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WHY VOTE ?

Many people say that their vote doesn't count, or won't make a difference, so it becomes very low on their "things to do" list. Some feel that their vote may be manipulated by other politicians. Some even feel that their vote won't even be counted. Some even feel that others run the system we live in.

We need to let these people know vehemently, that they are totally wrong! One of the features of our society or democracy is that of being able to "voice our choices" in matters that affect us, once we are of the age of reason. Many countries don't allow everyone to say how they feel about certain matters and who should be elected to serve in certain offices, and which issues must be addressed.

In most cases, it becomes a majority vote that results in change. The size of that majority often dictates the speed and timeliness of the decisions to address the issue.

It has been said that "Every Vote Counts".

In a democracy, all individuals are supposed to be treated the same and are endowed with certain inalienable rights.

It is expected and necessary for one to use one's inalienable rights in order for the society to work properly. Therefore, we have a responsibility, when the time comes, to vote.

There is a unique feature included in this option, which is, the importance of the vote which can be for or against an issue or individual!

Not voting, has a negative effect on the process, because reality is not reflected.

It is therefore, most important, that we research the issues and individuals, and cast our votes accordingly.

We also have court backups to insure that what our vote indicates, becomes law and is followed.

If we choose to withhold our vote, then the courts' decision and other actions and responses may not reflect our feelings.

This allows for us, no matter what our financial standings are, what our ethnic background may be, nor what our current status may be, we can still participate in the affairs of our community as well as the person who is doing great!

It has been said that "You never miss your water, until the well runs dry" Of course, this means that if your vote is "taken" from you and you no longer have the "right", is when you unfortunately realize how important it was.

We must exercise every right, privilege, and expectation that we have in order for this society to function properly. We must take a responsible attitude for the success of our community and not leave it up to someone or something else!

Oh, how many folks in other communities wish they had the privilege, which we take very lightly at times!

It is our conclusion that voting is important because it is a responsibility, a privilege, the right of adults in a democracy, a way to participate in issues that will affect us, and for many other reasons.



Ferguson Historical Society Fundraiser!

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SUNDAY, NOV 3

2:00 - 4:30PM • 100 South Clay

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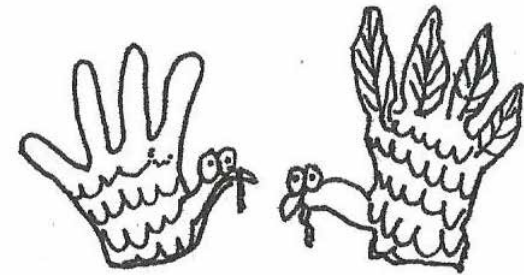
If you'd like to DONATE or BUY TICKETS, contact Suzann at 314-303-4290 or Mary at 314-332-5546, or email us at ferghistoricalsociety@gmail.com

WE HAVE NEW PAYMENT OPTIONS!

DEC EVENTS:

Dec 7th - Holiday Open House: 10am-4pm at the History House. Join us for history, light refreshments, and enter a free drawing for a basket filled with items donated by historic sites all around St. Louis! FREE

2nd Annual Holiday Lights Tour in Ferguson: Jolley Trolley tour of holiday lights in Ferguson. \$1.5. Date, time, and more details to come.



November News and Events at the Ferguson Public Library

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

Children and Teen Events

Stories and Songs for Little Ones Join us for storytime! Ages 0-5. Every Wednesday at 10 am	Lego Club Drop in and build! Ages 6-11. Saturday, November 16 at 2 pm
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Teen Makers
Learn how to use Canva! Ages 12-18. Register at bit.ly/fmplmakers24.
Tuesday, November 19 at 6 pm

Adult Events

Readings on Race Book Club <i>Under the Skin</i> by Linda Villarosa. Monday, November 11 at 6 pm	Conversations and Coffee Enjoy discussing the news over snacks! Tuesday, November 12 at 6 pm
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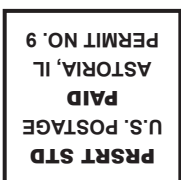
Crafternoon - Upcycling Give trash new life by getting creative! Friday, November 15 at 3 pm	Play Monopoly Day Have fun with an evening of Monopoly! Thursday, November 21 at 6 pm
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All Ages Events

Fiber Arts Social Club Hang out and chat with other crafters while you work on your latest knitting, sewing, crocheting, weaving or any other project using fibers. Thursday, November 14 at 6 pm	November Craft Kits • Nov. 12-16 - Hanging Gems: Use straws to make beautiful gems! • Nov. 25-30 - Paper Pumpkins: Craft simple pumpkins out of paper! Pick up a free kit while supplies last!
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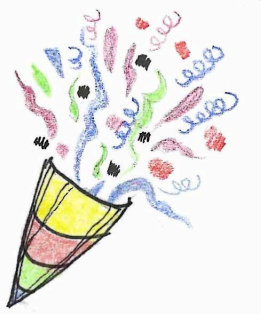
Cultural Cuisine Do your pies always fall flat? Learn some tips and tricks to making the Perfect Pie at this month's Cultural Cuisine! Register at bit.ly/fmplcultural23 . Wednesday, November 20 at 6 pm	The library will be closed Monday, November 11 for Veterans Day and Thursday, November 28 for Thanksgiving.
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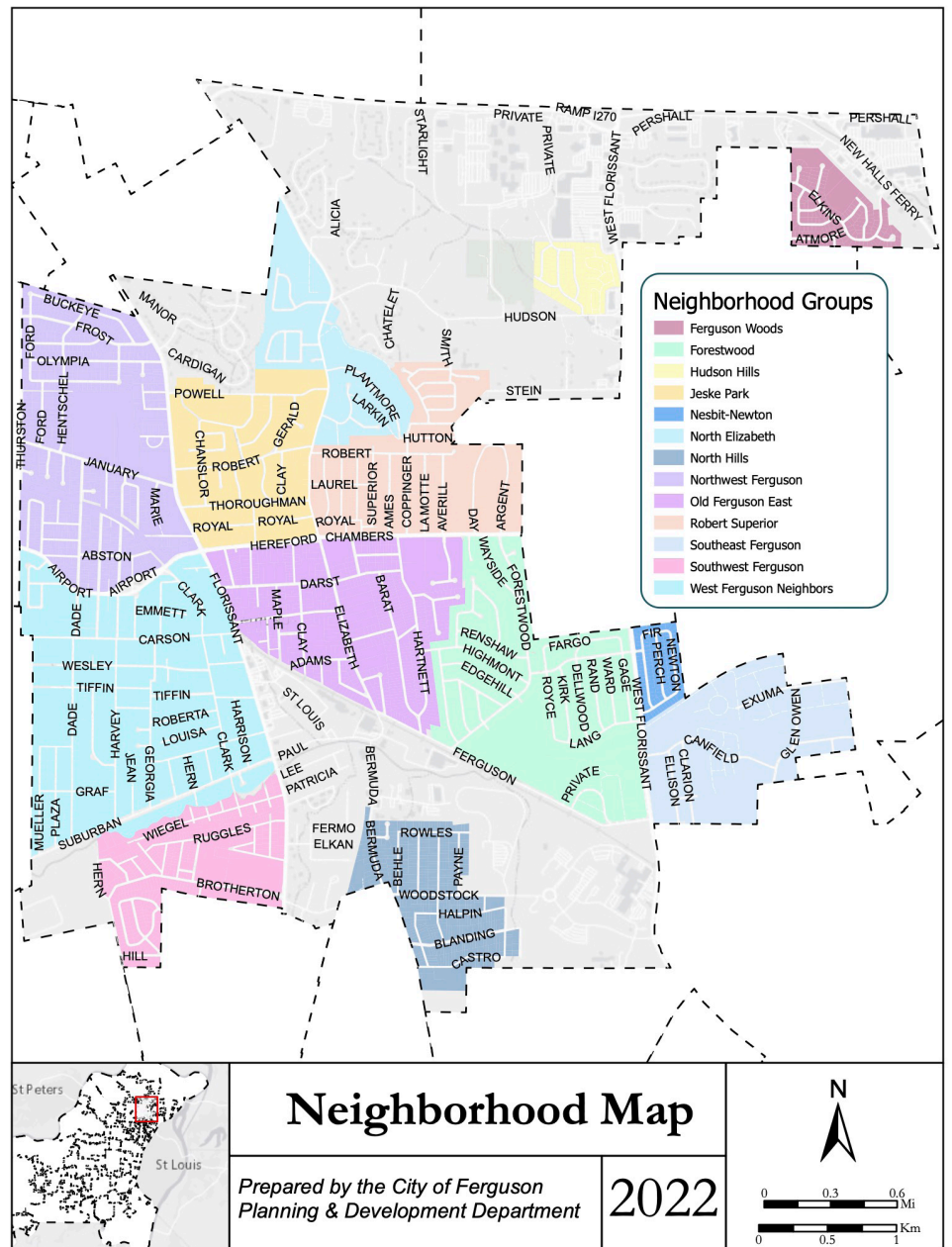
24 Happy Birthday Lorraine Cook
24 Happy Birthday Donna Potter

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November at a Glance



- 1 Diwali
- 2 Day of the Dead
- 3 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 4 Forestwood Neighborhood Meeting 7PM
Emmaus Bible Chapel 900 Highmont Dr.
- 5 Election Day
- 11 North Elizabeth Neighborhood Meeting 7PM
Ferguson Community Center 1050 Smith Ave.
- 11 Veterans Day - Pancake Breakfast 8 - 11 AM
Ferguson Community Center
- 14 Jeske Park Neighborhood Meeting 7PM
First Baptist Church of Ferguson 333 N. Florissant Rd.
- 16 North Hills Neighborhood Meeting 10AM
- 21 West Neighborhood Meeting 6PM
- 25 South West Neighborhood Meeting 6PM
- 25 through Dec 2 Early registration for Twilight Run only \$16 (see page 15)
- 28 South Central Neighborhood Meeting 6PM
- 28 Ferguson Woods Neighborhood Meeting 7PM
North Hills Methodist 10771 Trask Dr.
- 28 Thanksgiving



PRAY FOR PEACE

Please continue to keep officer Travis Brown and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

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- City Meetings - attend and summarize City Council Meetings
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- Neighborhood groups
- Diversity Meetings
- Business Spotlight

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Give a congratulatory shout out for only \$5

Society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they will never sit in - Greek Proverb

PLEASE - CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PETS

One of our readers asked if we could put something in the paper about pet owners letting their pets do their business in other peoples yards without picking up after them. She noted that even with a sign in her yard, owners are ignoring the sign and leaving a mess.

My sister placed a sign on our yard and I still find land mines when I'm cutting grass. I do not own a dog but when I walk her dog I bring along a little doggie bag to clean up along our walks.

I know this sounds petty to some but when you have had to scrape it off your shoes or pick it out of the lawn mower tires it doesn't seem petty.



It is a nuisance which can be avoided by being good neighbor.

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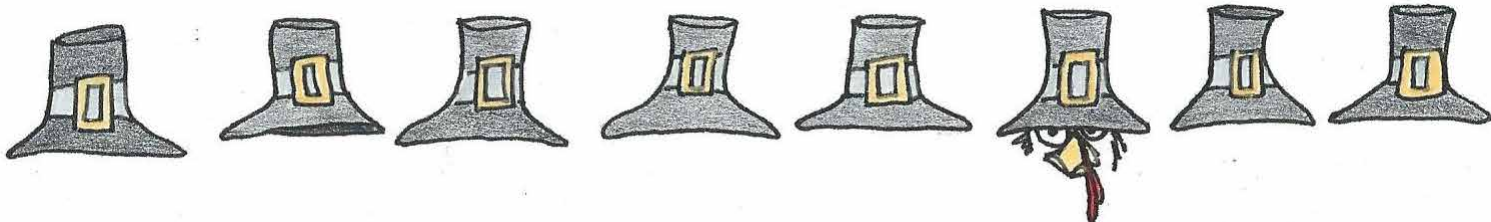
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11.8.2024

★ ★ **8:00AM - 11:00AM** ★ ★
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Event is FREE for veterans & families.
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November 1 - 30

DROP-OFF LOCATION Ferguson Community Center 1050 Smith Ave	OPERATING HOURS Monday-Friday 8 AM - 8 PM
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CROSSWORD

“After the Parade”

By Robin Shively

ACROSS

1. A book title mentions killing one
11. Homer’s exclamation
13. Detour around
14. Loud celebrant
16. Nineteenth on a Greek list
17. Agua, in Avignon
19. NHL tie-breaker
20. Highly developed
21. Zombie band
25. Quatro y quatro
27. City founded in the 1st century B.C. at the confluence of the Rhone and Saone
28. Opposite direction of NbW
30. AutoZone competitor
31. National Cherry Festival st.
32. Storage options
33. Fall labyrinth
36. Units of heredity
37. Quaker morsel
38. Largest dolphin
39. Rough, rugged
40. It constricts
41. Title for the Maid of Lorraine (abbr.)
42. Asian sea, really a lake
43. Digit
45. Averts
48. Abrupt way to quit
51. Second smallest moon of the largest planet
52. Ogre in Osaka
53. Tubers
55. “Apple, peaches, _____”; Jay & the Techniques lyrics
58. Stool pigeon
59. Arizona landscape feature
60. “And so forth” abbr.
61. ____ (Is It You?), Berry song
63. Nagasaki noodle
64. Formerly
65. Cheese processor

DOWN

1. Mama Morton’s occupation in Chicago
2. Gamete
3. Inactive sort
4. Japanese universal energy
5. Light bulb indicator
6. Worm or food
7. Exist
8. Brand with slogan “It floats!”
9. Vintage
10. MBL designation
11. What the salad was doing when the tomato blushed
12. Courvoisier alternative
15. Barely manage to get by
18. Word following army or carpenter
22. Sound of pride?
23. Miss Doolittle
24. ‘The ____ Crowd’, jazz-pop crossover hit
26. Origin of cocoa
29. 2nd rarest blood type in US
31. Bludgeon
32. Entertainment district street
34. Plunged downwards
35. He pities fools
36. Kind of train or boat
37. Sash
39. Whining
42. Vessel measuring 300 cubits long
44. Song on 1972 Harvest album
45. Slipper finder
46. Close to something
47. ____ Sledge, ‘We Are Family’ group
48. Handled
49. Keepsake, memento
50. Join
54. Stable locks?
56. Org for shows of Hope
57. Something Mark Antony asks to borrow In ‘Julius Caesar’
59. Tiger sch.
62. Opposite of nyet

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ARTFUL CONSIDERATIONS

by Kimberly Kabak Epperson



The Alpha Players of Florissant will be performing a limited engagement of A Traditional Christmas Carol on December 5th & 6th at 7:30pm, and December 8, 2024 at 2pm at the Florissant Civic Center Theatre #1 James J Eagan Dr. Florissant MO 63033



The Brother Jefferson Band will be performing blues, soul, and Americana favorites on November 9, 2024 at a the National Blues Museum 7-9pm. Tickets are \$20. The National Blues Museum is located at 615 Washington Ave. St. Louis, MO 63101

The Florissant Valley Theatre of the Deaf is presenting a spooky seasonal production of Beware the House on Haunted Hill! directed by Zachary Jodlowski. Performances will be at Terry M. Fischer Theater 3400 Pershall Rd, Ferguson, MO 63135 Oct. 31 at 11:15 a.m., Nov. 1 and 2 at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 3 at 2 p.m. Admission is free!

We Call it Ballet will be performing an unforgettable ballet rendition of the classic story of Sleeping Beauty at Blanche M. Touhill Performing Arts Center, Touhill Cir, St. Louis, MO 63121 on November 17, 2024 at 5:30pm and 8:30pm. Dancers will be illuminated with glowing costumes and an incredible light show. Age requirement is 8+ for this family friendly event.

The internationally renowned Vienna Boys Choir will present their holiday concert at Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis 4431 Lindell Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63108 on November 15, 2024 at 7:30pm. They'll sing traditional carols, Austrian folk songs, and more seasonal favorites. Tickets are available at www.cathedralconcerts.org



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 Monday: Closed
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 Sun: 10am - 3pm

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Hello Ferguson!

by Marian Linck

Imagine a town 100 miles away from St Louis, a city many consider the "Soccer Capital" of the state or the country with no youth soccer program. That town was Rolla Missouri fifty years ago. Not even St Patrick's Catholic Church had a youth soccer team.

Fifty years ago, a group of UMR engineering students were longing for a good game of soccer. There were pick-up games on campus, but these young men wanted a more competitive atmosphere. That is when a Vietnam Veteran and future Mayor of Florissant made his indelible mark on the University of Missouri-Rolla as well as the City of Rolla Missouri. Tom Schneider, a member of Phi Kappa Theta Fraternity on campus began recruiting some of his fraternity brothers and other students on campus with an idea of a "Club Team".



As a Club Team the men were required to have a faculty advisor, approval of the university and entitled to minimal funding to the tune of less than \$1000. This money was to be used for travel, uniforms, and a new ball every year. The newly formed team set out about town looking for sponsors to supplement the funds offered by the University. Their intent was to be able to pay for a bus to travel at the very least within the State of Missouri to compete against varsity teams at other colleges as well as provide uniforms. If the business agreed to sponsor the team, they were rewarded with THE official schedule to proudly display in the window of the business. A local Beer distributor even stepped up and assisted with uniforms.

This club team was just the beginning for the City of Rolla. Tom Schneider was approached by Civil Engineering professor, Jerry Bayless, to expand his soccer influence on the young people in Rolla. Tom's efforts have blossomed into a large citywide youth soccer program to rival that of big cities. All the youth in Rolla are exposed to Soccer today. A University Intramural tournament began, attracting a large field of teams and leagues were added to the schedule the following year. Keep in mind, 50 years ago the sporting goods stores in Rolla barely had any soccer balls or equipment in stock.

This rag tag team was privileged to be invited to Rolla in September to celebrate 50 years of soccer on Campus. Soccer is now a varsity sport for men and women. The Athletic Department attempted to invite every former soccer player from this club team. We were treated to a nice reception, dinner, the football game, and the soccer game where they were honored prior to the games. We were impressed with the hospitality of the Athletic Department. The Athletic Director, Melissa Ringhausen, and her staff, Susan Cochran and Patti Peterson made the honorees feel welcome and appreciated.

The current Varsity Soccer Coach Rob Cummings invited former club team members to attend the pre-game preparations for the game. Each member of the 30-man varsity roster approached each club team member to shake their hand and thank them for introducing soccer to the University in Rolla.

UMR is now Missouri University of Science and Technology. The old University of Missouri Rolla traditions have changed little. The mascot is still "Joe Miner" and St. Parick remains the Patron Saint of engineers and continues to be celebrated by the students.

Listening to the stories of games they played brought back so many memories of college life. The team travelled to St Louis to play Florissant Valley Community College and Meramec Community College. Those teams were national powerhouses at the time. The first game was with Florissant Valley. UMR was missing their star player, Larry Oliver, that day because he was a graduate assistant on the football team for UMR. The team lost 11-0. The next day, Larry Oliver joined the team, and despite his play as a one-man wrecking crew, UMR lost 4-1 to Meramec Community College. This was a loss for UMR but indeed a "moral victory" to hold an incredibly talented team so close. The Meramec coach was so angry and embarrassed that he made the whole team run after the game. They were still running when the UMR bus pulled away.

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Sat. Sept. 6-64	Mo. Southern State Col.	Joplin	3:30
Sat. Sept. 12-64	Harris Teachers College	St. Louis	2:00
Sat. Sept. 19-64	Forest Park Comm. Co.	St. Louis	2:00
Sat. Sept. 26-64	Maryville College	Home	2:00
Sun. Sept. 27-64	Lindenwood College	Home	1:30
Fri. Sept. 27-64	Mo. Southern State Col.	Home	6:30
Sun. Oct. 4-64	Southwest Mo. State Univ.	Home	5:00
Sun. Oct. 11-64	Univ. of Mo. at Columbia	Springfield	2:00
Sun. Oct. 18-64	Harris Teachers College	Home	4:30
Sun. Oct. 25-64	Lindenwood College	Home	3:30
Sat. Oct. 31-64	Florissant Valley Comm. Col.	St. Charles	1:30
Sun. Nov. 7-64	Meramec Comm. Col.	St. Louis	10:00a.m.
Wed. Oct. 1-64	Columbia College	St. Louis	11:00a.m.
Wed. Oct. 8-64	Columbia College	Home	4:00
Sat. Nov. 9-64	Washington University	St. Louis	2:00
Sat. Nov. 16-64	Maryville College	St. Louis	3:00
Sat. Nov. 23-64	Columbia College	Columbia	4:00

My favorite story involved a small "Bible College". The game was over, and the players were in the locker room when the basketball team from this school walked into the locker room to prepare for practice. In true UMR fashion the soccer players are enjoying a post-game cold beer. The men of the basketball team were surprised and shocked. Their reaction was to ask if their coach knew they had beer, to which the soccer players replied "Know? He bought it for us!"

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Thank you for allowing me to share some fond memories of Soccer in Rolla this month.

You may contact me at manhattanmarian@gmail.com. I welcome your comments, ideas, and criticism.



(L to R) Larry Mertens, Tom Rechten, Jim Keebler, Joe Miner, Tom Schneider, Rich Linck, Paul Telthorst, Mike Ludwig

Digital Ferguson - On Change

by David Pickens

I don't think I could be involved with Information Technology and hate change, though I have known some old IT bears who seemed to, at least at first blush, until you listen, and begin to understand them. Because there is such a thing as bad change, alongside good change. And if you're still with me, let's look at the differences.

Bad change begins with not having any choice in the matter, you have to accept the change and there is no alternative you can easily follow. It's sort of surprising when you consider that in many important areas of technology there often really are not a whole lot of choices or alternatives to begin with. For example, our choices for PC operating systems for many decades have been three: Microsoft, Apple, and Linux. With mobile phone technology it's even worse: Android or Apple. With Facebook you can only get Facebook. Very little choice in these super major categories.

Point being, when any of these characters Microsoft, Apple, etc. make even small changes, this can have an effect upon millions and in some cases billions of people, and sometimes these changes are not merely bad, they are horrible. Just this year 2024 a major security software vendor made a tiny change and literally brought down almost the entire airline industry. Thankfully no actual air crashes happened but millions of people's travel plans were destroyed, lives were disrupted, and billions of dollars in airline revenue went rolling down the drain. Now we watch as the lawsuits begin. And just a final horrible note is the software (called CrowdStrike) that caused all these problems was one of the most powerful and expensive products of its kind.

And finally there is a type of change that there is no word for, so I'll make one up: Remodelware. You can see this a lot in cars nowadays, so many just look the same, and they just fiddle with the tail lights. But when software companies need to generate some fresh revenue, they'll totally rearrange everything. This has happened for decades in Microsoft products. If you are familiar with Microsoft Word or Excel for example, most "versions" mostly involved taking all the familiar icons and drop down menus you knew how to find and hiding them somewhere under some different category, and fluffing up the appearance. Pure Remodelware. And utterly destructive to productivity as you have to spend hours finding all the functions you use all the time are now hiding. It's like a silly game, but the cost is productivity, and in general, all for nothing.

Seriously, since someone brilliantly added a spellcheck function into a word processor, back in ancient days of yore, in the mid-1980s, has there really been ONE super essential new feature added to word processing? OK mail merge was really handy and cool. OK now we have two. But as time went on the real basic functions of word processing, the ones

that get articles this this one done, really don't require a lot of bells and whistles, and most of the bells we do ring and whistles we do blow have been around for decades. But in order to generate the illusion that you're actually getting something for your \$465 new version of Microsoft Office, they need to create Remodelware. And the more confusing and difficult it is to integrate into your life, the more you might feel it was worth it, I suppose.

IT has been on the stinky end of the stick for this shady business model forever. It's like a friend once offered as an illustration, we're put in the position of asking our customers if they want to be executed by lethal injection, or by firing squad. The stick that these corporations use is that they'll no longer support your old xyz software, you have to switch to the new super improved XYZ Software. Once you buy and install the new XYZ you soon discover it doesn't really make your life any better, and it doesn't make anyone more productive (in fact often the opposite is true.)

But if you don't upgrade they won't help you when things go wrong, and the deadline is already long past, and everyone is screaming bloody murder for you to make things go VROOOM again, and their support agent says, "Sorry, we don't support xyz version any more." Or even worse, "That problem was fixed but you need to upgrade to get the patch." It all feels even more horrible when you consider software companies stop fixing known security vulnerabilities in old versions of software. So if you stand still you die, and if you run with the horses, you also die. Some choice. Do you want your IT career to end by lethal injection, or by firing squad?

The change that most people want, and need, is the opposite of all this. Welcome change offers real improvements that customers can easily see and understand. It is voluntary, and not forced on customers through a false business model that turns IT into carnival barkers for Remodelware that offers nothing but an illusion of improvements. Who can ever forget – or even forgive – the loss of beloved Windows 7, and the horror of Microsoft Windows 8? My hope is that more and more, customers begin to demand real tangible benefits for technology upgrades. And along the way, perhaps understanding that when we in IT are pushing for change, in most cases it's forces far beyond our personal control. We know standing still is not the answer, and if we run with the horses, we'll probably get trampled. All I'm asking for is a little sympathy for the devil.

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

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By Wendell Phillips Berwick



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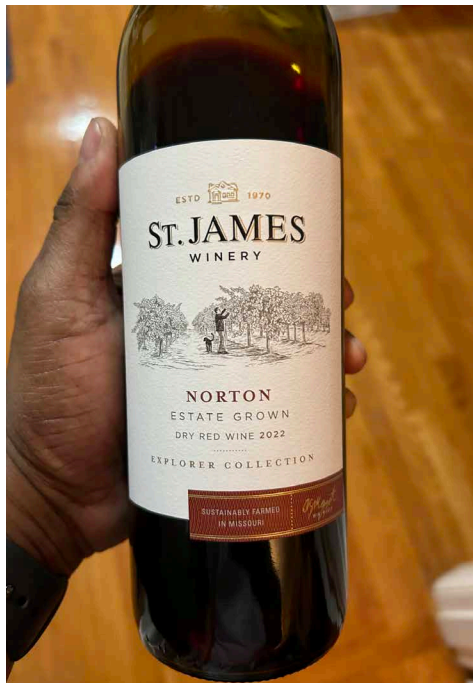
By Raghib

If you have been following the column, you know that I had promised a future column on Missouri wines. Well, this is the column.



Missouri is home to the first American Viticultural Area (AVA), Augusta, Missouri. Because of its popularity, most people assume that the first AVA designation would be Napa, California. Nope.

On June 20, 1980, the wine gods smiled on Augusta, Missouri as it was granted the first federally approved AVA in North America. Napa would get approved eight months later. My best friend lives in California, about a 45 minute drive from Napa. He likes to text our group chat gorgeous pictures when he takes the afternoon off and drives to Napa to visit some very awesome wineries. I love to remind him and our other friends that the first AVA in North America is Augusta, Missouri!



Since the climate in Missouri is a little more challenging, the grape varietals that thrive here are not as popular as the grape varietals grown in California. There nine grape varietals in Missouri are; Catawba, Chambourcin, Chardonel, Concord, Norton, Seyval Blanc, Traminette, Vidal Blanc, and Vignoles. For this column, I would like to focus on the Norton grape varietal, which, by the way, is the official grape of the State of Missouri!

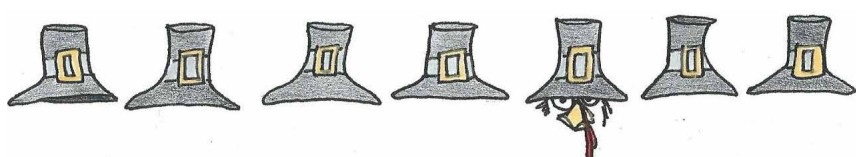


I have found the history of the Norton grape varietal to be interesting and if you have the time to research the varietal, you may find it interesting as well. Tough Missouri winters and the Norton grapes' hardiness and disease resistance, makes it an ideal grape to be grown here.

Although not grown in the Augusta, Missouri AVA, The St. James Norton, 2022 is a delightful dry red wine. Aged in oak for 18 months, this full bodied dry red wine has hints of blackberry and other dark fruit. The structure of the St. James Norton, 2022, will remind you of a Chianti, without the high tannins. I paired the St. James Norton, 2022, with oven roasted potatoes, lamb chops, and veggies. Treat yourself and take a drive down I-44 (fartie far LOL) to the St. James Winery Tasting Room, located at 541 State Route B, St. James, Missouri.

Happy tastings!

Editors note: Did you Know: "Missouri grapes helped save the French wine industry in the 1870s during the Great French Wine Blight. A grape louse called phylloxera destroyed 90% of French vineyards which threatened the entire European wine industry. Missouri's state entomologist, Charles Valentine Riley, discovered that Native American rootstocks in Missouri were resistant to the pest. Millions of cuttings of rootstock were shipped to France and grafted onto the vines saving the French wine industry."






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Bark at the Moon at Jeske Park

Neighbors and Pups Coming Together

By Dara Ashby, Ferguson Animal Coalition

It was a beautiful Fall evening at Jeske Park, with the moon ¾ full. About a hundred neighbors and many friendly dogs came together at the very first annual Jeske Park “Bark at the Moon” event. Many pups that attended had glow in the dark attire, and booths were lit up with lanterns. Such a neat ambiance. It was nice seeing so many Ferguson folks get to know one another better while their adorable dogs made friends with other dogs. I’m pretty sure the toy filled kiddie pool was the 4-legged attendees favorite!

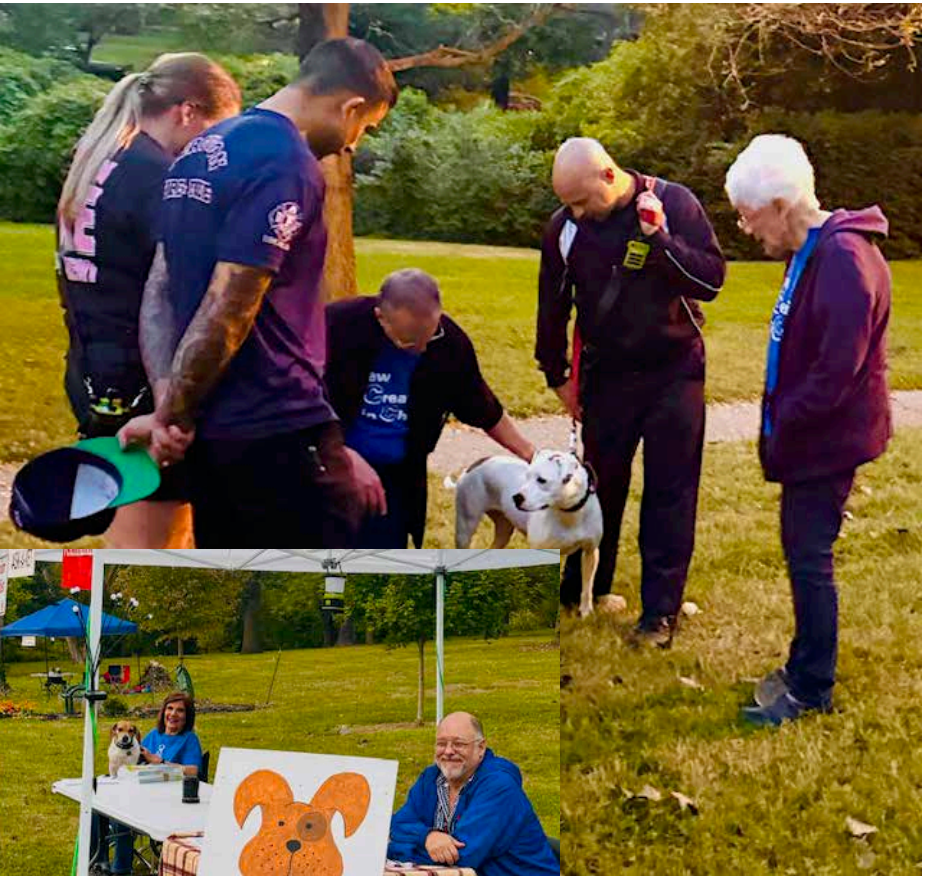


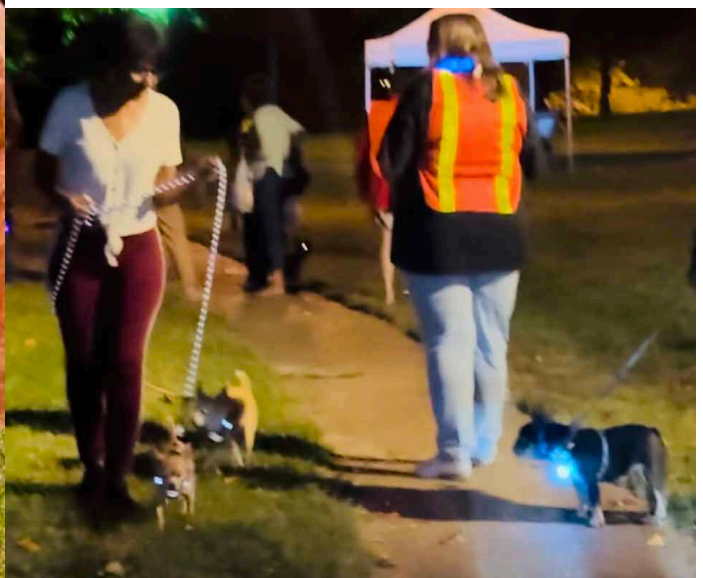
We had 19 amazing volunteers that helped make the event a success plus some great sponsors and cool raffle basket giveaways.

Soulcraft of Ferguson was there taking orders for free ID tag sliders for dog collars. Pastor Karl Reinagel and his team were blessing the animals (and people, too). Our community favorite, Dr Wentz with Ferguson Animal Hospital answered medical questions while Kathy with North County Obedience Training answered behavior questions. We even had a mini doggy yoga session with Jennifer Ice. Ferguson Parks and Recreation joined in and helped tremendously with setting up and getting the park ready and beautiful.

The super star of the evening was Ember the fire house pup, along with her fire truck and fire fighter friends. Lastly our wonderful Ferguson Police Department was there and visited with the community while also providing us a little extra lighting when the sun went down, to make the event perfect.

Thanks to Jeske Park Neighborhood Association, Ferguson Animal Coalition, and Ferguson Parks and Recreation for sponsoring this fun event.





Financial Focus – FedNow Expands

By Joan Cleaveland (cleav73@gmail.com)

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Last month, I wrote about last year's roll out of the FedNow payment system. In September there were 950 banks participating, when I checked this month the number was over a thousand. This payment system is operated by the Federal Reserve and represents their progress entering the world of Real Time Payments (RTP). As our world seems to be speeding up, moving money in real time has become the new goal.

What may not have been clear is that this payment system is just another method being offered by the Federal Reserve Banks to move money. At one time paper checks were exchanged through a clearing house and those paper checks actually ended up at the bank they were drawn on and eventually showed up in your bank statement along with other checks that had cleared during the month. For younger people actually getting your paper checks back with your monthly statement may seem medieval. Over the past forty years or so, banks have reduced the amount of paper they deal with and checks written today are digitized and images of the actual paper checks are exchanged through the clearing house. Today those check images and other types of payments like payroll or bill payments done through a bank are cleared through the Automated Clearing House – Fed ACH. So the FedNow service is an alternative to the clearing house method offering an open-source system that can transmit funds within seconds.

Most people today rarely use cash or checks to make payments, so technology thanks to the smart phone has brought us many new products like PayPal and Venmo to move funds with digital payment transfers. Some larger banks also launched their own peer-to-peer (P2P) payment apps using ACH to settle payments. Whether you use them or not most people are familiar with them and more players are getting involved every day. So understanding the differences between the open loop and closed loop systems can help you feel more comfortable and secure.

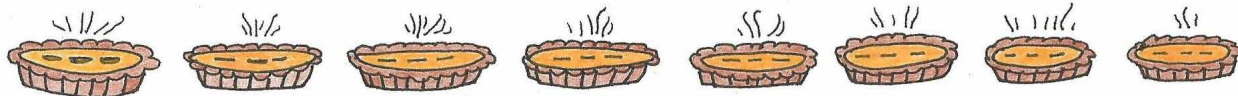
In a closed loop system users are restricted to a certain network or merchant. Using the system requires a card or apps to process transactions. Both the receiver and sender of funds would need to have accounts with the service provider. Examples of closed loop systems are Venmo and PayPal. Funds are usually received within 24 hours which is probably fast enough for most people. These systems are convenient for individuals and small businesses. They may also be called digital payment transfers.

With an open loop or open source system funds are able to move across various financial institutions immediately. These systems utilize bank issued credit and debit cards allowing transactions with any merchant in the card network making it more widely accepted than a closed loop system.

Both the open and closed loop systems can be secure. The most important facet is to know who you are paying. As I mentioned last month, it may be impossible to retrieve funds already paid out. So using the closed loop system like PayPal may be best for buying something on-line from someone you are not familiar with. The advantage of the open loop system like the FedNow service enables payers to deal with a wider group of payees. So as more banks start to participate the entire Federal Reserve system will be part of the common network through which the payments can be routed and settled.

With FedNow routing and settling funds between receiving and sending banks will work similar to processing an ACH by using the routing number of both banks and the account numbers of the sender and receiver. Since this service is available 24/7/365, it requires extra steps. When funds are settled on between banks the sender's bank will pay the receiver's bank. There are two types of settlements: real-time settlement and deferred settlement. For the banks participating in FedNow real-time settlement is preferred for the "instant payment system" because payment system rules require the receiving bank to make payments to their customer even if the funds haven't been received. Deferred settlement is completed periodically according to a schedule. Settling funds between banks has often required some banks to borrow to cover their transfers or in some cases to loan excess funds to earn interest over night. Traditionally, this worked well when banking hours were set with cut off times, so there was time to figure out from all funds paid out and deposited each day whether the bank would need to borrow or loan excess funds. So if a FedNow transaction is going through outside regular bank hours, a bank may not have funds available to cover the transaction. A bank using deferred settlement could involve a credit risk or liquidity risk. The Fed has options to minimize these risks by making more frequent settlement windows available or adding prefunding or collateral requirements to help financial institutions maintain the ability to pay at settlement time whenever that may be.

As this service expands, financial institutions will use it to build more products directed to their customers offering these solutions. Don't expect to see an app called FedNow on your phone, depending on your bank the product will be featured with a service provider's name. Currently, there are 140 providers that have completed operational readiness certification to support FedNow payment processing and more are being added. Keep in mind this payment system is not meant to eliminate cash, closed loop systems already being use or even checks. It is offered as another solution for banks to offer their customers within the Federal Reserve system. It will save money on transactions and managing risks will continue to be evaluated. If you have any questions or comments please contact me at cleav73@gmail.com.



THE WORLD NEEDS YOU!!

By Dr. Larry A. Brown

It has been said that we are without leadership and that the world needs someone who can move it forward and change or solve some of the lingering issues that seem to plague us.

It has also been said that Black People in this country need another Martin Luther King in order that their progress continues.



Could either of these needs be met by You? Is it what we really need? Do you really know what you have to offer and what issues you are ready to defend or take on? Do you know who you are?

It may be that those who make these kind of statements, are not representative of the real community or perhaps they might be miscalculating the need!

At any rate, before you take on a cause or concern, you must know if it will really make a difference and how much you are willing to do or commit to doing to create the necessary results.

That is why that in these days and times, it becomes more and more important for individuals to perform self-evaluations and seek feedback on themselves and issues they are concerned about before taking active steps.

It is important to take steps to change certain undesirable conditions and certainly there are many things that need our attention, but we need to be

sure that we are on solid ground with our assessment of the situation and what needs to be done in order to accomplish the results we seek.

We must then admit to ourselves, how far are we willing to go in order to achieve the desired results as well as what limitations we have.

We also must realize that the actions we take will have an effect one way or another, on others we may get to join us in the struggle or others who may be the intended recipients of our efforts. It will affect on-lookers who may be deciding to become involved in the struggle.

Therefore, we must not take the challenge lightly, but we must become very sensitive to the needs of others to be affected by our actions.

It is so easy to be misunderstood with so much going on these days. We must carefully plan, execute, and evaluate our actions all the time.

Most importantly, we must seek to understand ourselves at every turn. Our individual passions will always prevail and therefore, we need to constantly do self- assessment to make sure that we are still on the right track.

What issue or need do you wish to concentrate some time on? We can help you clarify and get started. Contact us at www.gracechapelministries.org or email gracechapeldevelopment@gmail.com. Together, we can make a difference.

We only have the time while we are here and have good control over our thoughts and actions!

SO GRANDPA, HOW DID YOU MAKE A LIVING DURING THE GREAT DEPRESSION?

By Michael Pierce

Times were tough during the Depression. People sometimes did what they had to do to make money to feed themselves and their families.

My Grandpa Pierce grew up in the little community of Gilkerson, in Craighead County, Arkansas. My Grandpa Taylor was from Oil Trough, Arkansas. In Independence County. Grandpa Pierce was a farmer and carpenter. Grandpa Taylor was a farmer, and he also worked on a lumber harvesting crew.

They were still young men when the Depression hit in 1929. They both lost their regular jobs. They each came from large families, with a whole bunch of younger siblings. They both possessed, shall we say, an entrepreneurial spirit.

My Grandpa Pierce became a moonshine runner. He partnered with a man who ran a moonshine still, and they decided my grandpa would be the runner.

The runner was the person who delivered the liquor. My grandpa acquired a 1930 Hudson Super 8, possibly under somewhat questionable circumstances. The two of them took apart the engine, and bored out the cylinders. Now y'all have to understand, the Hudson Super 8 was rumored to have a top speed of 80 miles per hour. After the cylinders were bored out, grandpa said it would do 100+. Grandpa liked to brag that the law never caught him, that he never crashed, and that he never broke a bottle of that precious liquid fire. He also said that their moonshine could also be used to prime the carburetor, when necessary.

My Grandpa Taylor also made, ran and sold moonshine. He was also (what was called at the time) a flim-flam man. He was a pickpocket. He also sold small pieces of the Crucifixion Cross for ten cents, to the saved and unsaved, conveniently carved from a wooden fence at the back of the house. He cut and sold firewood, and if anyone ever tried to cheat him on the price, he would bore a small hole in a piece the next time they wanted a load, dump in a little gunpowder, and plug the hole. I'm guessing that created a little excitement.

Grandpa Pierce tried to enlist in the Navy for World War Two. He didn't pass the medical exam, due to a duodenal ulcer. Grandpa Taylor was classified as an essential employee by his local draft board. I don't know why.

Grandpa Pierce eventually became a highly respected finish carpenter. He built cabinets and furniture for many of his former moonshine clients. Grandpa Taylor worked for over thirty years at a Curtis Mathes television factory in Benton, Arkansas.

Sometimes ya gotta do what ya gotta do.



Under The Hood With Robinwood

By Bob McGartland

5 Myths vs Facts on Maximizing Fuel Efficiency

As fuel prices continue to rise, drivers are increasingly interested in maximizing fuel efficiency. There's a lot of information out there, some of which can be misleading. Let's debunk some of the common myths and replace them with facts to help you get the most out of every drop of fuel.

Myth #1: Using Premium Fuel Increases Efficiency

Fact: It's a common belief that using premium fuel will make your car run more efficiently. However, unless your vehicle specifically requires premium fuel (as indicated in the owner's manual), there's no significant benefit. Premium fuel has a higher-octane rating, preventing engine knocking in high-performance vehicles. Using it in a regular car designed for regular gasoline doesn't enhance performance or fuel efficiency. Save your money by sticking to the recommended fuel type.

Myth #2: Keeping Your Car in Neutral Saves Fuel

Fact: Coasting in neutral might seem like a clever way to save fuel, but it's actually counterproductive and unsafe. Modern vehicles are designed to cut fuel supply to the engine when the accelerator is not engaged, which means they already use minimal fuel when you're coasting in gear. More importantly, coasting in neutral reduces your control over the vehicle, especially in emergencies. It's better to use engine braking and keep your car in gear to maintain control and ensure safety.

Myth #3: Idling Uses Less Fuel Than Restarting the Engine

Fact: Many believe that it's more fuel-efficient to leave the car idling than to restart the engine. In reality, idling for more than 10 seconds wastes more fuel than turning off and restarting the engine. Modern engines are designed to be fuel-efficient even with frequent starting and stopping. If you're going to be stopped for more than a minute, it's best to turn off your engine to save fuel and reduce emissions.

Myth #4: Keeping the Windows Down Reduces Fuel Efficiency

Fact: While it's true that keeping windows down at high speeds can increase drag and reduce fuel efficiency, the impact is minimal compared to other factors like tire pressure and driving habits. The air conditioning system, on the other hand, can significantly reduce fuel efficiency, especially in stop-and-go traffic. For the best balance, use the windows at lower speeds and switch to air conditioning at higher speeds to minimize drag and improve fuel efficiency.

Myth #5: Higher Tire Pressure Improves Fuel Economy

Fact: Correct tire pressure is essential for fuel efficiency, but over-inflating tires beyond the manufacturer's recommendations can be dangerous. Over-inflated tires may reduce rolling resistance slightly, but they also reduce traction and can wear out unevenly, leading to a rougher ride and compromised safety. Always maintain the tire pressure recommended in your vehicle's owner manual for the best balance of efficiency, safety and comfort.

If you have any questions about steps to take to maximize your vehicles fuel efficiency, feel free to stop by or give Robinwood Automotive a call or you can always visit us at robinwoodauto.com. We are dedicated to keeping your vehicle running efficiently and safely. Let's maximize your fuel efficiency together! Have a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving!

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The Sick - Mark

By Patricia Brothers

The images are flashing in his mind. They are moving so fast. Is he dreaming? What was that noise? Is that thunder? Mark tries to sit up to regain himself. He looks on bewildered. He must be dreaming. He attempts to recall the events that led up to the blackout. But what happened after? What happened five minutes ago or even the night before? Everything is such a blur. The only thing he can recall is a woman. They were at a bar and talking over drinks. The conversation centered on his breakup with Christa. He remembers being so heartbroken. But how did he get here? Why is he on the train? And why is it going so fast? Has no one said anything to the conductor? Is the conductor, okay? He looks around to assess his surroundings.

The faces that he sees are not the faces of those on a leisurely trip or on their way to work. There is panic and fear. What is going on? He stood up slightly to turn around to see what the commotion was behind him. As he turns, he can see that officers are searching and speaking with passengers. They are wearing masks. Why are they wearing masks? What is going on here? The more he regains consciousness the clearer the whispers become. He sees everyone digging in their bags and purses. What are they looking for? The woman in front of him says "they are asking for your ID and tickets." She rustles through her bag and feels relieved.

Mark looks around. He does not see any bag in his nearby vicinity that resembles his. He pats and searches his pockets. He does not have his wallet. No ticket. No ID. What does he do now? He sat there for a moment before deciding to casually go to the next car. He needs to speak to someone before he speaks to the police. The police officers notice him. The overweight officer speaks up. "Mind having a seat right there pal?!" He points irritably at the empty seat that was once Marks. Mark puts up his hands as to gesture that he does not want any trouble. He goes back to the seat and sits down. His heart is racing. What is he going to do?

As the police officers approach verifying identities and tickets, they reach Mark. There are beads of sweat above his brow.

The thinner of the two officers speak, "any particular reason you were trying to leave?"

Mark cannot seem to find his voice. He stutters. "I. I. I don't know. I woke up here. I. I. I have no idea how I got here."

The overweight man bellows, "You have no idea how you got here? Really?" He places his hand on his service weapon. It is a Glock G19 Gen4 MOS. To Mark, it is slightly intimidating.

Mark notices the aggression and places his back against the window with his hands up. The sweat is rolling down his face now.

The overweight officer unsnaps his holster. The look of fear in Mark's eyes tells the whole story. Just as the overweight officer begins to draw his weapon - the second officer speaks. He moves his hand in front of the overweight officer to settle him.

"Sir. We have a great deal going on. As you can see the tension is high. Here is the deal. One, you do not have a ticket or identification. Two, we have lost control of the train as the conductor is ill and no one can enter the car. And finally, there is a deadly virus that is running rampant that either kills you or I will say 'transforms' you, and YOU don't have on a mask. So, it is extremely hard pressed for us to think that you are not an outlier in all of this."

Mark finds his voice. "No. No. It is not that. I can remember bits and pieces of what transpired in the last twenty-four hours, but my memory is jarred. Honestly, there were drugs and alcohol involved. I was at a bar. I just broke up with my girlfriend. We were together for three years. I was devastated and decided to have a drink. That turned into more than I anticipated. I was sitting at the bar eating and drinking when a woman approached me. She was beautiful and here I am thinking I must look like a mess. She stayed with me, and we talked over more drinks. She must have put something in my drink because I cannot remember much after that. I slightly remember a hook up in the restroom. Totally cliché I know, but that is something that is a bit fuzzy. The only other thing I can remember is walking to my car. Beyond that sir, I have no idea. She or someone must have robbed me and put me on the train? Where am I? Where are we headed?"

Nearby passengers are leaning in to hear this story. It seems plausible enough. The nearby passengers begin to feel sorry for him. The officers, however, do not buy it. Officer Mulligan now unsnaps his holster as well. Officer Lane's hand never left his weapon. Mark is fearful. His head is spinning. He can hear the gasps of the passengers. He must think quickly, or he is for sure going to lose his life on the train. He looks back and forth at the officers and the passengers. He hopes this works.

"Sir. I can give you all my information to verify. If you discharge your weapon in here, think of the innocent bystanders being hit by a potential stray bullet? I am willing to cooperate and even handcuffed until this is sorted out." His chest is heaving. Where is his inhaler? Mark dares not to

move as neither officers' hand have left their weapons. Mark keeps his head high and steady although he feels faint again.

Officer Mulligan looks at him, snaps his weapon and pulls out his cuffs. "Turn around."

Officer Lane draws his weapon just in case.

Mark slowly turns around as Officer Mulligan begins to cuff him. Once cuffed, he sits down. Officer Mulligan goes in his bag and pulls out a mask to place on Mark. Mark did not object although he is having trouble breathing. The officers begin searching the immediate area. They cannot find anything that remotely looks like it can belong to Mark. Mark is still relieved that he was not shot. He also makes the realization that they never answered his questions. He is mentally calming himself to stop the heaving and wheezing. A woman speaks up. "He is having an asthma attack sir. He needs an inhaler."

Officer Lane turns to face her. "Shut your mouth. We are in charge here. What are you? Some kind of doctor?"

She scoffs at him. Condescendingly she replies. "Yes. I am. I have an inhaler. Let me administer it."

Officer Lane sizes her up. He acts as if he is unimpressed. "A doctor on a train? That's a first. When we're done. Maybe." He turns his back to her. Mark slightly turns to the woman. "Thank you. I will be fine. Don't get in trouble on my behalf."

The woman sits back in her seat. Her eyes seem familiar, but he cannot place them right now.

Then the announcement comes over the PA system. "Ladies, and gentleman, due to recent events. There is no way for us to manually override the train. We are in a state of emergency. We ask that you please continue to wear your masks. If you notice you have any symptoms, please move to the forward cars to protect yourself and your fellow passengers. We have learned that this virus is deadly. Please exercise caution."

Mark leans back and closes his eyes.

Officer Mulligan speaks, "sir please tell me your name, date of birth, and social security number." He pulls out a pen and notepad to write it all down.

Mark coughs and the heaving begins again. "My name is Mark Cummings. My date of birth is August fourth nineteen sixty-six. My social is 499-74-9669."

The thought of having to run an individual amid a crisis annoyed Officer Mulligan, but a job is a job. "Oscar 44."

"Oscar 44." The dispatcher replied with the same annoyance.

"I have one when ready." Officer Mulligan never breaks eye contact with Mark.

"Go ahead." She chirps back.

"Name is Marking Cummings. DOB 8-4-66. Social 499-74-9669." Officer Mulligan takes a breath. "I don't like any of this. Not one bit. I am not saying I don't believe you, but this is too coincidental for my liking."

"44." The dispatcher replies.

"Go for 44." Officer Mulligan exhales.

"44. Your subject Mark Cummings comes back clean. Negative for wants or warrants."

"Copy that." Officer Mulligan looks squarely at Mark. "Well. At least you're not on the wanted list, but that doesn't mean you're off the hook." He turns towards the doctor while uncuffing him, "you can help him now." She stands up to help Mark.

Officer Mulligan turns to Officer Lane, "C'mon let's clear the rest of these cars and figure out a plan. Just maybe, someone who is sick like the conductor can help us navigate this train or at least stop it."

The officers moved on, and Mark could not have been more relieved. Now how in the world did he get here?

To be continued..

Patricia Brothers is a native St. Louis author who has always dreamed of acting and writing. She began this journey early on in her high school career starting with supporting roles and eventually landing her first starring role as Eleonora in the stage adaptation of Eleonora and The Raven by Edgar Allan Poe. She loves writing and scored the highest grades in her English class. Although praised for her work it also led to weekly meetings with the guidance counselor. Now she writes to entertain the masses. Her vivid imagination and intrusive thoughts lead to great stories such as Death by Imagination and Stella's Revenge. Her Only Desire and Never Go in the Woods Alone are soon to be released. The greatest thing about her writing is "It all depends on whose imagination you are using"..

The Ferguson Computer Corner

by Doug Neely
NOVEMBER, 2024

We like Wincalendar.com! So what should we know about what is going on this month?

- 1st---All Saints Day. We join all the Saints to praise our God.
- 2nd---All Souls Day. Catholics honor those who have passed.
- 3rd---daylight savings time ends. (not a holiday, but some celebrate in various ways anyway!)
- 5th---election day. (also not a holiday, but we need to go and vote, as is our responsibility as citizens!)
- 11th---Veterans Day. We honor our Vets for their service to our country. Tell them you truly appreciate the sacrifices they made for us all.
- 28th---Thanksgiving Day. Today, we thank our Creator for all of His blessings to us! (including eating the bird! LOL!)

well, it looks to be a busy month, as we all have a lot to do. Whatever it is that you must do, do it with great and deep thanks to God!

Do You Know?, dept.

I am sure that you have heard of supercomputers. Do you know what it is? In a nutshell, it is basically a computer that is capable of making far more calculations a lot faster than most (like your home puter) can. These superputers are used primarily by big companies and other outfits who need such computing power, and this would include governments throughout the world. For most, they will not have one or more, unless thy have the money to first buy, and then maintain them.

The first superputers were made with multiple central processing units per puter, and then linking as many of them together as possible. Today that definition could almost describe your own multicore puter, but we don't do that. Only the biggest ones do we call a superputer. Still, if we had your home puter back in, say, 1970, it would have likely been called a superputer. Puters keep getting smaller and faster, but even the older superputers can still make a difference for the outfits who need one, as it gets less expensive to own as time goes on. This is why they can still be in service for many years.

Wanna See The Top 500 List?, dept.

Those who own superputers like to advertise what they have. They like to let others know that their daddy can beat up your daddy! Well, in a sense, at least. LOL! I like to go look at the list myself, from time to time. If you would like to see the list, go here:
<https://top500.org/>
(Please keep my place, as I am going there right now!) ooooh! I am most pleased to see that once again, the top rated superputer is powered by AMD processors! COOL!

The p/flops are the measure we use to indicate the processing power. The more there is, the more power and speed you get (simply put). Each time they add to the list, there is a good chance that a more powerful superputer may top the list. You could almost take bets! LOL! How much you wanna bet that some people actually do make bets! LOL!!!

Let's Look Into The Near Future, dept.

I'm talking about this column, you see. As I told you last month, the last issue of this column will be December of 2024 (next month). That is still the plan. HOWEVER...i am presently entertaining the idea of a new contribution. It will, if I am allowed, be a bible verse. I think that we all need a few words from God at least each month to remind us what He has to say to us all. Not only that, but it will be FREE! Such a deal! :) This will begin in the January issue, so be on the lookout! You may have to look closely, as it will NOT take up the amount of space that I use for this column. So, find it and read it to see what God has to say to you! (PLEASE!)

ME GO NOW!

I have to go now, as much as I would like to stay and talk with you all. Please pray for the monthly bible verses that I will be sending to you for your enrichment to increase your own spiritual understanding. I think it will help. It helps me a lot!
Btw...i already have a bible verse chosen, and I am really exited! I think you will love it! May God bless us all, and have a thankful Thanksgiving!

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God's blessings to you and to yours!

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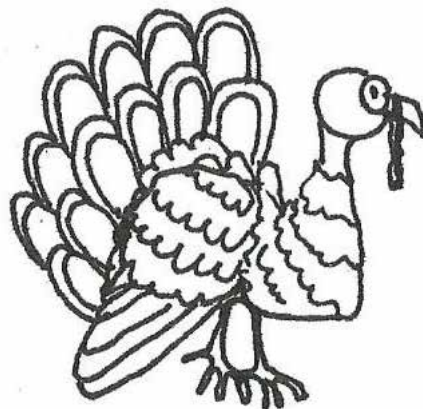
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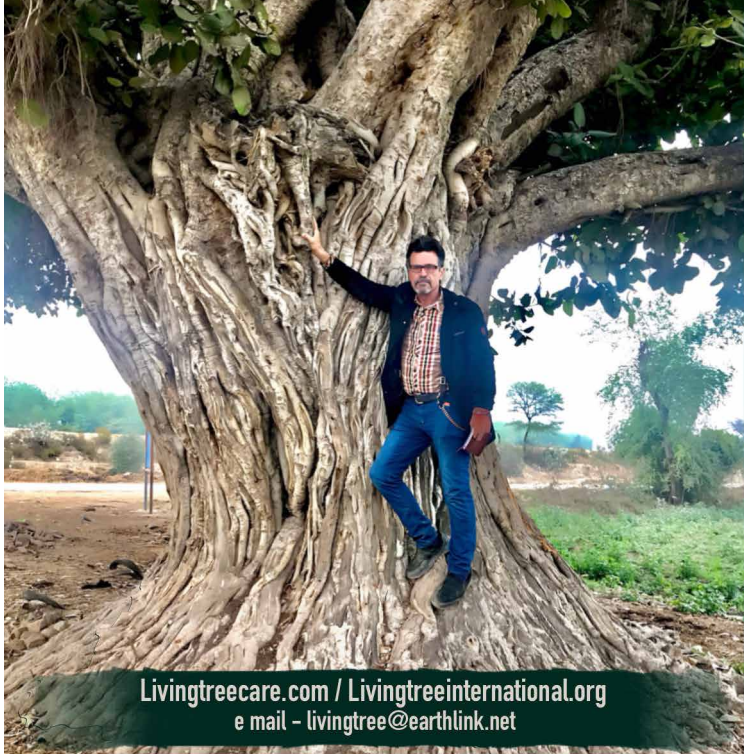



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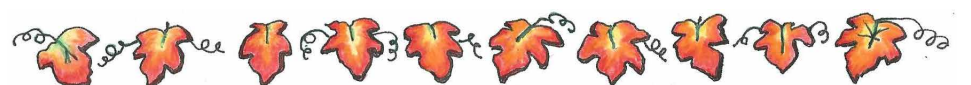
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Ferguson Has A History Museum

Ferguson has a Historical Society and a History Museum. We encourage any people reading this article to join in the conversation and become a member.



The internet may be taking over a lot of the way we get our news – however – newspapers are not a thing of the past – consider the fact that you are reading this sentence in a newspaper – the Ferguson Neighborhood News. This is only the latest in a number of Ferguson-local newspapers. The Ferguson Historical Society has a large collection of back issues for most of Ferguson’s historic newspapers. These papers are a rich supply of Ferguson social news, governmental news, and advertisements. It is great to look through these old papers (very gently as old, yellowed, newsprint is fragile). Especially interesting are the old ads – giving unbelievable prices for items in the past. Take a look at the Goddard ad to the right.

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St Louis has a long history of Newspapers. The first was the Missouri Gazette which began in 1808 and lasted until 1922. There have been at least 55 newspapers since that first in 1808. Many have been in English, but in the 1800's there were numerous German, Jewish and even French papers. If you are approaching 100, you may remember the St. Louis Star (1908-1932) or the St. Louis Times (1895-1932), or the St. Louis Star-Times (1885-1951). Younger people might remember the St. Louis Globe-Democrat (1875-1986) – a Republican paper. We still have the St. Louis Post-Dispatch (1879-today) which is considered a Democrat paper. But these are not Ferguson-only papers, so we will now look at Ferguson.



We don't really know how many Ferguson newspapers there have been. The earliest dated newspaper we have is from 1922 – the Town Talk (1922-1960). We have quite a number of back issues – but the early years are pretty limited.

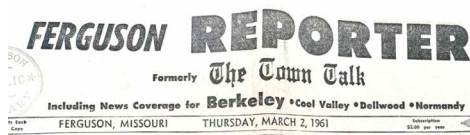


The second oldest paper we have is the Ferguson News Digest (1947 only). Like many of these local papers, they focused on Ferguson, but included nearby cities.

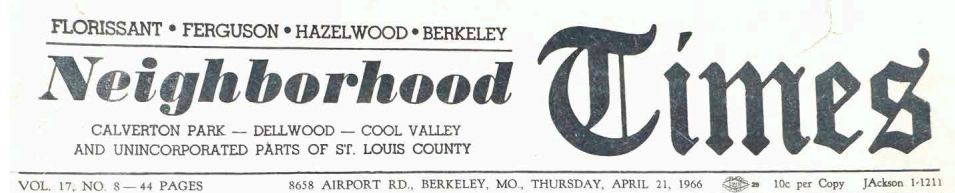
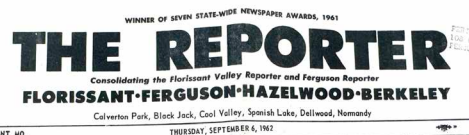
Following in age is the Public News. (1952 only). It looks like it aimed more at Berkeley – but did include Ferguson news.



The Ferguson Herald (1955-1964) is next. We have a representative collection over the years). Also from this mid-century date we have numerous editions of the Ferguson Reporter (1960-61).



While the Ferguson Reporter lasted one year, it appears to have transformed into The Reporter (1961-62)– a newspaper which appears to focus mainly on Florissant, but included Ferguson and a lot of North County. Both papers were published and edited by the same people. We appear to have all issues)

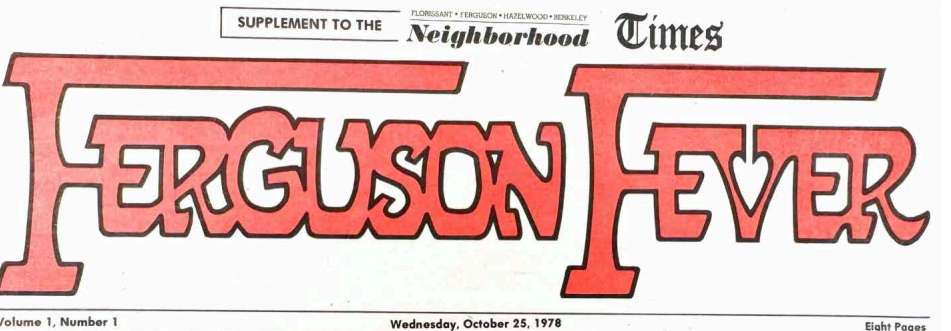


Next came the Spirit of Ferguson (1962-1965). The History House has quite a number of issues. The Neighborhood Times (1966-1981) came next. We have quite a number of these issues over the years.

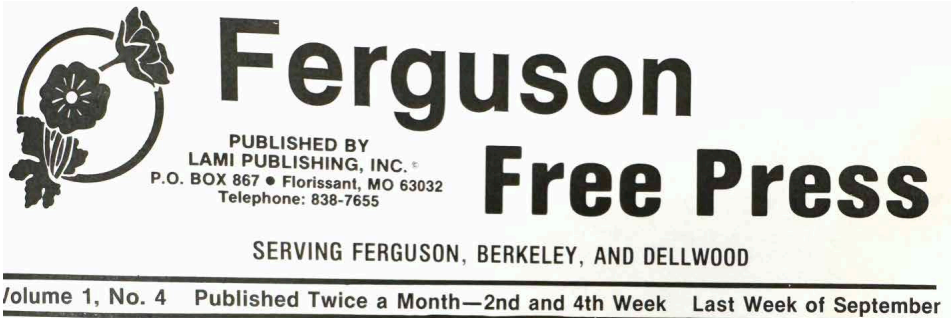
The Journal (1969 only) is next. We have very few copies.



Ferguson Fever (1978–79), was actually a supplement of the Neighborhood Times, but did prove to be more colorful.

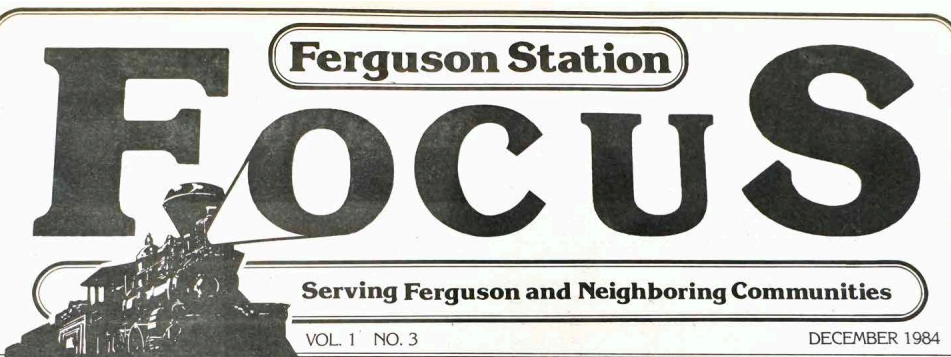


So far all of the above papers were printed on Broadsheet or tabloid stock. Broadsheet is the size of major newspapers (or the size they used to be). Tabloid is the smaller size (11 x 17) which most local papers now use to print. Tabloid is the size of the newspaper you are using right now.



The Ferguson Free Press (1981-82) was printed on standard paper (8.5 x 11). Since it lasted only a year we have a number of issues available.

The Ferguson Station FOCUS (1984-1999) is a local newspaper many Ferguson residents will remember as it survived up to the end of the last century. We have many copies of this newspaper.



Another local newspaper many residents will remember is the Ferguson Times (1999-2019). As with other newer papers, we have a large number of issues available for research.

Finally, we have the newspaper you are holding in your hands – The Ferguson Neighborhood News (2021-TODAY).

We are thankful for the Ferguson Newspaper Group who publish this paper – often at their own cost. The Ferguson Historical Society encourages the readers of our articles to support the Ferguson Neighborhood News by advertising and encouraging the City of Ferguson to contribute city news and support. Our local newspapers are a valuable source of information about our city, our social life, and articles aimed at and about Ferguson.

Membership in the Ferguson Historical Society is open to anyone – membership levels range from \$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.”

\$16 for 16 Years of Ferguson Twilight Run

Celebrate 16 years of the community run/walk with early registration

Ferguson, MO – It's the holiday season and everyone you know has a wish list to register for the 16th annual Ferguson Twilight Run.

For one week only – Nov. 25 through Dec. 2 – you can register for the race for \$16. Race fees will increase Dec. 3.

“It’s a great holiday gift to sign up for Ferguson Twilight Run. We want to give the running and walking community a chance to register early and save money, so race registration is \$16 for a week,” said Dwayne James, race director.

Race Day

Ferguson Twilight Run is Saturday, May 17, 2025. Runners and walkers of all abilities will enjoy one-mile, 5K (3.1 miles) and 10K (6.2 miles) distances on routes that are USATF-certified by Big River Running Company.

Register online at fergtwilightrun.com. You can sign up as an individual, create a team, join an existing team, or be a virtual participant.

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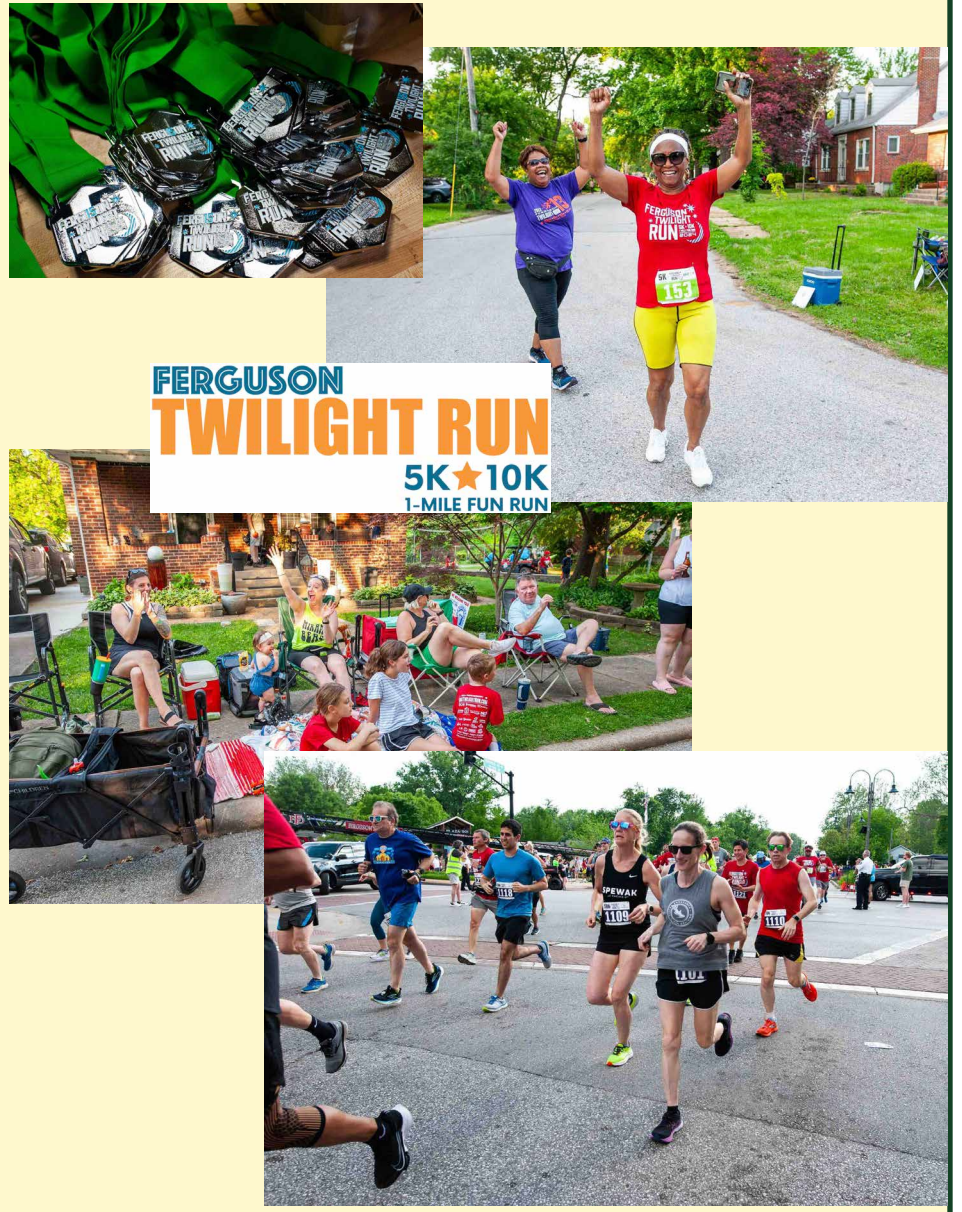
There are many opportunities for area businesses, community organizations, family groups and individuals to support Ferguson Twilight Run as a sponsor or vendor. Learn more about sponsorship levels at fergtwilightrun.com under the Sponsor and Volunteer tab.

History

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

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FERMENTATION

by Jess Coffin

Connecting with the healing power of plants can be as simple as taking in the beauty of fall foliage or adding vegetables to every meal. As winter approaches, we're stocking our plant medicine cabinets. EarthDance Organic Farm School offers fresh, organic, Ferguson-grown produce year-round to help you do the same. You can find it at the Pay What You Can Farm Stand or the Ferguson Farmers Market. We've also got easy recipes to boost the nutritional and healing power of your produce.

Fermentation is a key element in both of the recipes we're sharing today. One is for basic fermented vegetables ~ it's super simple & tasty! The other is for fire cider ~ a veggie & herb-based health tonic to help ward off and decrease cold and flu symptoms. Fire cider includes a live, fermented food - apple cider vinegar.

Fermentation uses one of our most common cooking ingredients - salt! People across cultures around the world have been fermenting food for millennia. It can enhance our overall health and well-being by contributing to the health of our gut microbiome, adding friendly bacteria and fungi. As fermentation revivalist Sandor Katz says, "If you are willing to collaborate with tiny beings with somewhat capricious habits and vast transformative powers, read on."

You may not realize that many foods found in the grocery store are made using fermentation. Bread, yogurt, cheese, wine, coffee, chocolate, beer, and more harness the transformative power of fermentation to become what they are. Many of these are pasteurized (heated to hot enough temps to kill most or all the microbes), though, so they lose some of their superpowers.



What is fermentation? And how does it preserve food and make it better for us AND tastier?


Fermented foods are alive! When we ferment a food, we create an intentional biome in a crock or a jar wherein a bajillion beneficial microorganisms pre-feast on food. This pre-digestion makes the nutrients more accessible to our bodies and can add new nutrients and remove toxins. It's a co-evolutionary boon - good for the microbes and for us - that it can also make foods tastier. The microbes help food last longer by excreting acids and antimicrobial compounds that prevent the growth of unfriendly bacteria and fungi.

Any food can be fermented. For vegetables: Chop or grate them to your desired size/texture, and add unchlorinated water (since chlorine may kill the microbes you want), salt, and time. See the recipe cards for more info and Farm Stand and Market hours!

EarthDance Farm Fresh Fermented Cabbage

(You can sub/ferment almost any vegetable!)



<h4>INGREDIENTS</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 medium cabbage (red or green) • 2 shishito peppers, roughly chopped • 3 cloves garlic, minced • 1 medium onion, cut into strips • 5 carrots, peeled and grated • 1 tbsp dried oregano • 1 tsp crushed red pepper (optional) • 1 tablespoon kosher salt 	<h4>INSTRUCTIONS</h4> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chop or grate vegetables. 2. Lightly salt the chopped vegetables (add more as necessary to taste) and pound or squeeze until moist. 3. Pack the vegetables into a jar or other vessel, tightly, so they are forced below the liquid (add water if necessary). 4. Leave on counter for several days; you will want to 'burp' the lid daily to release pressure. 5. Wait! Taste frequently. Once desired taste and crunchiness is achieved, place in refrigerator. Enjoy! 6. Pro tips: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Use a glass jar or ceramic crock. No metal containers! b. Use Kosher salt, not iodized. c. Use a clean rock to weigh your veggies down if needed. All veggies should be completed covered by brine. d. If surface mold appears, skim it off, and make sure all food is covered by brine. 	 
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EarthDance Farm Fresh Fire Cider

A Winter Health Tonic

<h4>INGREDIENTS</h4> <p>Makes 1 quart sized mason jar's worth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ¼ c. grated horseradish • ¼ c. or more chopped onion • ¼ c. or more chopped garlic • ¼ c. or more grated ginger • Spicy peppers (jalapeños, Thai chili peppers, other hot peppers) to your preference • Apple cider vinegar (enough to fill jar after veggies are in it) • You can add herbs, vegetables, or dried fruit to the mix ~ choosing those with known healing properties strengthens your tonic. 	<h4>INSTRUCTIONS</h4> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PLACE THE INGREDIENTS in a quart-sized mason jar and cover them (fill) with apple cider vinegar. Seal the jar with a tight-fitting lid (use parchment paper between vinegar and metal lid to prevent rust). 2. Place the jar in a warm spot and let sit for 3 to 4 weeks. Shake the jar every day to help in the maceration process. 3. AFTER 3 TO 4 WEEKS, strain out the herbs, reserving the liquid. Warm the honey (so that it will mix in well) and add it to the vinegar, to taste. Your fire cider should be hot, spicy, and a little sweet. 4. BOTTLE, LABEL, AND ENJOY! Fire cider will keep for several months unrefrigerated if stored in a cool pantry, but store it in the refrigerator if you have the room. 5. A SMALL SHOT GLASS DAILY serves as a health tonic. Or take fire cider by teaspoons throughout the day if you feel a cold coming on. 	 
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