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Blessed into the New Year

As we enter a new year I have been reflecting on no matter what happened over this past year how truly blessed we have been.

We may complain about politics, inflation, weather, bad drivers, or our aches and pains but I challenge anyone to find a country as great as ours. We may have our differences, but we are all in this together. I see this when I am out talking to my neighbors whom are walkers. One lady walks on most days and although I can't remember her name, we always exchange friendly greetings and joke about the golf club she is carrying (I think it is a 9 iron).

There is so much ado about migrants and the border. Yes, there are problems, but these have been around for longer than I can remember. Some problems just different voices. What most are not saying is they are descendants of migrants. Unless you are a native American, you are a transplant. In the 1800's migrants from Europe and the Far East came to America to find a better life escaping the persecution or displacement from war torn countries. These are the people we became and yes we still celebrate our ethnic cultures. I used to love going to October-fests celebrating German heritage (I'm not German), or St. Paddys day (I'm not Irish). I just enjoy the different cultures that make up our great county. I embrace different cultures and cuisines. I've mentioned before that I love to cook.

I have been blessed to have traveled to many points in the world both during my time in the service and when I worked. The people I met have always been friendly and helpful. You can always find the bad in life - just turn on the news. But you can also always find the good - just go out in your neighborhood. Good is all around us if we take the time to make it good. A smile and a wave, holding a door, letting others go first, I think it's called random acts of kindness. Let's all practice some this year.

As a boomer and former software engineer, I know I have lost touch with all the emerging technology and trends. But, I really don't care because I realize I am beginning to hit my stride in life. I am still active, live on my own, cook, play music, cut my own grass, play golf, fish, and hang with my family and friends. How blessed is that?

When you reflect on your life, I hope you realize even in the hardest times, we are blessed and although it may look bleak at times, we can always be proud to live in a nation that has the freedom we all cherish.

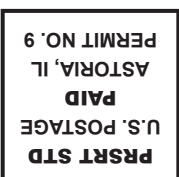
My big brother passed away in 2024 but I was blessed to have him as my big brother for 73 years. I miss being able to talk with him. But I'm blessed to still have my baby sister.

As mom used to say: "No matter what happens, the world keeps turning and the sun is going to come up in the morning." Thanks mom!

Papa Deau

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Children and Teen Events		
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Crafternoon - Snow Globes Come make a snow globe! Contact Taneesa to register. Friday, Jan. 10 at 3 pm	Readings on Race Book Club We will discuss <i>Master Slave Husband Wife</i> , parts Overture-New England. Monday, Jan. 13 at 6 pm	Conversations and Coffee Enjoy a friendly discussion of the news over snacks! Tuesday, Jan. 14 at 6 pm
		Woodland Wildflowers from Winter to Mid-May Learn what's in bloom in early spring! Wednesday, Jan. 22 at 6 pm
All Ages Events		
Winter Reading Challenge There's still time to get rewarded for reading this winter! Pick up a reading log and return it for prizes! Ends January 31	Fiber Arts Social Club Craft and chat! Bring your knitting, sewing, crocheting, weaving, etc. projects and work while socializing. Thursday, Jan. 9 at 6 pm	Cultural Cuisine We're still exploring the cultures of the world through food! Please check with the library for this month's theme. Wednesday, Jan. 15 at 6 pm
Craft Kits • Jan. 6-11: Snowflake Art • Jan. 21-25: Popsicle Stick Bookmark Pick up a free kit while supplies last!	SNEAK PEEK: Board Game Day Beat the winter blues with an afternoon of board games! Drop in and play some of our many games. Saturday, Feb. 1 from 12-3:30 pm	
The library will be closed Wednesday, January 1 for New Year's Day and Monday, January 20 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.		

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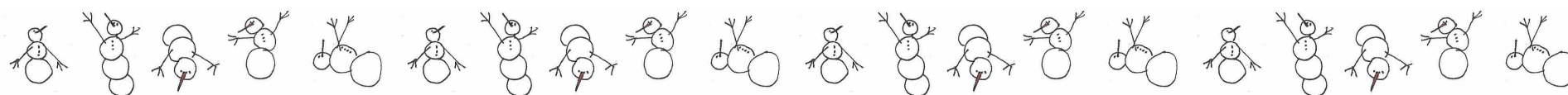


January Celebration Shout-outs

- 1 Happy Birthday Annabelle Underwood
- 2 Happy Birthday Marilyn Wiley
- 7 Happy Birthday Diane Guth
- 10 Happy Birthday Linda Eschenfelder



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January at a Glance



- 1 Happy New Year!
- 7 Forestwood Neighborhood Meeting 7 PM
Emmaus Bible Chapel 900 Highmont Dr.
- 9 Jeske Park Neighborhood Meeting 7 PM
First Baptist Church of Ferguson 333 N. Florissant Rd.
- 13 North Elizabeth Neighborhood Meeting 7PM
Ferguson Community Center 1050 Smith Ave.
- 16 West Neighborhood Meeting 6 PM
- 18 North Hills Neighborhood Meeting 10 AM
- 20 Inauguration Day
- 23 South Central Neighborhood Meeting 6 PM
- 23 Ferguson Woods Neighborhood Meeting 7 PM
North Hills Methodist 10771 Trask Dr.
- 27 South West Neighborhood Meeting 6 PM
- 29 Lunar New Year

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Ferguson City News - January 2025

City Hall Holiday Closures & Upcoming Meetings

As we start the new year, please be aware of the following important dates and events in Ferguson for January 2025:

- **City Hall Closures:**
City Hall will be closed on January 1 in observance of New Year's Day
City Hall will be closed on January 20 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.
- **City Council Meetings:**
The Ferguson City Council will meet on
Tuesday, January 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers
Tuesday, January 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

All residents are welcome to attend and participate in the public comment portion

Current City Projects

The City of Ferguson continues to work on several important projects, including the Street Mill and Overlay project funded by ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds. This project aims to improve the quality and safety of our local streets. Additionally, work is ongoing in the demolition of dangerous homes throughout the city, which is part of our ongoing efforts to revitalize neighborhoods and improve safety for all residents.

Parks & Recreation Programs

The Parks & Recreation Department is offering a variety of programs this month for all ages:

- **Tiny Tots Takeover:** Join us on Friday, January 24 at 10:00 a.m. for a fun and engaging event at the Ferguson Community Center for our youngest residents. It's a great opportunity for toddlers to enjoy interactive play, learning activities, and more!
- **Snowman Bingo:** Celebrate the winter season with a fun game of bingo on Thursday, January 30 at 11:00 a.m. at the Ferguson Community Center. All ages are welcome to participate in this festive event.

For more information about city services or to register for programs, visit the Ferguson City website at www.fergusoncity.com or contact the City Hall directly (314) 521-7721.

Let's start the new year with community engagement and progress. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events and meetings!

Nominate a Ferguson Resident or Group for the third Ferguson Human Rights Advocate of the Year Award!



Nominees should be individuals or groups who have made specific, significant contributions to improving civil rights, human relations or civility in our community. **Nominations are due on January 31, 2025.** Nomination forms can be found at

<http://www.fergusoncity.com/533/Human-Rights-Commission>

The award will be presented near Human Rights Day in December!



“A short story of Good News that we hope doesn’t go bad.” Or “Time to Help Save our Paper”

There was once a gal named Dorothy, who survived nature made and man made Ferguson tornados. She took on the town's historical newspaper. After many faithful years she handed it off to Gary Nadeau. Dorothy Seiter made Papa Deau promise that he carry on the tradition of only good news. But for now, the first time in recent 'good news only' history, we must report on the good, the bad and the ugly.

The GOOD: The citizens have volunteered before. We believe they will again. (The HOW TO) is at article's end. We have received several donations which helps

The BAD: We lost several advertisers which offset the donations received. If we don't have some Ferguson friends come to bat and become regular volunteer donors, two of us will not be able to continue to bare the over costs of printing and mailing.

The UGLY: No one's ugly. We were Created in the image of the only wise invisible God.

By saving our 'Ferguson Neighborhood News', we can continue to build and report on our own legacy. There's plenty of bad news out there. Conflict sells. And major news media used our city once to 'sell' it, but never again. Good news is now taking our territory back. Let's not let it go bad.

Ways to help;

If we had just a hundred folks pledge \$10 a month it would really help. And if fifty could pledge \$25 per month, it would be clear sailing, and delivery could continue to every Ferguson home of the jewel of the Ferguson Neighborhood News.

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“It’s Been Fun”

By Robin Shively

ACROSS

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6. You need two hands to do it
- 9.”His Master’s Voice” co.
12. Legend
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15. Opposite of hola
17. Responsibility
18. Ogle
19. High five at the Olympics?
20. Arnold’s catchphrase
23. per pc.
24. DOJ VIPs
25. No. 29 on a table
26. Bitterness
28. Jocasta’s son... and husband
31. Unable to move
32. Terminated
33. Former arrival at JFK
35. Former Pontiac muscle car
37. Inquire
38. Enchase
40. City rds.
42. Celtic priest
43. “___ Alligator”, Bill Haley tune
48. One-named rapper
49. Type of talk
50. Narrow rd.
51. Fail to perform
53. Word preceding Mr. Chips, in a book title
55. “Live Free or Die” st.
56. Nineball need
58. 1990s “Kidding!”
59. Sarcastic
63. Donkey
64. Wildebeest
66. Last name of cartoon character Olive
67. Article in Arles
68. “__ My Lovely, Chandler novel

DOWN

1. It can be said coming & going on Oahu
2. Figure between an octagon and a decagon
3. Tied up
4. For fear that
5. Flat fruit snack
6. Chasm
7. Type of poetry
8. This, according to Shakespeare, is “such sweet sorrow”
9. First name of a dog star
10. Logical and convincing
11. Evaluate
14. Swee’ ___, foundling of 66. Down
16. Sum of 2 radii
21. Not a base
22. __ Lanka
27. Pompous, pretentious
29. God
30. Customary
32. Stretchy-like
34. Casual running pace
36. Some Drs.
39. Sicilian send-off
40. Grasses
41. An approximation of length?
42. Stinger-less bee
44. Poetic initials
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57. Employ
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ARTFUL CONSIDERATIONS

by Kimberly Kabak Epperson



January 8th-26th at 7pm

\$20-50

Edison Theatre at Washington University
Chicken & Biscuits by the Black Rep

Nothing is sacred in this laugh-out-loud comedy as rival sisters Beverly and Baneatta bring the drama to their father’s funeral...God rest his soul. But the side eyes aren’t just for each other. Beverly tries to keep a lid on her daughter’s curiosity while Baneatta has some attitude for her son and his Jewish boyfriend. In the middle of it all—a shocking family secret is revealed. Get ready to gasp and clutch your pearls.

January 10th 6pm-7pm

Free

Pulitzer Arts Foundation

Reticulations by Eric Lemmon ft. lowpass

Experience the premiere of Reticulations, a bold new composition with live electronics and a unique percussion set-up by composer Eric Lemmon, featuring the experimental duo lowpass (comprised of percussionists Taylor Long and Rob Cosgrove). Using custom analog electronics and physical materials, Lemmon and the duo introduce a performative landscape where the slightest variation produces entirely new sonic textures making each performance a distinct experience.

January 17th 7:30pm

\$20-100

The Touhill Performing Arts Center

SLSO’s Stephane Deneve conducts Ravel “Sonic Impressionism”

Maurice Ravel’s music has been with Music Director Stéphane Denève his whole life. For him, Ravel locates the pure pleasure of sound, the pleasure of color. On this program we experience some of Ravel’s many sides, from childlike wonder in Mother Goose to orchestral virtuosity in Bolero. The first concerto is a brilliant ode to smoky jazz clubs, the other is a virtuoso work for the left hand alone.

January 19th 2pm

\$45-65

Winter Opera St Louis

Kirkwood Performing Arts Center

Anna Bolena by Gaetano Donizetti

In this thrilling show, Queen Anne Boleyn, once the king’s favored mistress, now finds herself out of favor. King Henry VIII, consumed by a new desire for Jane Seymour, hatches a plot to bring down his wife. Witness the emotional turmoil of a queen facing accusations, the torment of a love lost, and the fight for survival in the cutthroat world of the English court. Anna Bolena is a thrilling operatic drama filled with soaring vocals, heart-wrenching melodies, and a story that will leave you breathless. Don’t miss this unforgettable performance! Experience the grandeur and tragedy of Anna Bolena.

January 23rd 5pm - 730pm

Free

Missouri History Museum

Untold Stories: LGBTQIA+ Composers

(The program starts at 6:30pm in the auditorium, but join at 5:00pm for happy hour.)

This narrated performance by musicians from the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra introduces stories of composers from the LGBTQIA+ community over the last 1,000 years. This thought-provoking hour-long concert includes music you know alongside stories you don’t know about composers lives hidden because of prejudice and legal consequences.





Hello Ferguson!

by Marian Linck

This article will not be seen until 2025. Christmas has been celebrated. I hope you all enjoyed your time with friends and family. New Years Eve celebrations are now fond memories.

I am sitting here less than two weeks before Christmas trying to think of something profound to write about.

My indoor Christmas decorations are up, that is except for the tree. My husband takes care of the tree during the traditional Army Navy football game while I go out and take care of last-minute shopping.

We omitted some of the outdoor decorating this year because we were anticipating work on a new roof, gutters, and window wraps. I miss the wreaths in the windows and the lights we installed on our brick wall and the porch railing. I do not miss having to take everything down in sub-freezing temperatures in January!



While typing this on my trusty laptop I am also listening to the latest news about Danniell Penny and the assassination of the United HealthCare Executive. I am trying so hard to make this a positive light-hearted article. I am currently battling the symptoms of a cold which makes me crabby and hyper aware of the nastiness that seems to be taking over our world. I just got home from shopping at Costco. Normally, I love Costco. I can get free snacks there. I can find new inexpensive clothes there. Even Costco made me cranky today. I will blame my snotty nose and other cold symptoms for my poor attitude.

Dogs make me happy. Dogs erase sadness and evil from the world. My dog Simon kept me warm today while I took a nap. I should reward him by taking him to the park, but this article as well as the cold temperatures are keeping us indoors today.

Ferguson has a nice dog park. If you have a people and dog friendly dog, please consider registering your pup with the City of Ferguson and



getting a "Dog Park Tag". This tag comes with the secret combination to the park. You will need to be a responsible dog parent and have your pup fully vaccinated and show proof of that responsibility when you apply for the coveted dog park access.

I have some wonderful dogs and friendly people at the dog park. There is a regular group of ladies who take their faithful happy dogs to the park every day. You ladies know who you are! Do you know, however, how you can make a dreary day sunnier? Do you know how much Simon enjoys running with your dogs? Do you realize how you personally brighten my day?

I cannot say PARK without Simon's ears going straight up at attention. His short stubby tale starts wagging, then his whole butt gets in on the action. He is soon spinning in circles in anticipation of getting in the little black Honda Fit and taking the short ride to the dog park. The Honda is his car. Once we arrive at the park he drags me to the gate. Once the secret code is punched in there is another gate. One gate goes to the "big dog" area and other goes to an area designated for smaller dogs. I unleash Simon, open the secondary gate, and say GO. Simon takes off like a greyhound chasing a mechanical rabbit. He is a joy to watch. If the other ladies are there, he always makes them laugh at his exuberance. Often Simon jumps over one of the smaller dogs to get to his other dog friends to invite them to run with him.

I apologize for the somber crabby beginning of this article; I hope I managed to turn things around for all of us.

The country club closes in January, and I will have some free time. I hope to get all the Christmas stuff organized and packed away. I also anticipate purging some of the things I am hoarding in my basement as well.

Wish me luck!!

I enjoy your feedback and opinions. You can reach me at manhattanmarian@gmail.com.

Have a prosperous and happy 2025.

Marian Linck



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Digital Ferguson - Privacy Begins with your Browser

by David Pickens

Last month's article introduced the anti-tracking software Privacy Badger. I began by saying that basically, on the Internet, without some specific action on your part, for USA citizens, there literally are no privacy protections. And since our government has done nothing to assist us in this, we're on our own.

Also, please note that none of the techniques we discuss for improving your privacy will shield your online activities from law enforcement or USA intelligence agencies, if you happen to spark their interest. So if you're counting on that from following these articles, you are cuckoo for cocoa puffs. :)

These techniques we're discussing will assist you, friends and loved ones, and your business in preventing or greatly reducing unwanted commercial harvesting of your web browsing, email, and other personal and/or commercial online data harvested without your permission by corporations, who sell this information to whoever will pony up the money. And it all starts with the browser you choose to use.

By some estimates, the Google Chrome browser is used by 70% of Internet users, which means literally billions of people use the Chrome browser. And it collects 100% of your personal browsing and sends it directly to Google, Inc. This has been suspected by many, including me, for decades. It finally became clear when a series of data breaches revealed the extent of the personal information Google is collecting on individuals, which was essentially all of it. Everything you do, everywhere you go, your finances, your love interests, even your searches for the perfect spaghetti recipe – it's all in there, ready for sale.

So if you run a business, and your employees are using Chrome as their browser, Google has the data necessary to infer essentially everything of any importance about your business, your partners, your finances, and your vendors. As I said before, Google probably knows more about your business than most of your employees. Bottom line is if you are interested in privacy, whether at home or in the office, ditch Chrome.

Alternative browsers for Windows users are Firefox, Avast Privacy browser, Brave Privacy browser, and Duck Duck Go. There are others, but those are the major players in what is essentially a small but fast-growing niche of web browsers that respect user's privacy by design. My personal favorite is Firefox, as it has been protecting privacy for decades, and is a very robust, highly developed product, and its mobile version also works very well on iPhone and Android alike. Safari on Apple iOS desktops and mobile devices is also extremely private.

Now for extreme levels of privacy, we turn to the Tor browser. The Tor browser was an actual spin off from an idea for a system that uses "onion"

routing, initiated by a trio of researchers at the US Naval Research Lab. Onion routing basically sends traffic through multiple routers and encrypts it every step of the way, thus destroying information about your web browsing to any outside observer. It spins the information around so you just can't tell where it came from and where it is going. It really isn't known whether the NSA for example, or any other national intelligence services can watch your traffic on the Tor browser, and if that is your goal, find another article to read. I really have no idea, and anyone who claims to know is undoubtedly lying. However, I can pretty much guarantee that if you use the Tor browser, your ISP (like AT&T, Charter Spectrum, Starlink) has no idea who you are and what you are doing. So why wouldn't people who are interested in privacy use this Tor browser all the time? Good question.

One thing is, in order to make the Tor browser and its onion network work, it is basically a volunteer effort of many thousands of individuals and institutions (many of them academic institutions like MIT, Washington University, etc.) scattered across the world that volunteer time and equipment to make the Tor network work. It is a precious resource, used by activists all across the globe to protect their identity from authoritarian governments. So I only use it when I need an extra boost of privacy. For example, when I am researching a medical condition of mine, or of a friend or relative. I just don't take chances that privacy would be violated. I also use it when I am researching information I need for any products I am developing. Because secret.

Besides the Tor browser / network being a limited resource, it's pretty slow compared to any other browser, the reason being your web connection goes through several Internet spin-o-ramas inside the onion network, and this decreases the speed greatly. So your YouTube videos are very likely to stutter a bit. Also in order to thwart obscure, sneaky ways some web sites use to track users, features that can be used in these devious ways are disabled by default, thus breaking some sites.

And last but not least, because some do use Tor and the onion network for evil purposes, some web sites just refuse to accept a connection when it detects the Tor browser or onion network (though there are in fact some ways around this, but complicated.) Some of the sites that block it really make me sad and feel surprised, but all things considered, a very large number of sites do accept the connection. So go grab one, or many of these products and try them out, after first ditching Chrome. And start your journey into having some decent privacy while you browse.

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.



What is Raghib Drinking?

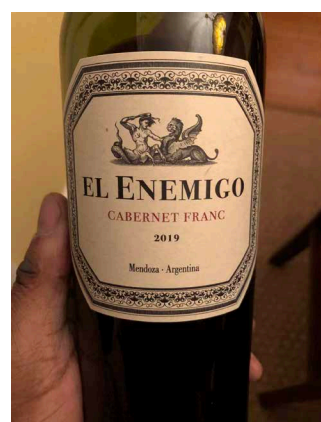
By Raghib



Welcome back readers! It's January already! As the old adage says, time really flies when you are having fun and I am having lots of fun writing this column. In this column I will be introducing **Raghib's Top Ten Wines of 2024**.

If this is your first time reading, I would like to share my philosophy of wine with you. I love wine and believe the enjoyment of wine shouldn't be reserved for a specific socio-economic class. Wine should be enjoyed by all. You will find that this year's list, like years before, has wine for everyone regardless of your wine knowledge level; from novice and veteran wine lovers. For the record, I don't receive any compensation for any of the wines on my list. My list is based on the wines that I have enjoyed in 2024. I hope you will enjoy them as much as I did. Here is the list of my top ten wines of 2024. Happy tastings!

10. **Winking Owl Merlot**. Very solid Merlot for everyday drinking. Medium bodied with hints of red fruit. You can drink it alone or pair it with pizza and/or pasta. Excellent price point. \$3+



9. **El Enemigo Cabernet Franc**, 2019. This wine is definitely NOT "the enemy"! As a matter of fact, if you share a bottle with someone, you are more than likely going to make a friend LOL! This wine is from Mendoza, Argentina blend of 90% Cabernet Franc and 10% Malbec. Medium bodied. Soft and delicious with hints of dark fruit, cedar, vanilla, and black pepper. Excellent price point. \$20+

8. **Black's Station Malbec**, 2019. Back from my 2022 list. This Malbec is full bodied with hints of chocolate and leather. You won't be disappointed. You can enjoy it with beef, lamb, or chicken. Although it did not make my list, Black's Station Cabernet Sauvignon is also impressive. Excellent price point for both. \$10+



7. **Chateau Cantemerle Bordeaux**, 2019. This blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, and Petit Verdot. This wine is medium to full bodied. It's very balanced with hints of dark fruit, cedar, and tobacco. You can drink now or store it. I chose to drink it now and enjoy it with lamb chops.

6. **Firestone Paso Robles Cabernet**, 2020. Although it dropped one spot this year, however, this wine does not disappoint! This is NOT a \$14 Cabernet regardless of what the price says! This is 100% Cabernet! If you love Cabernet, this is the wine for you. I've paired it with grilled salmon and lamb chops. This is the type of wine that you will get a call the next day about, "Hey, what was the name of that wine we had last night?" Hints of cocoa and cherry. Excellent price point. \$14+

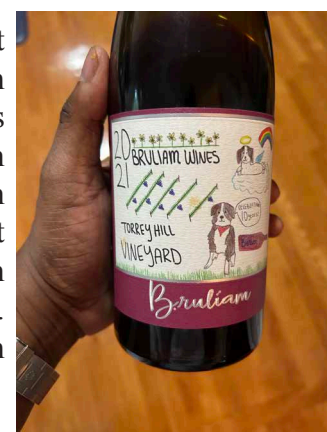


5. **Adobe Road Cabernet Sauvignon**, 2021. At first, I thought the marketing of this wine was a little over the top. I tasted it at a wine event featuring a local exotic car club. The owner of this wine is a retired professional sports car racer. So there I was, surrounded by all the fancy and schmancy, when I decided to give the tasting a try. I took a sip and it was very good. Even though the price point was a little high, I decided to buy a bottle and take it home. It was a beautiful day and I would be grilling salmon burgers for dinner later and I thought this wine would pair well. Boy did it pair well! If you like Old World Cabernet, this is the wine for you. This wine is 100% Cabernet. It's more on the full bodied side, with hints of dark fruit, cocoa, nutmeg, and cedar. I was so impressed with this wine that I went back the very next day and purchased a few more bottles. Pairs well with salmon, steak, and lamb. Price point \$80+



4. **Elqui Carmenerre, Syrah, Malbec Red Blend**, 2018. I always encourage wine lovers to try different wines from around the world. Not only are the wines delicious, but the price points are almost always good. A lot of wines from countries in South America may get overlooked because Argentina is so well known for its Malbec. However, Chilean wines do not disappoint. Medium bodied with hints of dark fruit and chocolate. Pairs well with tacos, chicken, pizza, and pasta. Excellent price point. \$15+

3. **Bruliam Wines Torrey Hill Vineyards Pinot Noir**, 2021. Sometimes, bad wines come with very cool labels. Sometimes very good wines come with very cool labels. This wine from Bruliam is the latter. This is a small production winery and they sell out quickly. You can visit their website for more information. Medium bodied with hints of dark fruit, vanilla, and oak. This wine is versatile and can be paired with veggies, chicken, or fish. Price point \$60+



2. **Caterwaul Sonoma County Cabernet**, 2021. In 2023, this wine was at the top of my list. It is 100% Cabernet! There are a few wines that will make you stop what you are doing and immediately text your circle of wine friends. This wine is one of them. My only regret is that I didn't purchase more bottles. I paired it with lamb chops. Rich dark fruit with hints of sage and cocoa. Price point \$50+

1. **Pas de Cheval Cabernet Sauvignon** Finalé Howell Mountain Napa Valley, 2019. Some wines make you speechless. This wine made me speechless. If I can find it, I buy one bottle, sometimes I drink it and sometimes I will save it. Well, I did drink it this year with my brother. He is a wine connoisseur and he was equally stunned! The deep dark purple color of the wine is what you will notice first, then the strong floral aroma, and finally the hints of dark fruit, chocolate, vanilla, tobacco and spices. Pairs well with your most meaty dishes. I had mine with a nice ribeye steak. Price point \$200+



Honorable mentions: **Gorman** Cabernet Sauvignon Bully, 2018; **Lapostolle** Grand Selection Cabernet Sauvignon, 2021; and **Brook & Bull** Come Hell or High Water Red Blend, 2021.

Let's Be their Voice

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Happy New Year to you and your companion animals! Many of you who are reading this view your dog or cat as a family member and care about their well-being; having enough food and water every day, getting proper exercise and play in the backyard, and being kept warm during frigid days. However, there are too many who don't see their pets as companions but more like fixtures in the backyard or basement.

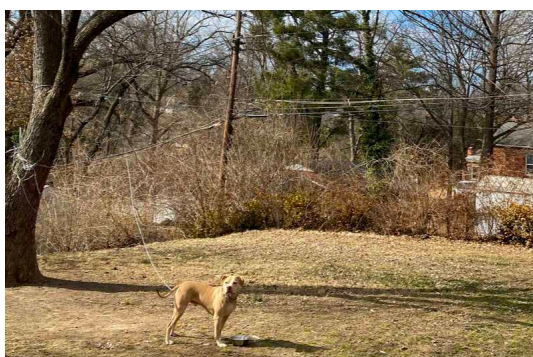
How can we as a community make a difference in the lives of those animals that suffer in silence? Ferguson Animal Coalition (a 501c3 non-profit organization here in Ferguson) receives many calls for help regarding a loose dog running the streets, a pup tied to a tree 24/7, or a lost cat that has shown up at someone's door begging to come inside on cold nights. We try to do our best to help these sad situations but it's not an easy task and we need your help.

We encounter many different situations trying to help a dog or a cat. One comes to mind just last month. I received a call from someone about 2 neighbor dogs running loose and scaring them enough that



they were afraid to get out of their car. I had 2 choices. The easiest choice would have been to have them call animal control. We often think that when animal control comes to take a dog away that the ending is a happy one. It's not. Shelters are packed and there is literally nowhere to go with dogs that are picked up, due to the overabundance of dogs being dumped, backyard breeding, and people not spaying and neutering. Knowing the outcome of the easy choice, we chose to try to make a difference by educating and offering a hand.

I drove to the home of the 2 roaming dogs and fortunately the people were at home. I had treats in my pocket and a smile on my face. My first question was "how can I help"? I explained the phone call I had received and that I wanted to help her keep her dogs safe at home. Most people are receptive to a smile and helping hand.



After viewing the backyard situation, I figured out a plan to put up a secure temporary fence which included access to their enclosed back porch. The woman was very receptive and appreciative of the offer.

We returned a few days later with the necessary fencing material, a big bag of dog food, beds, and toys. With awesome help from some volunteers, we were able to put up the fence.

With the cold weather upon us, think about how you can make a difference. If you have a neighbor that has a dog tied to a tree, how about knocking on their door and with a smile on your face, ask how you can help. Kindness

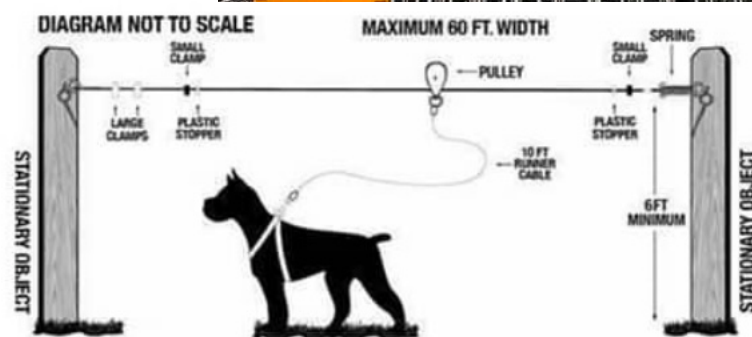


often goes a long way. Many people might just need a little education about the needs of dogs and are often very receptive to little nudges and reminders that we as a community can offer. Be their voice.

If you know of a dog that is tied to a tree, there are many options that may help. A temporary fence is inexpensive and easy to install. Another option is a \$34.00 trolley system that can be purchased on Amazon. The trolley system gives the dog much more freedom to run but not run away. Dogs do need exercise for their physical and mental well-being. Many people don't know about these options and are receptive to the ideas. These little things can make a huge difference in the lives of a dog. Be their voice.

How cold is too cold for a dog or cat to be outside? The recommended rule by the Humane Society of the United States, is if it's too cold for you, it's too cold for them. Temperatures below 32 degrees can absolutely cause frost bite and hypothermia to dogs and cats. The most humane place for them to be during acclimate weather is inside with us. If you know about a situation, give a reminder that dogs suffer from the cold, just like we do.

Of course, not every neighbor will welcome a friendly reminder. In those rare cases, please don't turn a blind eye but do call for help. Take pictures if you can. You can reach St. Louis County Animal Control by calling (314) 615-0650 or after hours at (636) 529-8210 for emergencies. Let's all be the voices of our Ferguson dog and cat residents. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of animals.



If you don't have a fence, a dog trolley-system is best. All You need are 2 trees, or stationary posts. The kit can be ordered on Chewy.com or Amazon. Easy to install.

Cold Weather Tips

Please keep your dogs and cats inside when temperatures are below 32 degrees, especially dogs with short fur. Dogs with short coats such as greyhounds or pit bulls are even more sensitive to the cold.

Keep Your community cats warm by providing cat igloos packed with fresh straw.

If your pet is outside during cold weather:

- Remember that staying warm requires extra calories. Outdoor animals typically require more food in the winter, so feed them accordingly when the temperature drops. Talk to your veterinarian for advice on proper diet.
- It is the law to keep fresh, non-frozen water accessible 24/7. If the bowl is not heated, you may need to refresh it more often as it freezes in cold weather. It is best to get a heated water bowl for our extreme temperatures.
- Proper housing is the law. Be sure that an insulated dog house packed with dry straw is provided. Be sure the entrance is facing against the wind.
- Salt and deicers: Many pets like to go outside to romp and stomp in the snow, but many people use powerful salt and chemicals on their sidewalks to combat ice buildup. Thoroughly clean your pets paws, legs and abdomen after they have been outside, to prevent ingestion of toxic substances and to prevent their pads from becoming dry and irritated. Signs of toxic ingestion include excessive drooling, vomiting and depression.

Eagle Dancer and Eagle Bestow Blessings on Ferguson

by Dr. Rev. Tiffany West

On October 19th, over a thousand people attended the Indigenous Celebration of 2024 at the Ferguson Farmers' Market. The presentations by the esteemed educator, activist, and dancer Ronnie Preston have become a fundamental aspect of this annual event. The dances performed by Ronnie include grass dancing, hoop dancing, and eagle dancing. Ronnie's eagle dance became the highlight this year!

To understand the significance of what happened, we must first understand the meaning of the eagle dance. Among various indigenous tribes, the eagle is revered as a representation of strength, valor, and freedom. The eagle dance is an expression of respect for this noble creature. Dancers imitate the eagle's graceful movements, spreading their arms like wings and rhythmically stamping their feet on the ground. The eagle dance is regarded as a spiritual connection, as native peoples believe that eagles possess a significant link to the creator. The essence of the eagle dance transcends mere entertainment; it serves as a vital means of imparting cultural traditions and teachings to future generations, fostering an awareness of their ancestry and identity. It is a tribute to nature and the equilibrium between humanity and the environment.



As Ronnie took the spotlight to express his appreciation for the eagle, his passion radiated, allowing both the unseen eagle and the audience to feel his deep connection. While he imitated the eagle's graceful movements, a majestic eagle glided into view, synchronizing its flight with Ronnie's heartfelt tribute. The eagle entered the scene, bestowing its blessings upon its human counterpart/brother and conveying a message of tranquility to the spectators. A profound silence swept through the crowd as they collectively gazed upward at the bird.

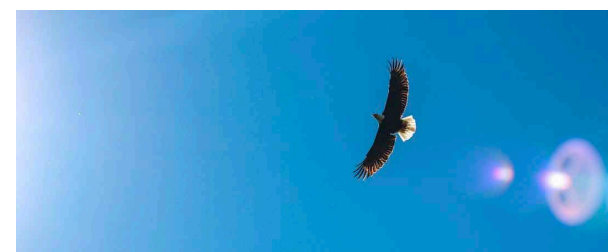
Following this moment, Ronnie recounted the challenges he faced over the past year and the comforting peace the eagle provided to his spirit during that time. If one doubts the significance of this event, consider the chances of an eagle flying over the Ferguson Farmers' Market at that time on that day!

With hundreds of tribes, Native American culture is a diverse collection of traditions, languages, and spiritual beliefs. It is marked by a strong emphasis on community and family, a deep connection to the land, and a holistic view of wellness that frequently includes respect for elders and the natural world. Because each tribe has its own history and geographic environment, its customs and practices are unique. The broad term "Native American culture" embraces an eclectic mix of cultures rather than a single one. These cultures are often misrepresented or even lacking in representation.

The annual Indigenous Celebration event at the Ferguson Farmers Market each October is organized and financially supported by Duffy George and Tiffany West to give the local Native American population a chance to share their rich culture with us. Duffy and Tiffany are the founders of Herbal Phoenix STL, a local business that uses the powers of nature to alleviate ailments of their customers while teaching the public about underrepresented and misunderstood groups of people (their history, language, etc.). To promote peace through understanding, they frequently organize activities that emphasize the various groups that exist in the Saint Louis area. This allows the public to learn about the history, customs, food, and beliefs of their neighbors.

During events like the one at our Farmers' Market, people hear stories and legends passed down through generations and providing insights into their beliefs and way of life. Artisans gather to sell their handmade items and share the significance of each item to their culture. Dancers express their creativity and passion as a medium to preserve their heritage. And of course, who can talk about Indigenous culture without mentioning their delicious cuisine? Food vendors gather to offer delicious dishes from their respective tribes. Attendees are educated on the obstacles and successes experienced by Indigenous peoples in our culture, enabling them to recognize the richness and diversity inherent in this heritage. As a result, they depart with an enhanced comprehension of the Indigenous communities that exist today.

For information regarding Herbal Phoenix STL's unique "Community Events" or to explore additional events organized by Duffy and Tiffany, please visit www.herbalphoenixstl.com and/or www.designedtoignite.com.



EarthDance Organic Farm School Offers Spring Training for Gardeners for Fifth Season!

by Jess Coffin

Do these colder temps have you dreaming of springtime? Have you been wanting to grow your own food, but not know where to start? Have your previous attempts at gardening fruits, veggies, or herbs fallen short of a home-run harvest?

Wherever you are, Spring Training will meet you there. Get in the game! Our team of experienced coaches are here to help you grow a delicious bounty! This 5-week course was designed for total beginners to gardening, as well as those who want to plan and maintain their most successful garden yet.

Spring Training is available as a Full Course (5 online classes + 3 hands-on workshops), or grow with us remotely with the 5-class Live-Online Course (pick and choose or take 'em all!)

We have a seasoned lineup of coaches, including Spring Training veterans Jena Hood, Will Delacey, Jo Phillips, Kaitie Adams, and Ro Kicker!

Join us, and round the bases as you learn step-by-step how to determine the right site for your garden, prepare your soil, choose the best plant varieties, manage your plot throughout the growing season, and put into play our easy tips to maximize your yield.

Recent participants want you to know:

"It's empowering to know how to grow my own food and to feed [my children] - it saves us money, we can all work together, and it's a great experience. We're growing cabbage, kale, and collards. We're a heavy on the greens family!"

"This was an amazing 5 weeks! I enjoyed every minute of it. I met some really cool like minded people. Staff at Earthdance are so passionate which became infectious!"

"Thank you so much for offering this class for local residents for free and online. I never could have paid for the class or attended in person, but I learned so much valuable information. Thank you!!

All Spring Training course options are offered for a standard fee or at discounted pricing to keep this educational opportunity accessible to all, regardless of income.

Visit our website to learn more and sign up now! <https://earthdancefarms.org/farmers/spring-training/>



Full Course participants learn to listen to the soil with Coach Will at "Starting from Seed" 2024.



Spring Training for Gardeners 2024 participants posed for a group photo at the end of season celebration at the farm.



EarthDance Spring Training for Gardeners Coaches Jena Hood, Will Delacey, and Jo Phillips are gearing up for another exciting month of getting participants off to a health start for the 2025 growing season! Join them March 12-April 12, 2025 to get your green thumbs on and grow your own abundant veggie garden this year!

Financial Focus – Investing in the New Year!

By Joan Cleaveland (cleav73@gmail.com)

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Another year is upon us and we're sure to see some changes. With each new year, it's a good time to review your finances and compare to previous records you have. Did your net worth grow? Did you reduce your debts over the past year? Did you increase your savings? If you can answer yes to those questions, your financial outlook may be healthy. If things don't look so rosy, it may be time to see what you can do to improve your situation. We all want a quick fix and often we believe that we can't make it better. So maybe we can just look at one area to improve and that is to increase your savings.

For the past couple of months, I've been looking at crypto currency and other virtual forms of payment. Bitcoin was first intended to be a new payment method and a new form of currency. As I ended my last column, you may recall it has become more of an asset for building a portfolio. Since its first actual transaction, the value has soared making many people very wealthy. That's why some people are looking at it as a quick way to increase their net worth by investing in bitcoin or other crypto currencies.

So first, I want to remind you that volatility should be your main concern. By 2011, bitcoin was valued at \$32 and then in the second half of the year it dropped to just \$.01 in value. It took several years to regain and reached a price of \$100 in early 2013 and then jumped to \$1000 before the end of that year. The fluctuations have been drastic at times and some have suffered huge losses. Factors involving these crashes are usually security breaches or hacks. Sometimes an announcement, like Elon Musk stating they will no longer take payments in bitcoin can cause market changes. Google and Facebook ceasing to allow marketing of bitcoin on their platforms also had effects. Yet it still reached a high of \$68,000 before the last big crash in 2022, when it dropped to \$20,000 per token.

Like the 1929 banking crashes, fear spread quickly and liquidations throughout the crypto market caused its value to drop swiftly after TerraUSD Classic (USTC) a major algorithmic stablecoin, lost its dollar peg. The USTC once the third largest stablecoin collapsed. So, if you are looking to invest your hard earned money into crypto currency, be very cautious. If you can't handle the ups and downs you must look for better returns thru safer and less volatile means. Taking risks is the way many have built wealth, but on the way they usually experience losses. Today we are seeing a new venture for the small investor called "acorns" which are small pieces of a bitcoin. This might be a good way to start small and test this investment. Just remember you need to be prepared with

enough savings you can access easily to cover at least 3 – 6 months of your expenses. Investments are more long term and not meant for your emergency fund.

This blockchain technology has also developed another investment called NFTs - Non-Fungible Tokens. You may have seen these popping up on the internet. Basically, NFTs are created as unique collector's items, like a bitcoin it is identified by a code on the blockchain, but it is a non-fungible token. Unlike something fungible which can be exchanged for an item of equal value, like a dime can be exchanged for two nickels, NFTs provide you with a specific code in a blockchain giving you the property rights to a collectable. As a very cautious investor, I have owned some collectables. Certainly nothing that would fetch the kind of money some NFTs are going for. Think Cabbage Patch Kids or Beanie Babies. In the original box you might get something for them, but the worth of collectables changes over time.

If you believe this isn't just a passing fad and decide to invest in an NFT, you would first need to buy a crypto currency. Then you can shop on the NFT marketplace – a popular site is KnownOrigin. There you can bid in an auction and if you are not outbid you become the owner. This system is being used by many artists as a way to sell their work. There are many other possibilities like music and video clips. NFTs have also come out like trading cards and have even been used as loan collateral. It is projected to provide many opportunities for making money. Some have wondered why you wouldn't just use your computer to copy and paste a picture from the internet. While you can do that having the original can be valuable. As an example, CryptoPunks sells authentic pixelated avatars for millions of dollars. So maybe making your own NFT and uploading it in the marketplace can bring in some money. This is called "mining," like the creation of crypto currency. With any new method to invest, be cautious. Values can fluctuate vastly depending on what people are willing to pay and what is popular. There have been art works sold that have turned out to be fake and you never know when interest of your works will wane in the future.

With any new technology, there are other concerns that may not get as much attention. Recently, the environmental impact of the blockchain system used for crypto currencies and NFTs is being explored. The current infrastructure system uses an enormous amount of energy and this may need addressing soon. With these new opportunities for investing, keep focused on your own net worth and remember most people don't get wealthy overnight. Next month, I'll look at some other investment opportunities that are more traditional to help you in your financial future. If you have any questions or comments please contact me at cleav73@gmail.com.

Tis the Season to be Jolly

By Dr. Larry A. Brown

Holidays cause many people to have terrible times coping with the phenomena. Many people allow themselves to experience the loneliness of times when others are celebrating. They even imagine the good times that others may be having and compare them, unfortunately, to the lackluster they may be experiencing. This is especially true when the holidays being celebrated represent thanks and good fortunes, such as Christmas, Thanksgiving, and New Years.



Can it be that they feel left out, or have nothing to celebrate? It is a "mind over matter" issue that depends on the way one looks at things. Often, we feel that we are owed something or are missing something that others are either receiving or have received in the past. Sometimes, our imagination takes the place of truth, when we try to analyze what has happened in another person's life.

Often, we miss the opportunity to become a blessing to others and ourselves because of the attitude we take or not take regarding someone else.

There are always opportunities to bless and feel good about it no matter what our condition might be. There are people who are worse off than we are where ever we find ourselves.

Often a smile is all it takes, or something that we deem very little but to the recipient of our generosity, it means a whole lot. We can tell by the overall reaction of the other person.

Rather than languish when we should be having a celebration, we should bind those negative thoughts and feelings and pursue joyousness.

There are many organizations and efforts that would just love to have your participation in their efforts or events.

You can offer your services to a few or just one in order to fulfill your needs.

When we look around at those who are missing from our lives due to untimely misfortunes such as early deaths or incarcerations and those who are suffering from poor health or mental disease while still alive, we will see how blessed we are and we can get out of the Self – Pity Party we may find ourselves in.

We may help some people we know, or we may become involved with complete strangers. It doesn't really matter as long as you can become more joyful and get out of the pits.

The community needs you and you need the community in order to maintain the feeling of belonging and getting away from feeling alone and left out. There are those that are concerned about you and are available if you can reach out to them or if they somehow, become aware of your existence and need. This becomes possible when you take advantage of the resources that are available within the community. We really are each other's keepers.

What are you doing to share your gifts or concerns with others? The opportunity always exists to be a blessing so that we always can be thankful and joyful instead of being alone and woeful. Which would you rather be? Take advantage of the season! Thank God, and continue to be a blessing!



Under The Hood With Robinwood
By Bob McGartland

Drive Green: 9 Eco-Friendly Habits for the New year

Happy New Year from all of us at Robinwood Auto! I want to express a very heartfelt thank you to everyone who brought in donations to our annual Shoebox for Seniors drive. The people in our local community are very generous. We filled almost 70 shoeboxes for our seniors this year. Your kindness has a profound impact on many seniors in our community.

As we welcome 2025, it's a great time to reflect on habits that benefit not just ourselves but the environment, too. Eco-friendly driving is a simple yet impactful way to reduce your carbon footprint and save money on fuel and repairs. Here are nine practical tips to help you drive greener this year:

1. Lighten Your Load

Extra weight in your car means your engine has to work harder, which decreases fuel efficiency. Take a moment to clean out your trunk and back seat—those forgotten sports equipment or heavy tools might be costing you extra gas. Every 100 pounds of weight can reduce fuel efficiency by about 1%, so traveling light really pays off.

2. Drive Smoothly

Rapid acceleration and hard braking aren't just bad for your fuel economy—they're also tough on your car's components. By driving smoothly and maintaining a consistent speed, you can improve your mileage by up to 40% in stop-and-go traffic and 15% on the highway. Bonus: It makes for a more relaxed drive.

3. Keep Your Tires Properly Inflated

Under-inflated tires create more resistance on the road, which means your car needs more energy—and more fuel—to move forward. Check your tire pressure monthly, especially during winter when cold temperatures can lower pressure. Properly inflated tires can improve fuel efficiency by up to 3%.

4. Use Cruise Control (When Safe)

Cruise control can be a valuable tool for maintaining a steady speed on the highway, which boosts fuel economy. However, avoid using it on hilly terrain where it can cause unnecessary fuel consumption due to frequent speed adjustments.

5. Plan Your Trips

Instead of running multiple errands on different days, plan ahead to combine them into one efficient route. A warm engine runs more efficiently than a cold one, so grouping errands reduces the number of cold starts and helps you save fuel.

6. Limit Idling

If you're stopped for more than a minute, turn off your engine. Modern cars don't need to "warm up" for long periods, and idling wastes fuel while producing unnecessary emissions. Even in cold weather, your car warms up faster when you're driving.

7. Maintain Your Vehicle Regularly

A well-maintained car is a fuel-efficient car. Regular oil changes, replacing dirty air filters, and keeping your engine tuned can significantly improve your car's performance and efficiency. At Robinwood Auto, we offer eco-friendly maintenance services to keep your car running at its best.

8. Slow Down

Driving at higher speeds burns fuel more quickly. For every 5 mph over 50 mph, you're essentially paying an extra \$0.20 per gallon. Driving at the speed limit not only saves gas but also makes the roads safer for everyone.

9. Consider Carpooling or Public Transportation

Whenever possible, sharing a ride with others or using public transportation reduces the number of cars on the road, which means fewer emissions overall. Plus, carpooling can be a great way to save money on gas and parking while building connections with coworkers or friends.

At Robinwood Auto, we're committed to helping you drive smarter and greener. Whether you need a winter tune-up or just want advice on improving your car's efficiency, we're here to help. Let's make 2025 a year of positive change—on the road and beyond! Visit us at robinwoodauto.com

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The Sick - Mark and Phylcia

By Patricia Brothers

I sat at the nurse's station with my head cupped into my hands. I just needed a five-minute break. No one said nursing would be easy. I knew that, but when I watched every single nurse take care of my mother before her passing – I knew that was what I wanted to do. I toiled for years getting my hands on medical journals and books. At the age of ten, I just knew I would be a nurse. I am fully committed to giving the best care to every patient as each nurse gave my mom. I felt my phone vibrate. I looked at the name shocked to see him call after so long.

“Hello?” I felt I smiled way too hard, but it was too late to take it back now.

“Hey stranger.” That familiar voice felt so warm and calming. (Still, I knew we would not be getting back together.)

“Mark. How are you? What are you up to?” The exhaustion took over me and hit me like a ton of bricks.

“It's been a while since we last spoke. I wanted to check on you.” Mark sounded just as defeated.

“I'm good. Exhausted. But good.” I took a deep breath and tried everything in my power to hold back the tears.

“Same. Lovie. Same.” Wow. He called me Lovie. He hasn't called me that in years.

“Is everything okay?” I am genuinely concerned about his well-being.

“Not totally. But you know me. I always bounce back.” Mark does not sound the same. I truly hope he is okay.

“So. This call is for?” I sat back with my head against the back of the chair. “You. I miss you.” I now know he has been drinking. I heard the slur in his words and he “misses me.” Something is amiss.

“Really? And how do you know this?” I wanted to just give in, but being coy is what I do.

Mark sighed. “I just do. I messed up. I really wished things were different you know. It's like no one compares to you. You know this.”

I smiled softly. Kayla looks at me as if I transformed into some kind of creature. “I do. We should have said ‘I do’ and maybe. Just maybe. We both would be in a better position. So why the come to Jesus moment now?” I wanted so badly to run back into his arms.

Mark took a heavy sigh. “We broke up. I am surprised it lasted this long honestly. I just wanted you to know that I still love you. And. Maybe. When I am over whatever this is, you and I can try and get back together?” I lowered my head and started twirling my hair. Kayla looks as if she is about to turn green. “That would be great. Listen. I gotta go. We are in overflow right now and I have lost so many patients this week.”

“Yeah kiddo. I really do love you. See you soon.” Mark hung up the phone and my heart dropped. I take a sip of water and return to my rounds.

A new patient comes in with all the same symptoms. Only this time she has lesions and blood is coming from any orifice that it can find to escape. I have her quarantined immediately. I cannot afford to take any chances. I want to make it home to my girls safely and in one piece. I do not want them to contract whatever this is. Masks should be mandatory, but not everyone is taking it seriously. God help us.

I call Tonya to check on her and Amanda. There is an unfamiliar sound when the phone connects. It is laughter.

Amanda is full of energy as she answers, “hi Mommy!”

I smile. Wishing I had a third of her energy. “Hi Manda Bear! How is my favorite baby?”

She giggles. “Mommy! I thought you do not have any favorites!”

“I do. Just do not tell your sister!” I laugh a little bit.

Amanda screams in laughter as Tonya speaks. “Too late! I heard that!” Tonya had a bit of twinge in her tone.

“Mommy you were on speaker phone!” Amanda laughs with a high pitch squeal.

“I know! I was kidding. What are you girls doing?” I longed to be with them at that moment. What I would not give to see what they were laughing at and what they were doing.

Tonya jumps in. “None of your business!” She laughs as if she just told the most golden of jokes. “We have had a pillow fight. Ate pizza. We tried watching a movie, but Amanda would not stop talking through it. Weeeee. Oh yeah. We were in the middle of a tickle fight.”

“Seems like you guys are having a great night.” A small, single tear leaves my eye.

I can hear the smile on Tonya's face. “Yeah. Yeah, we are. Are you coming home tonight?”

“I surely hope so. I really hope so. It has been a madhouse, and we have been swamped.” I lean against the wall.

“Oh. Well. Make sure the CDC hoses you down. Get back to work so that you can come home soon. I love you mom.” For one glorious moment, Tonya was fully her old self.

“I love you too. See you real soon.” I sigh.

“Ok mom. Bye.” Tonya really wanted me home.

“Bye.” I disconnect and steady myself.

I get a page for an emergency meeting. I leave the floor and rush to the meeting room. I have never seen so many suits in one room in my life. We sat there for what seemed like hours discussing the idea of an epidemic or pandemic. What we have witnessed. How to manage the media. Having the staff to sign NDAs. I advised that may not do any good as the family of patients won't agree. Even if most do, someone will breach it. The end of my shift came, and I rushed out the door. All I wanted was to be with my children.

I open the garage and shed my clothes. I jump in the shower in the guest bedroom. When I step out of the room, the kids were waiting for the sign it was safe to approach. I gave the okay and was assaulted with hugs and kisses. I felt like I was dreaming. It's been so long since this happened. I embraced every moment of it. We sat on the couch and watched a movie. The kids fell asleep in my lap. One on each side. My heart was complete. I mindlessly scrolled through television when Mark called again.

“Hello?” I am thrown off by the call. I looked at the time. It was late. Why was he calling? I hear music in the background.

Mark swallows hard before speaking. “Phylcia. I need you. I have been drinking. I need you mentally. Physically. Emotionally.”

“No. You need me to be the designated driver. The kids just fell asleep. Let me get dressed and I will be on my way.” I was a bit irritated. His drinking was one of the reasons we were not together, but he had been clean for quite some time. What was he going through to make him drink like this? Mark's words were slurred, “no. No. I just want to be with you. I mean. You know.”

“Now I know you're drunk.” I laugh heartily. I quickly quieted as to not wake the kids.

“Yeah. I am. So?” Mark paused as if I were going to say yes to that craziness.

“Mark. I can't. I will be there for you, but that I cannot do.” I really want to, but I feel like a rebound.

Mark sounds defeated. “Fine. Then come get me and take me home please.” “That I can do. Give me a moment.” My voice was soft.

“Yeah.” Mark hangs up.

I really do miss him, but not when he is like this.

Fifteen minutes later. I get a text message stating “never mind.” I assume he either came to his senses or caught an Uber. I laid across the bed and closed my eyes for a moment. I missed several calls and text messages from the hospital. I was so exhausted. At that moment I did not care. All I wanted was sleep which I was sorely missing. I felt as though I melted into the bed. The blanket and pillows missed me, and I surely missed them. There was movement, but I was too tired to even detect what it was. If it was an intruder – well, I guess it was my time.

The next morning, I woke up hot and sweaty. Reason being, I had two additional bodies cuddled next to me. I know girls. I have missed you too. I lay there hot and uncomfortable but enjoying every moment of it. I begin planning my exit out of the field. I will no longer neglect my girls, nor will I sacrifice their happiness for the sake of a check. I drafted my resignation letter in my head. Little did I know, I will never get to deliver it.

To be continued..

Crossword Solution from page 4

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- In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
- And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.
- And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.
- And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.
- And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

Genesis chapter one, verses one through five, KJV

Before we worship God, wouldn't it be a good idea to first know Who He is? Often It is most helpful to know someone by what they do. God tells us the answer to this in the bible.

I will add more of God's Word that will do more than answer just this one question. For now, why not read the first chapter of Genesis?

Doug the scribe.

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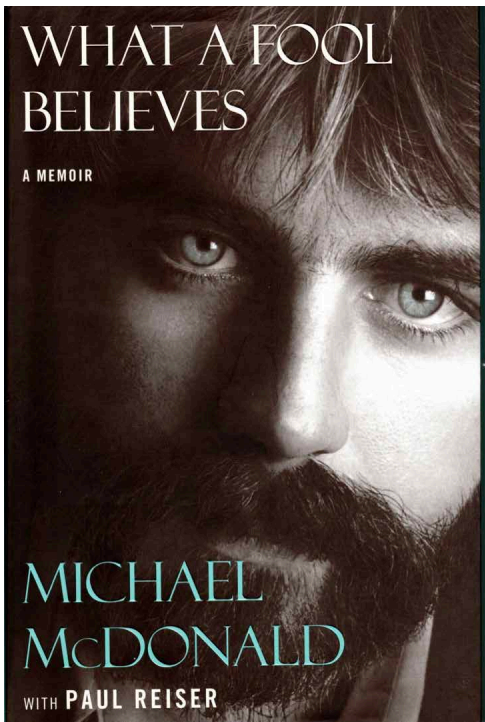
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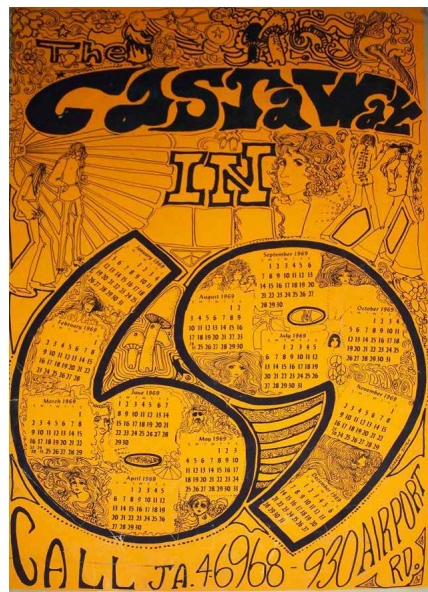


A couple months ago we did two pieces on the Ferguson Walk of Fame, located between the firehouse and the police department. One of the people on that Wall is Michael McDonald, singer and instrumentalist from the 1970's until today. McDonald has just written an autobiography, shown at the left.

We are not here to write a review of the book. However, since McDonald grew up in Ferguson, he has many memories of Ferguson and of the local music scene in the late 60's and 70's. It is that aspect of "What a Fool Believes" that we will look at in this article.

Michael was born on February 12, 1952 – he is currently 73 years old. He grew up on Highmont in Ferguson. He attended St. John and James school through the 8th grade (a patrol Boy and Altar Boy) – with fond memories of Mr. Bosey (band), then attended McCluer High until he dropped out in 1968. He did later earn a GED. His father, a streetcar operator for St. Louis Public Service, was a singer – a trait that McDonald obviously picked up. His mother worked for S&H Green Stamps in Jennings. In his early youth, he began taking piano lessons and later started taking up the banjo and guitar. He had early musical abilities which has served him well as a singer, keyboardist and song writer.

For those of us who remember the music scene in the late 60's and 70's, the book has much interesting history. Locally, McDonald talks about some friends from McCluer and some of the local bands – Mike and the Majestics, Jerry Jay and the Sheratons to name just two. McDonald played with the Sheratons during some of his very early music years. He also mentions some of the places where



they play, especially the local hangout-The Castaway – located on airport Road. To the right is a poster from the Castaway around the time Michael would have been performing. Above is a photo of the Sheratons performing at The Castaway. Michael is probably in the photo, but we don't know for certain. The Castaway was located at 930 Airport Rd. The building still stands today.

McDonalds first gig, at 12 or 13 was at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, a performance which the minister cut short. He mentions some of the people he played with: Bob Bortz, Pat Molloy, Steve Scorfina (Mike and the Majestics) along with a couple of girlfriends (Amy and Diane). Maybe some of the readers may know these people. His first band was a Dixieland style band, the Mound City 3 with friends Tim Fizell and Bob Bortz, showing the variety of music in which McDonald was involved, as he progressed into the many forms of the Rock Music of his adult days. In his Ferguson music days he also played with Jay and the Sheratons – where he was hired as a vocalist. The Sheratons often performed at the Club Imperial. The Imperial was located along West



Florissant in Jennings. The building still exists, but is in poor shape. The owner of the Imperial was a man named George Edick – well known for his talent searches (including the likes of Ike and Tina Turner and the local band, The In-Men). McDonald expanded his talents beyond the Ferguson scene as he eventually became a vocalist and keyboard player for Steeley Dan and eventually the Doobie Brothers before moving to a solo career.



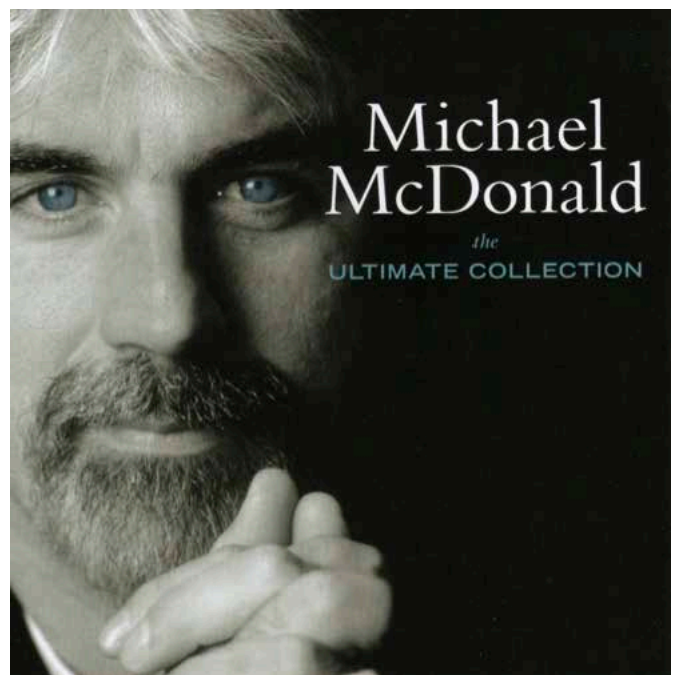
In the early chapters in his biography McDonald talks about many areas and businesses in the Ferguson area – like in Northland Shopping Center – The Northland Music Center with it's record listening booths (you could actually listen to the record before you bought it). In the same area was/is the Velvet Freeze in Jennings (still operating). At 3003 Dunn Road was the 270 Drive In. In downtown Cool Valley was the E.J. Corvette store (which had a great collection of records at discount prices). He also talks of other local bands; Joe Mannino's Band, Klassman, Head East, Aardvarks, Reeb Toors (root Beer backwards), Del Rays and Sweet Young Things (girl band).



By August of 1970, McDonald left for Los Angeles and other than visits home, spent the rest of his life in the LA area. In 1983 he married Amy Holland (also a musician).

Michael McDonald is a wonderful musician. He has often been described as a "Blue-eyed Soul" artist. A white man who Black artists accept as authentic. He has also been classified as a R&B, Pop, Rock, and Yacht Rock musician. It was his rich baritone voice (with a great high register) that won him early fame. He is an expert keyboardist (goes back to his early piano lessons) – but much of his fame came from his song writing and collaboration with other musicians (Kenny Loggins and Christopher Cross). McDonald has won 5 Grammys, been elected to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame (as a Doobie Brother) and has nine studio albums and singles to his name. It is probably his voice and keyboarding coming from that Soul and Jazz roots that make him a unique and powerful musician. He remains active in the music scene

While this is not a book review, we can say that the book is a good read – covering McDonald's lows and highs (literally). For people over 65 and with a Ferguson background, the early chapters will bring back many memories. The later chapters are also interesting if you are a lover of the many gentle rock groups of the late 60's thru the early 80's. It is an inside view of these groups and the many musicians who rotated groups during this time period. The music of Seals & Croft, Doobie Brothers, Steeley Dan, Christopher Cross, and others. If you are interested in sampling McDonald's solo career, the CD to the right is a good place to begin. A copy of the book is in the History House. McDonald's website is michaelmcdonald.com



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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.

- The race starts and finishes at Plaza at 501, located at the intersection of Florissant Road and Suburban Avenue.
- Participants will receive a T-shirt and finisher medal; age-group winners will receive customized awards.
- Baby joggers/strollers and service dogs are welcome on the course, but pets must stay at home.
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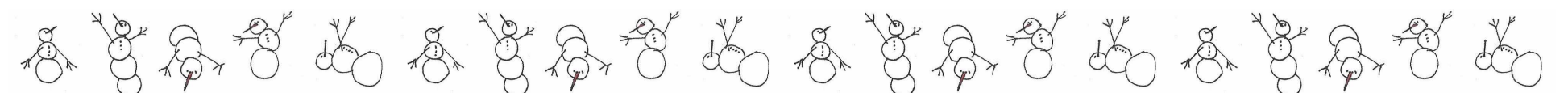
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History

Ferguson Twilight Run debuted in May 2010 as the first evening race in North St. Louis County. The run/walk 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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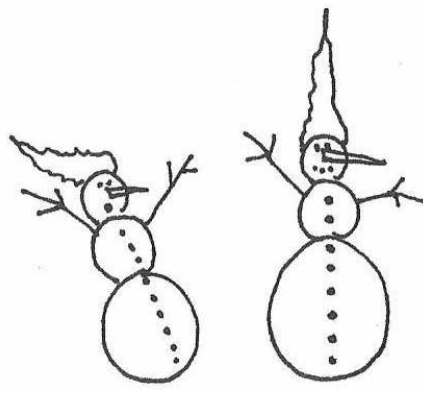
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