be ready to house the first group of people being released from the hotels on Friday morning. Most of the volunteers gravitated towards assembling the large sleeping tents. I found myself helping build one of the restroom buildings. There was Bryan and his wife Annie from Oregon, Dee, a building contractor from the Big Island and me all without any tools. Luckily two local contractors Bruce and Mark showed up soon with all of their tools. This whole shelter project was approved only a week earlier so there were no drawn up plans for the buildings. Dee gave us verbal instructions that these buildings would be 20 feet long by 8 feet wide with 4 regular size stalls and one handicap size stall on the end. With no electrical power, using battery operated saws and screw guns we went to work. We accomplished a lot on the first day with getting the foundation and the outside and inside walls built. We even had to make a ladder to put up the roof supports. By early Thursday afternoon when I had to go, most of the building was completed. The doors just arrived, and Bruce would be hanging them next. Unfortunately, the toilets still didn't show up, so they were bringing in temporary portable potties. You can see from the photo the Maui build team bonded together.

The Aloha Spirit carried us through those three days. A good friendship developed amongst us. We shared our cell phone numbers so we can stay in touch. I watched Frank the native Hawaiian who was in charge of pulling this site together in four days. No matter what obstacle came his way he calmly worked through it. There was Nicole Huguenin co-leader of Maui Rapid Response who worked with the State of Maui to make this project come together. The words she spoke to us volunteers on Tuesday morning were filled with the Aloha Spirit. I returned to the shelter site on Saturday afternoon right before flying out to see how things came together. 45 people had already arrived and were expecting another 40 to 50 more in the next few days. They named the site, "Pu'uhoonua o Nene", meaning A Safe Place of Refuge.

For more information and other pictures, you can pull up this link. <https://humanservices.hawaii.gov/blog/puuhonua-o-nene-a-temporary-shelter/>

Prayers for the people of Maui are needed. If you would like to support a good organization, you can send a donation to Maurapidresponse.org.

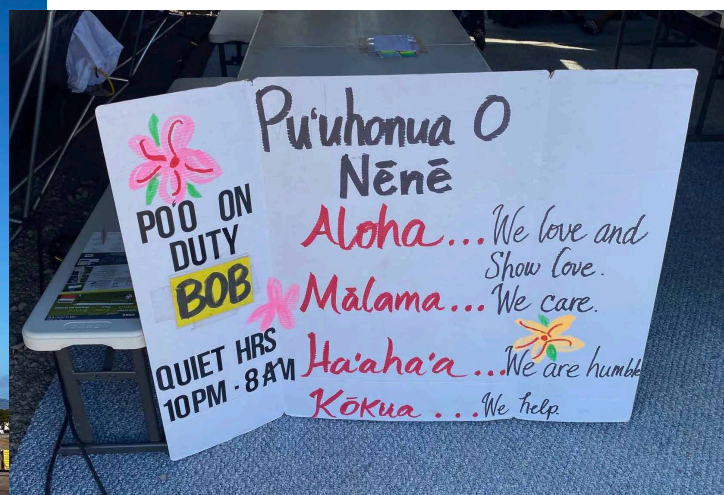
Many of us have worked through and helped out with our own local disasters. We have seen that Aloha Spirit within our community with people coming together. "Having that mutual regard and affection extends warmth and caring with no obligation in return." I am glad to discover this kind of goodness is very much alive across the many miles to our fellow citizens in Maui Hi. Aloha!



The Maui Build Team Me, Bruce, Annie, Bryan and D



Sleeping tents assembled the first build day



Welcome Sign at the registration tent at the Shelter Site



A Symbol of Love for the victims of Lahaina



Above: Sunset over the Pacific Horizon
Below: Relief Center in Pu'uhonua National Historical Park



A section of Lahaina destroyed by wildfires

Digital Ferguson - Odds and Ends 1.0

by David Pickens

Since some topics don't need or deserve enough space for an entire article I'll gather them together periodically in one of these Odds and Ends articles containing a variety of hopefully interesting digital flimflam and technical tidbits.

The Passkeys are Coming! The Passkeys are Coming!

Actually passkeys are sort of already here, and some of you might even be using them. But they are pretty new kids on the block and the infrastructure to completely absorb this technology will take some time to build. But since passkeys will eventually completely eliminate the use of passwords on Planet Earth they will be welcomed by everyone but criminals.

Passkeys use a personal physical device that has been introduced to a system to prove that you are who you say you are. The first examples of these were USB devices called FIDO keys. Once a personal FIDO key is correctly introduced to a system (such as your bank's web site for example) when you try to log on instead of asking for a password the system will ask you to insert your FIDO passkey and boom you are logged in.

Today every major technology player is moving to support this technology and it has been built into iPhone and Android devices, Windows, Mac, and Linux systems and every major web browser. So instead of a USB device your phone (or desktop PC) will store the secret keys that allow you to enter these systems.

The biggest problem with systems that depend upon passwords is that these credentials can be stolen and used maliciously. With passkeys this just isn't possible. We're going to be in a transition phase for perhaps years before every system has been modified to accept this new form of security. If you have a Google.com account you can jump right in and try the passwordless login experience.

The Ads are Disappearing! The Ads are Disappearing!

I might get some angry mail about this but online advertisements are annoying, especially sites that pop them up constantly. And auto-play video ads drive me completely out of my skull. Yes I know the sites are only trying to make a buck and even this paper depends on ads to stay in business. But I hate them.

And I think the reason for this hate is they are often just totally out of control endlessly popping up demanding my attention away from the things I want to give my attention. It's sort of like in olden times of yore, when people did things like "go for a drive in a car" that you would see billboard after billboard. You couldn't even see anything but billboards everywhere as far as the eye could see. And finally after years of complaints the US Government did something about this and began to regulate the number of billboards you have to see as you travel along the highways. But that has never happened on the World Wide Web.

Now I could walk you through the many products that are available to help solve this problem but I suggest you use the #1 product on the planet which is Adblockplus. It's free, it works, and it will help make your online experience much more pleasant. In fact you'll be shocked and annoyed if you surf the web on someone else's system that doesn't have the product installed. It's freeware but they would really appreciate support even if it's a small amount I try to send them a donation once a year - which is about how often you will get a donation beg screen from them.

And also realize that since they are so wildly popular you will find dozens and dozens of products that sound like Adblockplus but it isn't that product at all but sounds similar. You can find the correct product at <http://adblockplus.org>

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Financial Focus – Being Prepared!

By Joan Cleaveland (cleav73@gmail.com)

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This month, I hope to present some ideas for creating an emergency fund and helping your children learn the value of saving. As I've mentioned many times in this column we hear so often about how most Americans could not face a \$400 emergency with ready cash. Of course, today an emergency is likely to cost a lot more, so being prepared should be a goal for everyone. Being able to sock away a small amount on a regular basis is the key to starting this emergency fund. No matter how small you must start out, making it easy and consistent will help you stick to it. Most financial planners suggest saving 20% of your income. Depending on how much income you have that percentage may seem difficult to achieve. Especially for those living paycheck to paycheck, it may seem impossible, don't be discouraged.

A first step is to figure out how much you can comfortably put away each payday or each month. Knowing the cost to keep a roof over head, eat and maintain some type of transportation are usually pretty fixed amounts. Other spending for discretionary items can be adjusted with some sacrifices on your part to increase the amount you can save. I recall years ago when a money manager was sharing ideas with me on being frugal, he suggested that cutting out a cup of coffee at the local coffee shop would be a good start. While that may not seem like much, he was right, looking at how you spend your hard earned money can really be an eye opener. If you do that for 3 months you can get a pretty accurate picture of your spending habits. But don't let that make you put off starting to save. Just settle on a figure, it can always be adjusted over time by tracking your spending and adjusting to increase the amount you are saving to possibly reach that 20% goal.

Now it's time to set up a "no fail" savings plan. It needs to be simple and automatic. Just happens! Perhaps your employer allows payroll direct deposit to multiple accounts, so just set up a savings account to accept a deposit with every payday of your savings amount. Before you know it you'll see the funds add up when you check your accounts on-line. Twenty-five dollars would be great, but even ten is something to start with. Another option might be to set up a re-occurring transfer using your bank's on-line system. It could coincide with your pay days or be set monthly when you pay bills. In the past people often used a jar to collect their savings or even a sugar bowl. As we've seen in movies, stealing from these containers was pretty easy and having the discipline to keep from borrowing the money was another problem. So even though you could tap into your savings account, your self-discipline must be strong enough to stop you.

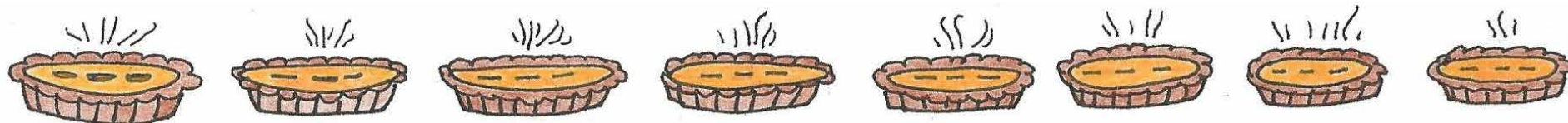
Let's say your emergency savings reaches \$400 – are you done at that magic number? No way! Now is the time to re-evaluate your savings plan with the goal of increasing it. So if you have been tracking your spending and seeing the growth in your small savings, you can now work towards

the 20% of your income goal. Keep in mind there are many things you can be saving for and initially we were working on getting an emergency fund started. Retirement is another need for some preparation and savings. If your employer provides a retirement plan using a 401k or something that allows you to contribute and also provide employer contributions to match your own, take advantage of this. Increasing your savings might mean creating a payroll deduction to go straight to the retirement fund and receive a match from the company – this is a benefit many people do not take advantage of. It is basically free money and increases your savings in the most painless way. Another way this helps put money in your pocket is the lower taxes you will pay by taking advantage to set aside money in a retirement fund.

By now, you may have about five or ten percent of your income going into savings for your emergency fund and retirement. That is something to be proud of and helps you to be prepared. Recommendations for an emergency fund typically show about 90 days of regular household expenses to be available in savings. If you have this as a regular habit now it becomes easier. Each year, or when a life change such as a new baby, a new job, or a salary increase; it's a good idea to re-evaluate your savings plan. Other ideas to incorporate may be to put away funds each month to cover any bills you pay annually. This may be car or homeowners insurance. If your home is paid off you might want to put away an amount each month to be prepared for real estate taxes, with a mortgage this is usually taken care of within your monthly payment.

This all sounds good, but what if you have had an emergency or other unexpected expenses have cropped up recently. This does happen to everyone from time to time. It also demonstrates how your savings may have been there to fall back on. And that is a good example for your encouragement to keep up with your savings. Another point is to recognize that for the first time in nearly fifteen years, we've actually seen some savings interest rates climb. While many people worry about the mortgage rates, consumers should be more attracted to saving because it is an important part of creating financial independence. This is also a great example to be setting for your family. If your children have been able to start earning some money and are at least twelve, many banks are targeting them as customers with encouragement to save and spend wisely. Meeting with them and sharing some information about being prepared financially can also get them involved with helping make family choices. Allowing their input on vacations and leisure spending can improve their decision making skills. It may also help them experience the consequences of a poor choice without too much damage. Hope you can start and keep up with your savings plan. If everyone could do this our economic outlook will improve.

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



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YOUR SPECIAL BLESSING FOR TODAY

By Dr. Larry A. Brown

If you are able to read this article today, then you are blessed beyond description. Just think about those persons you used to know who are no longer alive for some reason. Some may be contemporaries of yours, they grew up with you and went to school with you, but they are gone and you're still here. What a blessing for you!

Some may be older than you and have left the scene, having lived a long life and passed away under natural aging causes. But you're still here and what a blessing that is.

Some, no doubt, may be younger than you and have passed away due to premature health issues, accidental causes, or detrimental life styles. However, you're still here and that's a blessing!

Sometimes we forget or just fail to think about why we are here and why we have not become a victim to any of the situations that have caused the deaths of others whom we have known. This should not be taken lightly, with a grain of salt, or with very casual reflection, because there must be a reason. It could have been either of us in the place of anyone of those folks who are no longer with us, and for that alone, we need to understand the blessing that's involved.

In Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's beautiful poem "A Psalm of Life" it reminds us that "Life is real! Life is earnest and the grave is not its goal. Life, therefore, gives us an opportunity for achievement, which can benefit us individually, benefit others with whom we may connect, or it may be the kind of achievement that benefits both us and others.

The sooner we understand this phenomena, the more likely we will be to accomplish meaningful things during the time we have here on earth. We must live each day as if there is no tomorrow. Procrastination is a real thief of time. We should act in the present (which is the gift that God has given us).

Yesterday is history, and tomorrow is a question mark. So act now while you have breath, sight, and presence of mind so that you can initiate and aspire to see your thought to conclusion.

Your bright idea, especially if it is about something positive, deserves to be birthed into reality by you, because God gave it to you to move forward. Don't have to look back at a later time and say "I woulda, I coulda, I shoulda if I had only known".

So while you are experiencing this blessing of life, make it meaningful for yourself or for your generation. Most millionaires have tried more than one business venture and kept pursuing until they struck gold. Most people who have made it big and are widely known for their talent or skill are folks who have pursued excellency. So my word to you is to act now so that either you may achieve a higher level of success or someone who may walk in your footsteps or review your life's pursuits may benefit from something positive that you did.

The poem's final stanza says "Let us then, be up and doing, with a heart for any fate: still achieving, still pursuing, learn to labor and to wait".

So, let's get busy, thanking the creator for life and making something or someone better with our existence. If you are having difficulty deciding what to do first, remember saving a life is a very noble and worthwhile achievement, and you can help accomplish this by donating funds for "tee shirts" with the slogan "I'M ALIVE, LET ME SURVIVE". Each tax deductible \$10 you donate to Grace Chapel Ministries will produce a tee shirt that will be given to someone who lives in a high crime area. Repetitive viewing of this slogan will cause people to have more respect for life and act as a deterrent to unnecessary killing. WE MUST HELP STOP THE RASH OF UNNECESSARY MURDER OF INNOCENT PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY!!

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THE PROBLEM WITH PLASTIC BAGS

submitted by the Ferguson Eco Team

From major waterways such as the nearby Mississippi River plastic bags make their way to the ocean, where some poor critters such as endangered sea turtles mistake them for other critters such as jellyfish on which they love snacking.

Americans use 100 billion plastic bags a year, which require 12 million barrels of oil to manufacture. ... Up to 80 percent of ocean plastic pollution enters the ocean from land. At least 267 different species have been affected by plastic pollution in the ocean. 100,000 marine animals are killed by plastic bags annually. Try to use less plastic bags and Please remember to recycle your plastic bags.

One last thing: If you want to see an eye opening movie on plastic. Go to the discovery channel on the Internet and look for The Story of Plastic.



When the weather turns cold, it can bring a chill into our homes. Portable space heaters have become a popular way to supplement central heating or heat one room. If you plan to use portable electric space heaters, make sure to follow these tips and recommendations:

HEATER CHECKLIST

- Purchase a heater with the seal of a qualified testing laboratory.
- Keep the heater at least 3 feet (1 metre) away from anything that can burn, including people.
- Choose a heater with a thermostat and overheat protection.
- Place the heater on a solid, flat surface.
- Make sure your heater has an auto shut-off to turn the heater off if it tips over.
- Keep space heaters out of the way of foot traffic. Never block an exit.
- Keep children away from the space heater.
- Plug the heater directly into the wall outlet. Never use an extension cord.
- Space heaters should be turned off and unplugged when you leave the room or go to bed.

Types of electric space heaters

- Oil or water-filled radiator**
Heated oil or water travels through the heater.
- Fan-forced heater**
A fan blows warm air over metal coils.
- Ceramic heater**
Air is warmed over a ceramic heating element.
- Infrared heaters**
Heat is created by infrared bulbs.

Fact

Two in five deaths in space heater fires involve portable electric space heaters.

Crossword Solution from page 4

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St. Vincent de Paul food collection event, combined with donations of warming clothes (hats, gloves, and NEW socks).

Canned goods and non-perishable food items will be collected on the parish lot with all proceeds going to our St. Vincent de Paul conference.

In addition to food, we will also be collecting new and gently used "warm" clothes items that will be donated to a local shelter.

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta | 150 N. Elizabeth Ave. Ferguson, MO 63135

EarthDance Organic Farm School

EarthDance Organic Farm School integrates ecological food production and hands-on education on the historic Mueller Farm on South Dade Avenue in Ferguson. We offer our produce on a pay what you can basis at both the Ferguson Farmers Market on Saturdays and our Farm Stand on Sundays. Through our hands-on educational programs and a variety of events, EarthDance trains the next generation of farmers and gardeners and cultivates community.

An important part of our work is getting to know our neighbors, so, we'd like to share a little bit about some of our team with readers of the Ferguson Neighborhood News!

Joia Walker, a McCluer Senior High graduate, has spent most of her life right here in Ferguson. She is now works as the **Farm to School Educator** at EarthDance. She started at EarthDance as an apprentice and is a chef who owns her own meal prep business ~ Inheirited. Connect with Joia for all things Farm to School & Freshmobile!

Will Delacey, **Harvest & Distribution Coordinator and Farmer**, has a bachelor's degree in horticulture from the University of Arkansas, has worked in a variety of agricultural settings, and loves bees. Reach out to him for anything related to buying produce, Farmers Market, or growing plants.

Alisha Harris, **Outreach & Volunteer Coordinator**, started at EarthDance as a volunteer and feels that working at the farm connects her to her soul's purpose and her own history, her family deeply rooted in nearby Kinloch. She has first-hand experience of living in communities that suffer from food apartheid and feels her perspective lends well to helping people navigate challenges in accessing food. Connect with Alisha to learn more about shopping at the Pay What You Can Farm Stand and volunteering at EarthDance.

Cary Aye, **Property Manager**, is also a Ferguson resident. He is a master of all trades including carpentry, mechanics and resource management on the farm. Cary is a problem solver and spends a lot of energy making the behind-the-scenes infrastructure run smoothly.

Christa Eilman serves as EarthDance's **Bookkeeper** and works with the Operations Manager to support human resources. Christa's roots in farming go back to her father, who was raised on a farm and still grows vegetables at the family home in Ferguson. Christa is also a longtime Ferguson resident who raised her family here.

Jena Hood, **Farm Manager & Lead Educator**, started at EarthDance as an apprentice and became the farm manager in 2020. Jena leads the farm team, collaboratively adapting to the ever-evolving needs of the farm, digging into the soil each day. Jena teaches learners of all ages who come to the farm and leads Spring Training for Gardeners and the Farm & Garden Apprenticeship.

Molly Rockamann, **Founder and CEO**, manages the team and overall operations and assists with programs, fundraising, and community

outreach. She also works closely with the Board of Directors on strategic planning and finances. After living overseas, she ultimately decided her heart was in the heartland and returned to her family's roots in Ferguson. Molly is proud to be a Ferguson resident, and loves living across the street from Jeske Park with her dog Ruby.

Spread the word: EarthDance is currently hiring for a Finance & Database Manager position!

To learn more and meet the rest of our team, visit our website at www.earthdancefarms.org/staff



EarthDance Organic Farm School Staff:
Front row: Development Director Rachel Levi, Founder & CEO Molly Rockamann, Director of Impact Tiffany Brewer, Farm Manager Jena Hood

Second row, from left: Operations Manager Margaret Gerker, Outreach & Volunteer Coordinator Alisha Harris, Farmer Zoey Craun, Farm to School Educator Joia Walker, Program & Marketing Coordinator Jess Coffin

Third row, from left: Development & Communications Manager Laken Sylvander, Property Manager Cary Aye, Farmer Jo Phillips, Harvest & Distribution Coordinator Will Delacey, Farm Storytelling AmeriCorps VISTA Sammy Elwell

Ferguson Has A History Museum

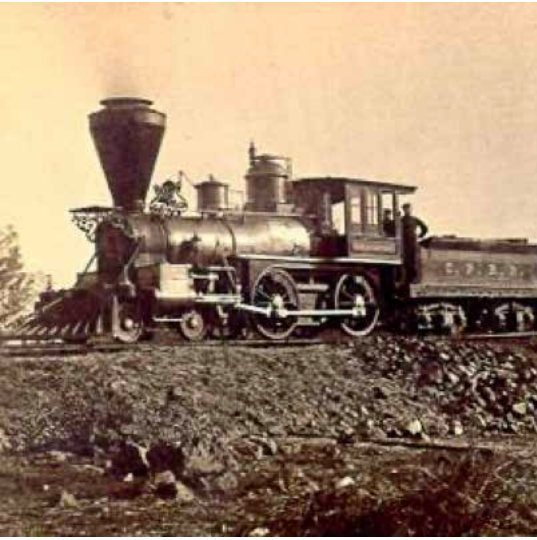
Ferguson has a Historical Society and a History Museum. We encourage any people reading this article to join in the conversation or become a member. Contact information is at the bottom of this article.



Last month we featured some of the stories by an early Ferguson resident, Mr. Harry Behle (in 1972). This month we will continue with Mr. Behle, along with the same disclosures: There could be some language which by current times may seem inappropriate. For clarity some words of Mr. Behle will be deleted as indicated by . . . Finally, we may use italics to add words to clarify something.

We do not know a lot about Mr. Behle, but we know that he was a second generation Fergusonite as he talks about his father being here before the Civil War and the fact that he was a life-long resident of Ferguson. We put his birth slightly prior of the start of the 19th Century. He begins by telling a story of his father and the early railroad locomotives of that era.

“The train left St. Louis for St. Charles. The engineer (of the train) came by the match factory (which wasn’t there at the time but was there during 1972) where it’s an upgrade hill and sometimes could not make the grade.



My father was plowing on the north side of the railroad track with his team of oxen when he seen the predicament the engineer was in – he unhooked his team of oxen from the plow and hooked them onto the engine and with the team of oxen he pulled them over the hump and the engineer took off for St. Charles and my father went back to his plowing”

Remember, the Ferguson family arrived in the Ferguson area in 1845. The Civil War began in 1860 – 15 years later. 1848 saw significant European emigration to America. Mr. Behle goes on, “. . .about that time my father and Uncle Henry Bailey came from Germany, and they got acquainted with Mr. Ferguson and they rented the ground. . . They cleared some of the land and raised farm crops on it. They were well established when the Civil War broke out and all the men had to serve in the army. Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Bailey were family-men but my father served as a single man and during the war Mrs. Henry Bailey lived in Mr. Ferguson’s house which he had built for himself on Clay Avenue. She was the only living soul in Ferguson with her children during the Civil War. Her older son, Charlie, was the first white baby born in Ferguson. If there was any other babies before that, they were Indians. We cannot verify that these final statements are true – it is not probable that in the 1860’s there was only one person here - but it is a good story.



Florissant Rd ca. 1910

“One tragedy that happened was in 1894 (year of Ferguson’s official birth) when the business district burned to the ground. They had a lumber yard, harness shop, tailor shop, butcher shop, grocery store – both sides of the street on Church and Florissant Road burned to the ground.” Buildings at

this time were mainly wood constructed. This gave way to many of the present brick buildings we see along Florissant Road.

Mr. Behle goes on to say “One thing that was very important that I would like to mention, they had a plank road built from Florissant to St. Louis. They cut big heavy timber and laid them crossways across the road for miles. Under the Wabash Bridge was a toll collector and everybody that went beyond the bridge either way had to pay 25-cents to maintain the board roads . . .” The Ferguson before 1900 was a very different place from after. The years of “Mr. Ferguson” were pioneer years. After 1900 Ferguson begins to look like the 20th Century city we all can recognize. Also, the bridge that Mr. Behle mentions is not the railroad overpass over the current Florissant.

Finally, Mr. Behle gives a good description of the Ferguson railroad station: I know a lot of people in Ferguson now will remember a huge water tank that was standing north of the station. The Wabash Railroad build a large tank there no doubt 14 to 16 feet in diameter, but the tank didn’t mean anything if they didn’t have no water so the railroad company bought the January Lake from Mr. January and laid an underground pipeline from the lake into this tank. The tank was about the same level that the pond was so they had a tank full of water at all times. All the steam engines that



came from St. Louis going west would stop there and get their supply of water enough to go all the way to Kansas City if they wanted to. . . (steam engines required wood or coal to heat the boiler – the boiler needed water to create the steam necessary to move the train) This all happened during that time and we must all realize at that time the whole county belonged to the City of St. Louis. St. Louis was not interested in the county and was no help to the county. In 1876 the city separated from the county and let the county high and dry, had no courthouse, had no officers nor anything else. I was told that a saloon man on Olive Street Road collected the taxes and that is where they held their first meeting to organize the county.” That certainly gives an historic view of the city-county split that is so much a current concern – only the other way around.

In next month’s article, we will take a look at another early resident, with a focus on the Christmas holiday celebrations in turn of the century Ferguson.

These Stories come from documents in the Ferguson Historical Society archives. Mr. Behle’s comments were recorded in “History of Ferguson compiled by Ferguson-Florissant School District – 1975”

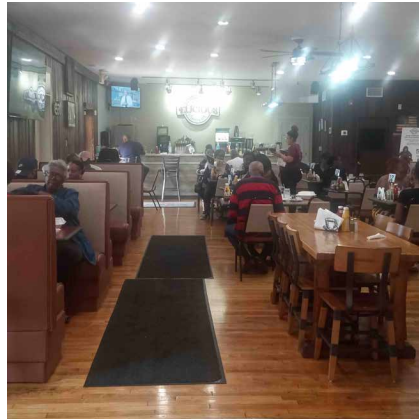
Membership in the Ferguson Historical Society is open to anyone – the price is \$20.00 to \$50.00 a year. If you are interested in joining or have any suggestions, questions, or items to donate to the Ferguson Historical Society, please contact Jerry Benner at fjbenner@mindspring.com. You are also welcome 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.

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

Spotlight on Business - Elicious

by Trish Cook

Walking into Elicious Southern Style Breakfast and Brunch one immediately feels like part of the family. Someone is right there to greet you as you walk in the door. Oftentimes that person is Jeremiah, Assistant Manager and one of two sons of the owner and proprietor: Johnny Little. Other family members that help keep the place running like a well-oiled machine are his son Johnny the 3rd and his mom Mary. I also had the pleasure of meeting and talking to Melvin Tubbs, who is responsible for keeping everything clean and maintained. The kitchen staff popped their heads out to greet me as well, but everyone was so busy, it was difficult to get everyone's names.



Elicious is a family-run business that came to fruition with the help of a good friend who gave Johnny the idea to start his own business. Johnny was living in Chicago at the time when he heard the news from his mom, a resident of Ferguson, that the old Marley's had closed, and the building was for sale. Little came to Ferguson several times to check out the area, the building, the possible prospect of purchasing it, and to decide exactly what he wanted his business to be. He knew he didn't want to compete with the other successful restaurants and bars in Ferguson, but he also knew this was a good opportunity to be a part of Ferguson's resurgence as we were coming out of the pandemic and things were beginning to come to life again. He noticed the area was lacking a place to get a good breakfast. And he knew he wanted it to be a family restaurant where everyone would be proud to walk in and patronize. And that's how Elicious was born.



Once you give your name to Jeremiah at the door, you don't want to just go in and sit down. There is lively music playing to add to the Southern style ambiance, which will make you want to dance around the waiting area and look at all the record albums, photographs on the walls, and of course you want to check out their merchandise case filled with t-shirts and coffee cups! In fact, I purchased my very own Elicious t-shirt the day I did this interview and I wear it proudly! And there is plenty of seating because this place is always packed with hungry guests. There's plenty of parking, a nice covered outdoor patio, and lots of comfortable seating inside as well. And you can come in wearing every day casual clothes or dressed to the nines in your favorite suit, best dress, and your fancy hat and fit right in with the southern charm and have a good homestyle dining experience.



You won't walk in the door and see Johnny just sitting around doing nothing. He is very hands-on in greeting and seating guests, checking orders to make sure everything is correct and done to his high standards, and even just talking to everyone to get to know them better. During our interview, he was up and down the whole time, making sure things were running smoothly and that everyone was well taken care of.

Elicious just celebrated their one-year anniversary in September of 2023 and judging by the almost-always-full parking lot, they have quickly become one of Ferguson's most popular and famous restaurants. And I don't use the word "famous" lightly.

Two well-known Professional Boxers were in town for an event about a month ago. When they asked some locals where a good place was to get breakfast they were directed straight to Elicious. Those boxers were none other than Michael Spinks and Evander Holyfield! And on September 30th to celebrate the business' one year anniversary, they invited Bern Nadette Stanis, better known as Thelma Evans on the tv show "Good Times" to sign autographs and take pictures with guests. In a very short time, they have gotten one of the best types of advertising money cannot buy and that is great word-of-mouth. People come from all over to experience this restaurant. How's that for getting the word out about our great city of Ferguson?!



Elicious has very deliberate business hours, perfect for their breakfast and brunch mission.

They are open:

Tuesday thru Saturday from 7am to 2pm

Sundays from 10am to 3pm

closed on Mondays so everyone can rest and recharge.

They offer both dine-in and carry-out services. And every Tuesday they offer a very special Senior Discount.

Elicious is located at 500 South Florissant Rd in historic downtown Ferguson MO.

There are several ways to reach out;

phone number: 314-395-6054,

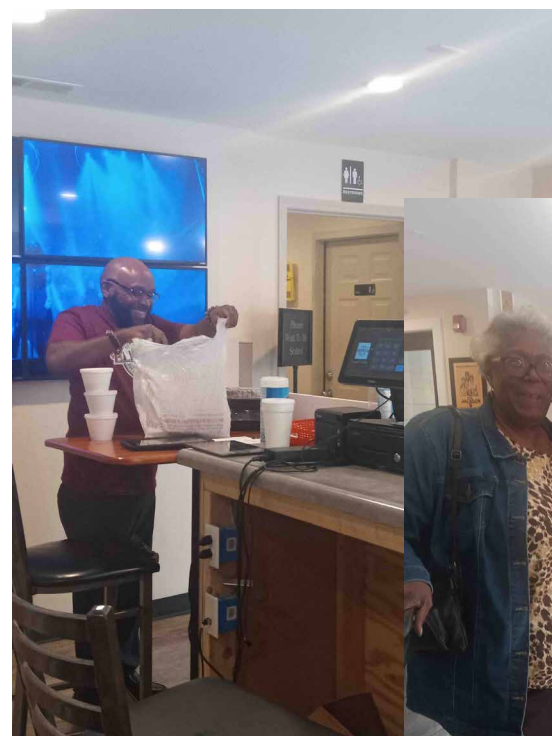
website: eliciousrestaurant.com,

Instagram: [eliciousferguson](https://www.instagram.com/eliciousferguson), and on

Facebook: Elicious Southern Style Breakfast and Brunch.

If you're looking for a job in their fast-paced restaurant, they are always looking for great servers and hosts,. And Elicious is also one of the many businesses that proudly carry copies of the Ferguson Neighborhood News!

Johnny is proud to be a part of the Ferguson family along with all the other businesses up and down Florissant Rd and throughout the area to enhance the community. And when asked what he'd like our readers to know about Elicious, he happily exclaimed "WE LOVE FERGUSON!" and it shows.





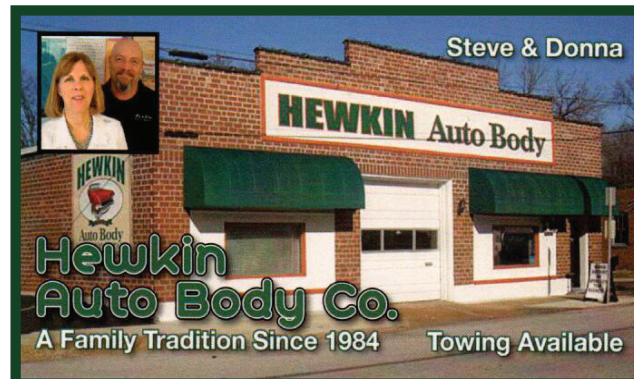
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