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GOOD NEWS is Coming To Ferguson

A lot of rumors are floating around concerning what is happening at the Ferguson Brewery. I hope we can dispel any wild rumors you have heard and try to let everyone know what is happening.

I sat down with Rodney Fickas the owner of soulcraft. He and his wife Julie are in the process of purchasing the Ferguson Brewing Company.

Rumor: The brew house is closing: True. The business name will be gone, but the building will be going through some renovations and re-branding to the Good News Brewing Company

Rumor: Everyone working at the Ferguson Brewing company will lose their jobs. False, Rodney assured me that he wants to keep the familiar faces. He is hopeful that the good people who have been working there will come work for him. However, those logistics still need to be worked out.

Rumor: Food options are going away. True/False, Rodney said he will be keeping some items but also adding wood fired pizza. He intends to have a full lunch and dinner menu. He is planning on installing the pizza oven out in the open where it becomes part of the experience going to the Good News Brewing Company.



Good News Brewing Company is an established brewery that started in Alton, Illinois. There are currently six locations around the area. Alton Il, St. Charles Mo, O'fallon, Mo, Defiance Mo, Wildwood Mo, and Augusta Mo. Rodney is hoping to bring a sense of community to this location and hopes to make this a destination for Ferguson residents as well as those who live elsewhere.

Personally, I was overjoyed when I heard the brewery would not be shuttering its doors. There will be a few months down time while renovations are made. Rodney explained that he still is working on the purchase of the building. If everything goes right, he will take ownership as the new year comes in. With all the work that needs to be done he is hoping to open sometime around the beginning of March.

Rodney is from Springfield Illinois and his wife Julie is from Waterloo. They are relatively new residents having moved here five years ago. He and his wife are visionaries and are hoping to help re-vitalize Ferguson. They already have SoulCraft for mentoring people on woodworking and I think we all agree that the Brewery is pretty much a staple here as it is a gathering place. And that is his vision: create a destination where people want to gather.

As Ferguson goes through this transition, I pray we will continue to support our local businesses.

Papa Deau



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November News and Events at the Ferguson Public Library

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Children and Teen Events

Stories and Songs for Little Ones Join us for storytime! Ages 0-5. Wednesdays at 10 am	Lego Club Drop in and build! Ages 6-11. Saturday, November 15 at 2 pm
Afterschool Yarn Art Make a masterpiece using yarn, glue, and canvases! Recommended for kids and teens ages 6-17. Dress for mess. Friday, November 14 from 4-5:30 pm	

Adult Events

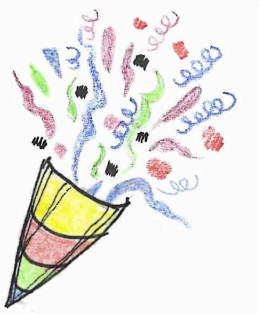
Black Author Book Club <i>My Sister, the Serial Killer</i> by Oyinkan Braithwaite. Wednesday, November 5 at 6 pm	Readings on Race Book Club <i>Everything I Learned About Racism I Learned in School</i> by Tiffany Jewell. Monday, November 10 at 6 pm
Sewing Machine 102 Learn more sewing machine basics! Wednesday, November 12 at 6 pm	Conversations and Coffee Discuss today's news and events. Tuesday, November 18 at 6 pm

All Ages Events

Board Game Blowout Drop in for a day of board games, pizza, snacks, and fun! Saturday, November 8 from 10-3:30 pm	Fiber Arts Social Club Bring your latest project and craft and chat. Thursday, November 13 at 6 pm
Cultural Cuisine Learn about harvest celebrations around the world! Wednesday, November 19 at 6 pm	November Craft Kits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nov. 10-15: Paper Quilt Leaf • Nov. 24-29: Fuzzy Pumpkins Pick up a kit while supplies last!

The library will be closed
Tuesday, November 11 for Veterans Day and
Thursday, November 27 for Thanksgiving.

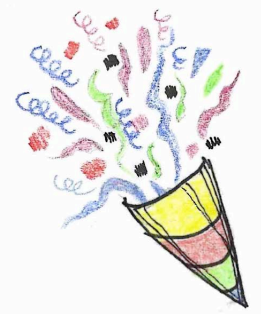
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November Celebration Shout-outs

- 5 Happy Birthday Jane Richards
- 20 Happy Birthday Jeanie Orf
- 24 Happy Birthday Lorraine Cook
- 24 Happy Birthday Donna Potter

Email Shout-outs to garynadeau2@gmail.com - deadline is the 15th of each month



November at a Glance



- 2 Day of the Dead
- 2 Daylight savings time ends. Fall Back
- 2 Ferguson Historical Society Fundraiser
- 4 Election Day
- 4 Forestwood Neighborhood Meeting 6-7 PM
- 11 Veterans' Day
- 12 Veterans' Day Mass and Breakfast. BTC Mass at 9:00 AM, breakfast to follow.
- 13 Ferguson Woods Neighborhood Meeting 6-7:30 PM
- 15 NorthHills Neighborhood Meeting 10-11 AM
- 24 South West Neighborhood Meeting 6-7 PM
- 27 Thanksgiving

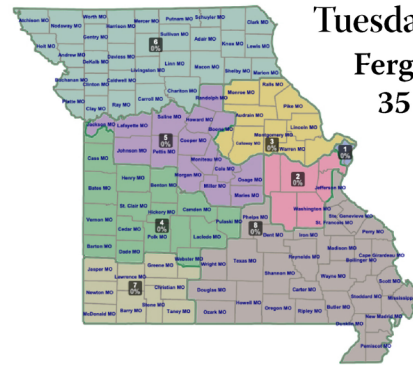


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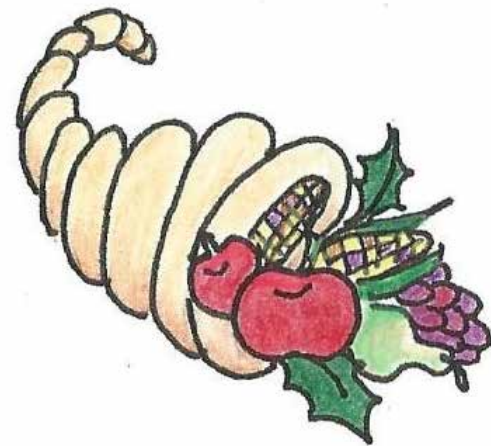
Changing the Lines: The Impact of Congressional Redistricting



Tuesday, November 04, 6 - 8 p.m.
Ferguson Public Library
35 North Florissant, Ferguson

For more information and Zoom link see:
www.proud-ferguson.org

The event is geared for an adult audience, but all ages are welcome.



PRAY FOR PEACE

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

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**Nominating petitions available November 3, 2025
Candidate filing opens at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday,
December 9, 2025. Nominating petitions will be
accepted by the City Clerk (upstairs) in the City
Clerk's Office 110 Church Street, City Hall
Ferguson, Missouri.**

**Candidate filing closes at 5:00 p.m. on
December 30, 2025**

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- Other Meetings - assure all city-wide events summaries gathered
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NOVEMBER

- Nov 4 Healthy Cooking Demo
- Nov 15 Teen Night Out - Main Event
- Nov 17 Adult Craft Day
- Nov 18 Thanksgiving Bingo
- Nov 21 Kids Night Out

DECEMBER

- Dec 5 Santa & Sirens Begins
- Dec 12 Kids Night Out
- Dec 19 Winter Wonderland
- Dec 20 Teen Night Out
- Dec 22 Winter Camp Begins



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CROSSWORD

Party Hearty

By Robin Shively

ACROSS

1. Eat to excess
7. Famous son of Marceline, Missouri
12. Vegan no-no
13. First soft drink sold in a can
14. "Neath" antonym
15. Introverted
16. Customer
18. Another name for a London bum?
19. A welcome sight
21. Sick
22. 28 down event
24. Peck
27. At night, it's a sailor's delight
29. Twosome
31. Present
32. One of five, in a Shakespearean production
34. New England poet
36. 1937 animated film
40. Bovine birth
41. Glass holder
42. Entertain
44. Pie-hole
45. Weed cousin
47. Invitation encl.
50. Sound made by Dogg
51. Crumble
55. Allergy affected?
57. Ford pardonee
58. Category for one possessing a CDL
59. Tabby stimulant
62. Word following Black or rain
64. Capp or Capone
65. Emissions org.
67. Statue niche
68. Beatles label
69. Synthetic crystal used in lasers

DOWN

1. Cause to flush, perhaps
2. Not cold, but warm, while seeking
3. Fueled (up)
4. "The ___", 2001 scary film
5. Grouchy
6. Style
7. "What's up ___?"
8. Fighting ___ of football
9. ___ rabbit (roadkill)
10. Geological billion years
11. Bigfoot cousins
17. Actress Sommer
20. Medicinal alcohol solution
23. NATO founding member
25. Insinuate
26. Sluggish, somnolent
28. Sicilian peak
30. Middle word in alliterative game
32. Goal
33. Harper or Gerritsen
35. Egg cells
37. ___ Kosh B'Gosh
38. Start of a tourist's question, often
39. 2013 Best Pop Solo Grammy song
43. Happening
46. Labyrinths
48. Artist with song title of 24 across
49. "Woman _ _ _", 2000 Cruz film
52. Stain remover prefix
53. Clean-shaven dwarf
54. Prefix for route or suite
55. Couch
56. Does wrong
59. Pitcher topper
60. Site for a chalet
61. Witch
63. Lower case poetic initials
65. A Kettle

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TRIVIA

1. The 6 most abundant elements in biomolecules each have single letter symbols on the periodic table. Other than (C) Carbon, name four of the other five.
2. In what sport is Pie Trayner a hall of famer?

(Answers on page 13)

ARTFUL CONSIDERATIONS

by Kimberly Kabak Epperson



November 1st, 7:30pm-9:30 pm, \$24 – \$34
Kranzberg Arts Center 501 N Grand Blvd. St. Louis, MO 63103

"I Have Been Here Before"

Albion Theatre presents a play by JB Priestley. At a lonely Yorkshire inn, a chance gathering of strangers leads to startling revelations. Bound by fate, their choices ripple far beyond their own lives. As echoes of the past resurface, they face an unsettling question: is this their second chance—or a doomed repetition? (This is a recurring event!)

November 7th, 5:30 pm-7:30pm, FREE

Bellefontaine Cemetery and Arboretum 4947 W. Florissant Ave. St. Louis, MO 63115

Sips, Souls and Strolls

Enjoy a special twilight edition of Sips, Souls, and Strolls celebrating the women artists of Bellefontaine Cemetery and Arboretum. From sculptors and painters to poets, these remarkable women left behind legacies as distinctive as their art. Enjoy an evening walk led by knowledgeable guides as you visit their final resting places, hear their inspiring stories, and savor beer, wine, and hors d'oeuvres along the way.

November 7-16th, times vary, tickets at florissantpac.com

Florissant Performing Arts Center One James J. Eagan Drive Florissant MO 63033

The Bakers Wife presented by the Hawthorne Players

The season closes in the sun-drenched hills of Provence, France, circa 1935, where a small village has gone seven long weeks without a baker. Their prayers are answered when the kindly Aimable and his charming young wife, Genevieve, arrive to reopen the bakery. But harmony is short-lived—when Genevieve runs off with a dashing young lover, Aimable's heart breaks, and so does the village's bread supply. To restore both love and loaves, the villagers must come together in a heartfelt (and humorous) mission to reunite the couple.

November 7th, 7:00pm, \$37.25+

Stifel Theatre 1400 Market Street St. Louis, MO 63103

Dog Man: The Musical

Perfect for children and families! Based on Dav Pilkey's bestselling book series, Dog Man: The Musical is a laugh-out-loud, action-packed adventure perfect for kids and families! Join Dog Man—the crime-fighting hero with the head of a dog and the heart of a good boy—as he battles Petey the evil cat, Flippy the cyborg fish, and an army of Beastly Buildings. Bursting with humor, music, and heart, this show brings Dav Pilkey's beloved characters (from the creator of Captain Underpants!) to life on stage.

November 14-16th, times vary, FREE

Florissant Valley Theatre Location 100 Success Dr, Ferguson, MO 63135

Unnecessary Farce by Paul Slade Smith

Presented by the School of Communication, Design and Creative Arts and directed by Marie McCool.

Two cops. Three crooks. Eight doors. Chaos. In a rundown motel, a crooked mayor plans a secret rendezvous with his accountant—while two undercover cops in the next room prepare to catch it all on tape. But nothing goes as planned: rooms get mixed up, money goes missing, a hit man shows up, and no one seems to know who's double-crossing whom—or why the accountant keeps losing her clothes. For more information, please contact Marie McCool, theatre manager, mmccool@stlcc.edu.

November 16th, 7:00pm, \$102 – \$430

Enterprise Center 1401 Clark Avenue St. Louis, MO 63103

Brandy & Monica

Brandy and Monica bring The Boy Is Mine Tour to the Enterprise Center on November 16, joined by special guests Kelly Rowland, Muni Long, and Jamal Roberts. More than 25 years after their chart-topping duet "The Boy Is Mine" redefined '90s R&B, these GRAMMY-winning icons are joining for their first-ever co-headlining tour. Expect powerhouse vocals, nostalgic hits, and brand-new moments of magic as they celebrate a legacy that continues to inspire generations. With an all-star lineup that bridges eras—from the legendary to the next big thing—this is the concert event of the year not to be missed.



Hello Ferguson!

by Marian Linck

October 2025

It is 5:30 AM. I was unable to go back to sleep, so here I sit attempting to tap out yet another story for you.

Are we having fun yet?

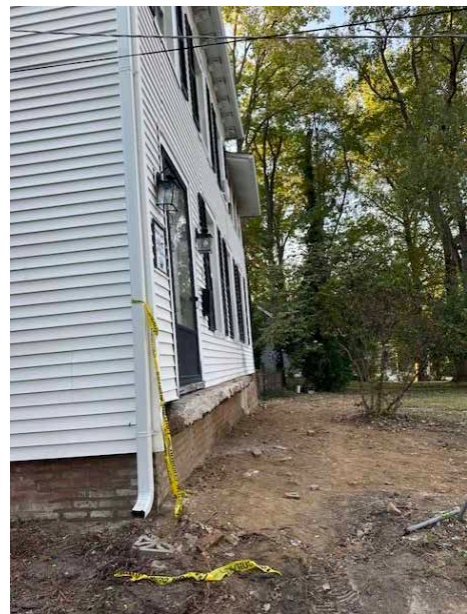
Summer has been long. I love summer, the warm sunshine, and the long days. It is OCTOBER! Why is it still 85 degrees? Why is my air conditioner still running? When do I get to wear long sleeves and even a sweater? Ok, I am finished complaining.

Being the owner and caretaker of a house that is nearly 135 years old is an adventure and a privilege. For reasons I will not share here today we are in the process of replacing our front porch. Our home had a wrap around porch once upon a time. I am sure that porch also failed and was replaced with a large concrete one with a nice wrought iron railing and two sets of steps. Even concrete is not forever, and metal railings rust and become unstable.

Our home is currently without a porch. Destruction is complete but with destruction comes more surprises. A rim board needs to be replaced due to rot that we were unaware of because it was behind the concrete porch. Reconstruction is stalled currently.



I was really hoping for some buried treasure when the old porch was removed. I am a frustrated archaeologist, so I was anticipating the possibility of digging in the dirt and finding artifacts. An old bottle or bottle cap perhaps? Long-lost coins or marbles? So far nothing. I have found a lot of dirt and old bricks.



One of the more interesting events we have enjoyed is watching the UPS or Amazon delivery people walk up to our home and try to decide where to leave packages. They look around a bit and often just leave the delivery close to where the porch had been. I must appreciate and thank the one Amazon delivery person who managed to be creative and walk around to the side door. We moved our mailbox to the side and let our mail carrier know about it. Mail delivery has been as reliable as usual except for one day. I was expecting a book to be delivered. The status was “delivered in customer’s mailbox”. I walked

over to the new mailbox which was empty. I said to myself, no it is not. Ok, let’s look in the mailbox that is eight feet off the ground. I opened the front door and immediately felt like I was going to fall into the abyss. I held on for dear life and opened the mailbox. There was my book as well as a pile of mail. We are still trying to figure out how the delivery person got all that stuff in that mailbox.

Complications continue. Last year after the Christmas House tour I mentioned to one of the organizers that we had been on the tour over fifteen years ago and would love to do it again. She jumped at the chance to add us to the 2025 tour. I am beginning to rethink our decision. We have no front porch! We need to paint things inside and outside. Our deck needs serious repairs. Oh, and I have not cleaned thoroughly in forever. When you realize a lot of people are going to come into your home and expect to be wowed by your excellent taste in decorating and Christmas décor you begin to look at your surroundings with a more discerning eye. We are about to be in “panic mode”.

I remember years ago listening to relatives who had retired claim they were busier than ever and had less free time than when they were working full-time. I never said anything but usually thought “yeah, right!”. I was wrong. We are both semi-retired at this point. I work 12 hours a week while my husband still works twenty-four. We babysit our grandson one or two days a week. We workout in a park in South City two nights a week. We try to keep up with the home maintenance projects. I am currently seeing a physical therapist one day a week for a troublesome shoulder and we try to have a social life. We have dinner with our godson once a week. We find ourselves scrambling. I am sorry I doubted those retired folks years ago. Can someone explain this to me? Is it because we are old and slow? There are only two of us in the household now and I still feel like I spend my life doing laundry and dishes and mopping the kitchen floor. There are no daily large family dinners. There are no baseball or soccer uniforms to wash. There are no youth sports games or musical performances to attend. What is happening?

Sorry, once again, I digress. I have always had trouble staying focused. I am sharing some pictures of our missing porch.

Oh, I almost forgot we had to set a trap for our pet groundhog as well. The little guy must go. He is being a digging little pest. So far, he has not fallen for our clever trap. We did capture an opossum. Opossums are good for the neighborhood, so we set them free,

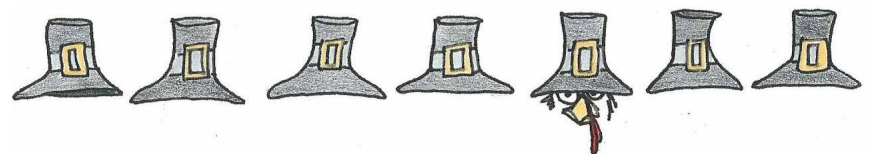


See what I mean about staying focused?

Thank you for reading this month. I am open to advice and suggestions.

You may reach me at manhattanmarian@gmail.com.

I hope to see you all during the Christmas House Tour on the 14th of December.



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by Wendell Phillips Berwick / FreedomCry.Life



When Autumn arrives, we say; 'The leaves are turning colors'. When actually, the other colors were there all along. Cooler nights and shorter days cause the green pigment in chlorophyll to dissipate. Thus the orange browns and brown oranges, redish yellows and yellow reds, violet, purple, and mixtures of color that only a Master Artist could mix are revealed.

Our lives are like that. As human beings created in the image of the Creator of all creation, we are fearfully and wonderfully made. We each consist of the layers of body, soul and spirit.

The body gets worn out, the spirit gets sad, and our soul sags. The thin veneer of normalcy in the seasons of fiery trials fades, dissipates, revealing 'colors' we did not know were hidden under the surface of our being all along. By faith we believe the trees which go dormant will leaf back out to renewed life in Spring. May the many layers and lives of our city prosper, and the leaves of this paper of many colors remain.

Phil Berwick Nov. 25



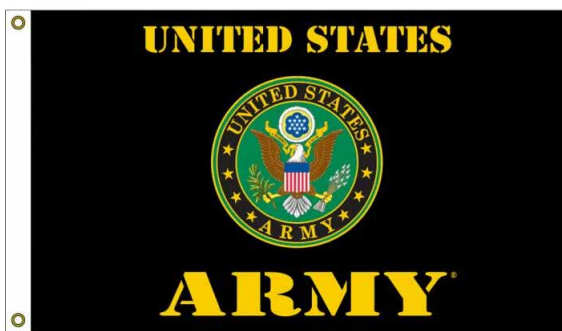
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Gunners Mate: Destroyer



From Ferguson to Pakistan



While Merferd has fans in St. Louis, the concentration of them are here in Ferguson. There were a few fans enough in Pakistan for me to find out about brickyard kids, and a modern day type of slavery known as ‘bonded labor’.

I had paid the unjust ransom for three families from afar. But others were left behind. I thought; “Why free just one or two or three families”? So I set out to empty a brickyard full of minority Christians being used as beasts of burden .

Brick kiln owners, piers of brick master Mohammed Ranzam, had pressured him to not let this American come and ransom all the families, because it would make the industry look bad. But we had made a deal and he kept his word. I didn’t travel 7,500 miles to make the industry look bad. But I’m glad it did. News spread. It was the most satisfying \$13,000 I ever spent in one fell swoop, the only money like that I ever spent in one fell swoop.

Since then, with help from others in freeing dozens more families, I found the same amount of ransom money for a single family, could support a teacher for a year, bringing the jewel of education to all the children of these man forsaken places. As the kids in now 18 brick yards where we’ve planted schools, now have dreams of becoming doctors, lawyers, good cops, teachers and preachers they’ll one day be the freedom of their mothers and fathers.

Wendell Phillips ‘Phil’ Berwick
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This was surreal. I was handing Brick Master Mohammed Ranzam enough Pakistani rupees for the release of families who had taken the most minimum loan from him, would have never been able to pay it off, ultimately buried in the Brick Yard graveyard. Bonded labor is illegal in Pakistan but the law is never enforced.

The families had rickshaw rides to freedom. Alishba’s father was provided a rickshaw by us along with several of the fathers and sons, to be able to make a better living.



Alishba, was born in the brick yard. She makes 300 bricks a day. Enough for some tea and enough rations to eat to labor another day. Actually, women don’t get paid. The Father barely gets paid for a quota of a thousand bricks.



A 101 year old matriarch, and three of her generations, including daughters, grand daughters and great granddaughters ; one of the 13 families freed from bonded labor in the Roshan Bricks Company, Kasur Pakistan. I’m covered with wild rose petals that they tossed on me.



Security with big guns are common in Pakistan. I got used to it. Men holding hands is also common. After several trips I finally got used to it. One of my interpreters and Superintendent of schools is on my right, That’s a Pastor on my left, and next to him the guard is wearing a Merferd tee. The tall guard far left has a beautiful singing voice.



The Brick Master Ranzam knocked \$200 US dollars off the families’ ransom, and I gave handed him a Merferd and Treetoons coloring book. That’s pastor Shokaut with me, wearing a Merferd tee.

Ferguson Animal Coalition Pet Resources

Lost & Found

There are several websites dedicated to lost and found pets such as www.stllostpets.org. And www.pawboost.com/find-lost-pet. On Facebook, post on "Florissant Hazelwood Spanish Lake Animal Lost and Found" page. And NextDoor at nextdoor.com.



Lost a Pet

Here are very important tips if you lose your pet:

- Contact local police department.
- Post on social media; lost pet pages on Facebook and NextDoor app. Include your phone number.
- Go to area shelters (St. Louis County Animal Control, Humane Society, APA) and look for the animal. While you're there fill out a lost pet report and drop off a flier of the pet. And keep checking back! You really should go into the shelter since many animals' description varies from person to person.
- If your pet has a microchip, contact the agency that put the chip in. This could be your vet's office or the place you adopted the animal from. Contact the company the chip was from. This could be AVID, Home Again, or several others.
- Make fliers and put up in the area where pet was lost; include a picture of your pet. Use bright colored paper to draw attention and place in plastic sheet protectors to waterproof flier.
- Place your pets' items on your porch; litter box, pet food, pet bed, water, an item that has your scent.

Found a Pet

If you find a lost pet, try to secure if possible and you can contain safely: Post fliers in the area. Use bright colored paper and use sheet protectors to make them waterproof.

- Take the animal to a veterinarian's office to have the pet scanned for a microchip.
- Contact local police department.
- Post on social media; Facebook lost pet pages and Next Door

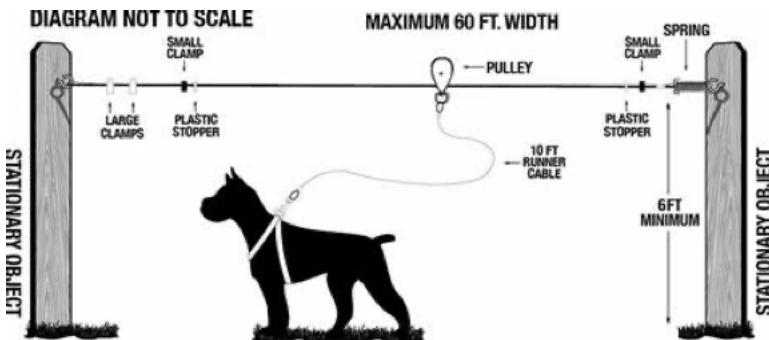
Ferguson Leash Law

The leash law requires all pets to be confined to their own property or under supervision by a responsible adult. You must have control of your pet at all times. This means if you go inside your pet goes too. Please be courteous to others and restrain your pet when people are walking theirs past your home. Many people are intimidated by the approach of another animal and many animals don't appreciate another coming up on them.



Keeping Dogs Contained

If you have a dog that jumps your fence, put up fence extenders. This is a cheap and easy way to keep your dog enclosed. All you need can be found at Home Depot; 1/2" x 3' rebar (HD will bend at 45 Degree angle), plastic zip ties, chicken wire. Weave half of the rebar through fence at each 10' fence section. Weave chicken wire through extended rebar and attach with plastic zip ties.



No Fence solution: Dog trolley-system. All you need are 2 trees. Kit can be ordered on Chewy.com or Amazon. Easy to install.

Barking Dogs

Barking dogs can be considered a nuisance at any time of day if it is habitual and reoccurring. The primary reason that dogs bark non-stop is that they are bored or lonely, or hungry. It is the good neighbor policy to monitor your dog's barking and bring it inside if it is barking for more than 10 minutes or so. If you are going to leave the house don't leave your pet outside as there will not be any way to monitor the behavior, and don't let dogs outside for a long period of time after 10 p.m. as the barking can be considered a peace disturbance.

Spay & Neuter and Vaccination Clinics

Spay and neuter! It can extend the life of your pet and also keep pet overpopulation down which is the cause of thousands of unnecessary euthanasia's in the St. Louis area.

- Ferguson Animal Hospital 314.524.0707 fergusonanimal.com
- Carol House Quick Fix 314.771.7387 carolhousepetclinic.org
- APA 314.649.8028 apamo.org
- BARC 314.435.1819 or 314.771.7387
- Humane Society 314.951-1590 or 314.647.8800 hsmo.org

Microchip and ID Tag on Pet Collar

The statistics indicate that missing pets rarely make it home if they do not have a current ID tag with your phone number on collar plus a Microchip Implant, that you can have done cheaply at any veterinary clinic. A last resort for temporary identification on a dog's collar is to use duct tape to wrap around collar and write your phone number on tape using a black permanent marker until you make an ID tag at PetSmart, Petco or Amazon.

- The American Humane Association estimates over 10 million dogs and cats are lost or stolen in the U.S. every year.
- One in three pets will become lost at some point during their lifetime.

A study published in the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association, including 53 animal shelters across the U.S., confirmed the high rate of return of microchipped dogs and cats to their families, and the importance of microchip registration. From the study:

- Only about 22 percent of lost dogs that entered the animal shelters were reunited with their families. However, the return-to-owner rate for microchipped dogs was over 52 percent (a 238 percent increase).
- Less than 2 percent of lost cats that entered the animal shelters were reunited with their families. The return-to-owner rate for microchipped cats was dramatically higher at over 38 percent (more than 2000 percent better).
- Only 58 percent of the microchipped animals' microchips had been registered in a database with their pet parent's contact information.

What to do if you see an abused or neglected animal?

Take videos and pictures if possible. Contact: HSMO Cruelty Task Force: 314.647.4400/St. Louis County AC 314.657.1500/Local Authorities

Pets and Hot Weather

During hot summer months, it is important to remember to keep your pet healthy in the heat. Pets can suffer from heat exhaustion, stroke. and death just like people.

Never leave your pet in a parked car.

Don't leave your pet in the car, even on mild days. 65 degrees or above is too hot. Even with the windows cracked, the inside of the car can reach dangerous temperatures in minutes.

Provide fresh water.

Pets can become dehydrated quickly, refill your pets water bowl with cool fresh water more often than usual on hot days.

Limit exercise during peak hot hours.

Take your pet on walks or exercise during the cooler hours like early morning or evening. Keep paws away from hot pavement. If it's too hot for your bare feet, it's too hot for theirs.

Always provide shade if your dog is outside.

If you must keep your dog outside, provide access to shade. Remember, shaded spots change throughout the day so be sure shade is accessible at all times of the day.

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 grey hounds or pit bulls are even more sensitive to the cold.

Keep your community cats warm by providing cat igloos packed with fresh straw. And be sure to provide fresh unfrozen water and extra food to stay warm.

**If your pet is outside during cold weather:**

- Remember that staying warm requires extra calories. Outdoor animals typically need more calories 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 bowl is not heated, you may need to refresh it more often as it freezes in cold weather. Best to get a heated water bowl for our extreme temps.
- Proper housing is the law. Be sure that an insulated doghouse 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.

Use nontoxic antifreeze. Antifreeze is great tasting to pets, but even a very small amount ingested can be deadly.

FACT: Dogs are pack animals by nature. Indoor dogs make a far better protective guardian when they live inside. When a dog lives inside with their family, the family becomes their pack, they bond with the family and will protect that family instinctively. Dogs left outside alone can become potentially aggressive due to under socialization and can become a public safety issue. Keeping a dog on a chain can become a miserable situation for the dog quickly and causes severe frustration for that dog and far too often, the dog may jump off of a deck or over a fence and can end up hanging themselves. Instead, bring them inside, find a fear free trainer, and provide mental and physical exercise for your buddy daily. This will help both of you. IF you will not bring your dog inside, proper housing is required by law. An insulated doghouse that is elevated off of the ground, and have 4 sides. Be sure that the house is placed in the shade during the summer and protected by cold winds in the winter. Pack with straw (and never hay, as hay will mold and get wet quickly). But give it a try and bring FIDO inside. Dogs have even been proven to bring down blood pressure.

What To Do with an Outdoor Cat

We want to offer information so we can keep the outdoor cat population in Ferguson manageable. There are 3 types of outdoor cats:



THE LEFT EAR TIP
identifies a community
cat that has been fixed
and vaccinated!

1. Owned, outdoor cats have a home and typically go there every night. Their coat should be clean and well kept. They typically have a collar, are friendly and will approach you. Confirm ownership and spay/neuter status. It's best that the cat stays inside so they don't mate, get lost or hurt.
2. A stray cat is one that is lost or abandoned. They normally have unkept or grungy coats and are thinner since they aren't used to hunting for themselves. They may be friendly or scared/hide but may look directly into your eyes and slowly blink. These cats need your help the most. Please do not take to a shelter that euthanizes animals. Set up a feeding station. Secure the cat, if possible (basement, bathroom, spare room), check for a microchip, help find their people, or help them get into a foster-based rescue. Hang flyers, post on social media, contact animal control with the description of the cat to see if anyone has reported them missing, talk with neighbors.
3. Feral cats, also called "community cats", are used to being on their own and better able to groom themselves. They will not show themselves often and will run if approached. They are unsocialized to people, and therefore unadoptable. They may have a left ear tip cut off to show they have been spayed/neutered. If they have a left ear tip, leave them where they are. They live full, healthy lives with their colonies in their outdoor homes. You may want to confirm they are being fed, and who the feeder is.

If you see a stray or feral cat and they do not have an ear tip, or if they appear intact, they need to be spayed/neutered ASAP, so you don't end up with more cats! Unaltered cats that are fed, reproduce quickly! It takes the entire community's involvement to control the cat population.

For information about spay/neuter programs, also called trap, neuter, return (TNR) for community cats, please contact St. Louis Feral Cat Outreach details here: <https://stlfc.org/>

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What is Raghib Drinking?

By Raghib

Welcome to Part 3, which is the last in this series. Next month, I will wrap up the year with Raghib's Top Ten Wines of 2025.



The Loire Valley is full of Château's that offer tours and wine tastings. One of the first stops was Château de Montreuil-Bellay. Château de Montreuil-Bellay is a historic castle on the banks of the Thouet River. Founded in the year 1025, Château de Montreuil-Bellay celebrated its 1000th anniversary this year! With nearly 40 acres of grape vines, the owners of the property have been successful in converting to organic farming methods. After our tour, I was eager to try the estate grown Cabernet Franc, but I was equally interested in the garden grounds. I was a little disappointed as most of the garden grounds surrounding the Château were off limits. I did get a chance to see beautiful rows of lavender.



The estate grown Cabernet Franc, La Flam Boyante did not disappoint! La Flam Boyante is a red blend that is both smooth and elegant. With the deep aroma of red fruit, the hints of spice and cocoa do not overwhelm the wine. It paired well with spaghetti with meat sauce.

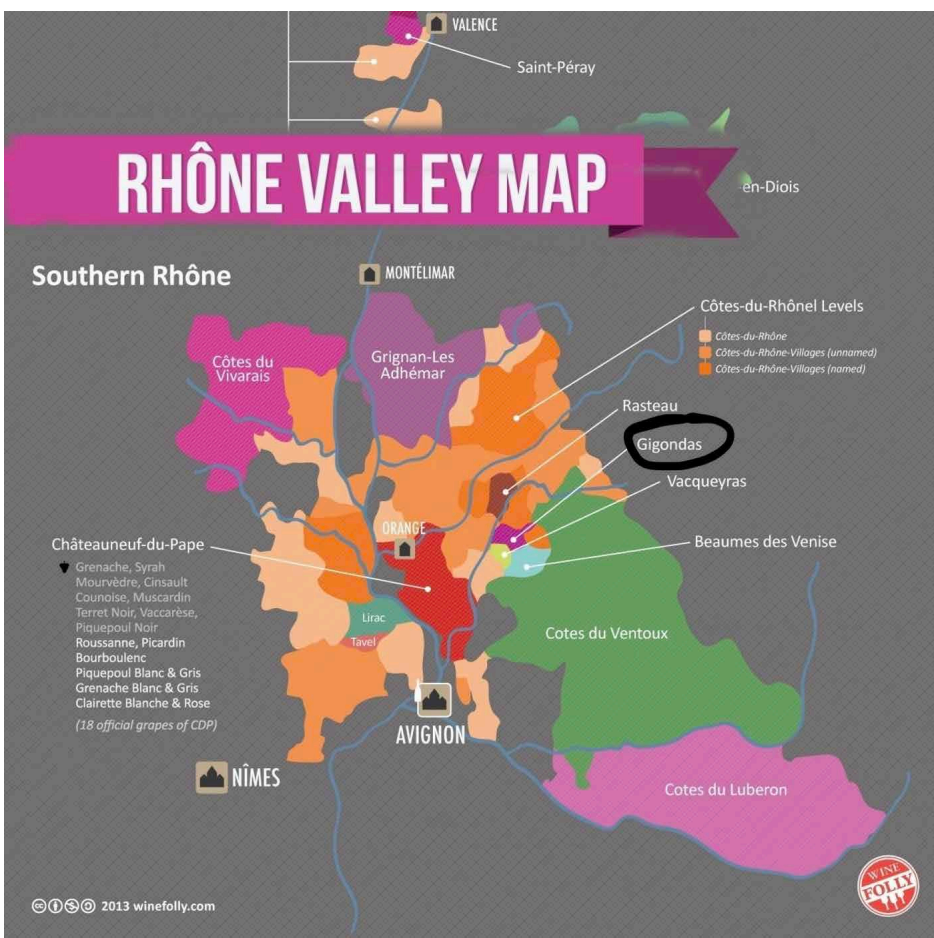
I am not a huge fan of mushrooms, but nonetheless, we decided to visit the Musée du Champignon (Museum of the Mushroom), which did NOT disappoint! On our tour, I learned that 65% of France's mushrooms are grown and harvested in the Loire Valley! At the end of the tour there were samples of cooked mushrooms in an olive oil sauce and raw mushrooms in an Apëri' Sauce. To say that they were delicious is an understatement! I loved them both so much that I decided to purchase a bottle of each in order to bring them back to the states. I am now a full convert into the Order of Mushrooms (LOL). Seriously, they were THAT good!

Since wine is such an essential part of French culture, it is everywhere. Even wines that you purchase from supermarkets are both incredibly tasting and reasonably priced. The sheer amount of wine in the wine section can be overwhelming. However, if you know what you are looking for, you will walk away very satisfied. On a trip to the French supermarket, E. Leclerc, to purchase groceries, I decided to buy a bottle of wine. I scanned the various wines from the various French wine appellations and decided to buy a Gigondas from the Rhone Valley. In a previous column, I mentioned how good wines are from the Rhone Valley. In the Northern Rhone Valley, the Gigondas appellation is one of my favorites. The Le Fleuron Gigondas that I purchased was a blend of Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre grapes. Le Fleuron Gigondas is a full bodied red wine that has hints of plum, blackberry and other dark fruit. It also has soft hints of spices and the subtle hint of mushrooms (I told you I am a recent convert LOL). You can find quality bottle Gigondas at your local wine merchant. The price point is usually between \$30-\$40.

There is not enough space to share all of the wines that I tasted in France. If I attempted to do that, it could easily be a 12 part series. What I have attempted to do is share my experience in France with you so that you can be motivated to try new things and undertake new experiences.

With that being said, in the near future I may host a wine tasting in Ferguson featuring some of my favorite wines. Keep reading this column for more information. I hope that you have enjoyed reading.

Happy Tastings!



Financial Focus – We Need to Be Heard

By Joan Cleaveland (cleav73@gmail.com)

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As I begin writing this the government has been shut down for nearly two weeks, with no end in sight. Neither side is willing to really negotiate. And the stalemate is not good for anyone. At this point, the President has announced he will be actually eliminating jobs, programs and agencies that are favored by Democrats to force them to get the government re-opened without making Congress do their job. As we may recall throughout history, the government has three branches which work together to help keep each branch in check and allow the people (that is us) to have a voice through our elected officials.

The main sticking points of this stalemate involve the Medicaid reforms passed as part of the Big Beautiful Bill back in July and the expiration of the ACA subsidies at the end of this year. It has been projected that millions may lose their health care. During the discussions about Medicaid changes included in the bill, a work requirement was instituted and I wondered why it wasn't already required. The bill was estimated to save about \$930 billion over the next decade. It included lowering the cap on provider payments from 6% to 3.5% over the next 4 years and also limited state directed payments 10% annually until capped at 100%. The bill also included cuts to other programs directed to the needy involving food assistance and utility help. Other parts of the bill were popular, except the reduction in taxes for the wealthy which made the Medicaid changes seem cruel, yet the bill passed quickly.

If by the time you read this the government is back in business, good. However, we should understand how it happened. Was there some give and take? Or did the President make things so painful for Democrats that they felt there was no choice, but to concede. How it happened is important to us. This Administration has been operating as if only one branch can govern and Congress is not important. This takes away the power of the people and that is us.

If we expect congress to represent us, we need to understand the dilemma they deal with approving funding for programs or trying to lower costs for taxpayers. As I have mentioned in previous columns, our growing deficit is a concern and affects us all. So as government looks to rein in some of our spending, we need to be willing to understand. Medicaid affects the poorest citizens, I point out these are citizens because some have falsely claimed our programs are providing insurance to illegal immigrants, which is simply not true. Medicaid began in 1965 as an expansion of federal support for health care services for recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent Children. Medicare was also created for those 65 and older to provide healthcare services. From the beginning both programs had different rates, coverage rules and incentives for states and providers. And over the years changes have been made at least 15 times before the ACA was passed in 2010 to provide some protections for consumers regarding affordable health care.

Each state runs their own Medicaid program and receives money from the Federal Government to support their program. So these rules are for Missouri.

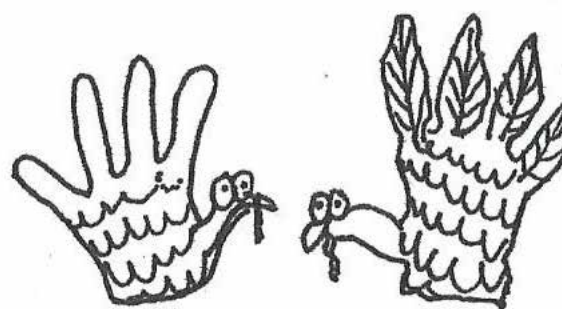
- Adults under 65 – household income up to 138% of the federal poverty level (for a family of four it would be \$32,150 x 138% = \$44,367)
- And, they must verify their income, residency, and other eligibility factors. (such as citizenship and now employment unless they are on the exempt list)

A recent newspaper reported that adding the work requirement will cost Missouri \$67 million next year due to a massive rewrite of existing computer programs to accommodate it and the changes in reimbursement rates. Those against these cuts have suggested we couldn't possibly save enough money to cover the costs involved. Although the projections on costs could be way off, the projections on savings could also be distorted. In reality only a small portion of the Medicaid recipients actually would be

required to work and those discovered during this process of verification may be much smaller than expected.

Verifying income, residency, and employment shouldn't be that cumbersome and rewriting a computer program could possibly include other things that could help in tracking fraud. Analysts have estimated that as many as 161,000 could lose coverage due to these changes. They also believe many of those may be eligible, but not able to navigate the systems due to paperwork and slow response times. The poor in rural areas may not have access to a computer or internet making it difficult to complete the process. These are all complaints from those against the changes. And they aren't good reasons to not make changes, there will always be challenges.. If there was any negotiating to get the government re-opened, perhaps they could make more gradual changes. Some of the costs being lowered by the Federal government can be picked up by the states, especially those with large rural areas that could lose access to local hospitals or doctors. Perhaps giving funds to the states over the next few years could help them meet the needs of their citizens and maintain some of the current benefits on a state level. This would give states time to make some changes like capping income levels at 110% of the poverty level. Keep in mind this program is to help the neediest citizens.

To be informed we need to understand what concessions were made and who made them. Were these true negotiations? Or just lip service to kick the can down the road and say we'll talk about it later and then don't. We also need to be familiar with our own Congressmen/women and let them know if we aren't pleased. We can't always wait for an election. If you have any questions or comments you may send them to cleav73@gmail.com.



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Under The Hood With Robinwood
By Bob McGartland

Innovations in Automotive Lighting

If you haven't noticed, headlights have gotten a little more... well, brilliant lately. Gone are the days when your high beams barely outshined a firefly. Thanks to rapid advances in automotive lighting—from simple LEDs to adaptive laser technology—today's headlights don't just illuminate the road; they think about it, too.

From Filament to Fantastic

It wasn't that long ago when halogen bulbs ruled the night. They were dependable but dim, like that one flashlight you keep in the glovebox "just in case." Then along came High-Intensity Discharge (HID) lights, shining bluer and brighter—but at the cost of occasionally blinding innocent oncoming drivers.

Enter LEDs, the tiny yet mighty heroes of modern illumination. These Light Emitting Diodes quickly became the darling of the automotive world. They're energy-efficient, long-lasting, and capable of producing light so crisp it could make a diamond jealous. Plus, they gave designers creative freedom—allowing for those sleek, sharp, futuristic headlight designs that now define a car's personality.

LED the Revolution

The LED revolution didn't just make cars look cooler (though it certainly did). It also dramatically improved visibility and safety. LED headlights turn on instantly, unlike older bulbs that warm up slower than your morning coffee. They also last up to 20 years—meaning your lights may actually outlive your car. Not bad for something the size of a pencil eraser.

And with LEDs came even more innovation: matrix lighting. Imagine hundreds of individual LEDs controlled independently by a computer, turning on and off in real time to perfectly illuminate your path—while avoiding glare for other drivers. It's like having a personal light show that's also polite.

Adaptive Lighting: Smarter Than Ever

Today's top-tier vehicles are embracing adaptive lighting systems that feel straight out of a sci-fi movie. These systems use sensors, cameras, and GPS data to adjust the beam pattern as you drive—widening the light around corners, dimming automatically for oncoming traffic, or even projecting patterns onto the road to warn of pedestrians. In other words, your headlights are officially smarter than your first smartphone.

The Future Looks Bright (and Maybe Laser-Powered)

Just when we thought LEDs had reached peak coolness, along came laser headlights. No, they won't vaporize traffic cones, but they do project light farther and with greater precision than any bulb before. Laser systems are so advanced they can reach nearly twice the range of LED beams while consuming less power. The only downside? They're currently found mostly in high-end luxury vehicles—but as with all technology, give it time, and they'll trickle down to the rest of us.

A Look Ahead

From halogen to laser, the evolution of automotive lighting has been nothing short of dazzling. What began as a humble way to see in the dark has transformed into a complex blend of safety, efficiency, and artful design. And with automakers continuing to innovate, the future of automotive lighting looks, quite literally, brighter than ever.

So next time you're out driving at night and notice the road ahead illuminated perfectly—thank the engineers who turned headlights into high-tech marvels. And maybe, just maybe, give your old halogens a respectful nod for getting us this far.

I like to wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving! May we be thankful



Ferguson Fire Department's Home Fire Safety Tips

Check Your Detectors

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

Space Heaters

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

Cozy Up to a Safe Fireplace

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

Have an Escape Plan in Place

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

Outside the Home

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

Have a Plan, Be Safe!!

God Speaks!

by Doug Neely

NOVEMBER, 2025

Romans 12:9-12 (NIV)

9 Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. 10 Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. 11 Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. 12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

This verse is self-explanatory for most, tho some may not admit it. Still, if there are ANY questions, you may contact me, and I will help.

I would, however, add one thing, considering the season: be thankful to the Lord.

God's blessings to you and to yours!

Doug God's blessings to all of you and yours!

contact me at: fergusoncomputercorner@aol.com

Put the phrase "thanks & love" into the subject line, so that I will get it. I shall reply right away! You may also give your phone number, if you prefer.

Crossword Solution from page 4

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TRIVIA ANSWERS

- 1: H - Hydrogen
O - Oxygen
N - Nitrogen
S - Sulfur
P - Phosphorus

- 2: Baseball.
Harold Joseph "Pie" Traynor played his entire career between 1920 and 1937 for the Pittsburgh Pirates as third baseman. He batted .346 in the 1925 World Series to help the Pirates take their first championship in 16 years. Traynor was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1948, becoming the initial third baseman elected by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.



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Ferguson Has A History Museum

Ferguson, indeed, does have a Historical Society and a History Museum and we are moving forward with the help of our readers of the past four weeks. We encourage any of you reading this article to join in the conversation. Contact information is at the bottom of this article.



This month's article is a Good News/Bad News article.

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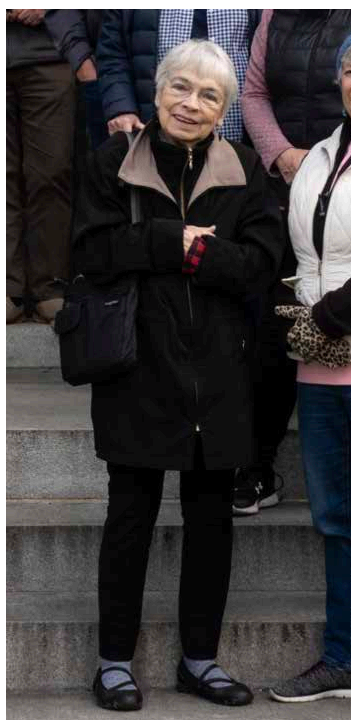
First – the good news: as mentioned in last month's article on the Ferguson Cabooses, work has actually begun to bring the cabooses up to visiting standards. As soon as all the work is complete, the History House will let you know. Also, in the good news department – we are having our annual open

house on November 2nd. If you got your newspaper early enough to be aware of the fund raiser – hopefully you came and enjoyed a wonderful afternoon. If it is too late, we will cover the event in the December paper and you can look forward to attending next year. Last year we raised money to get our website up and running. By the end of this year, it will be up and running and ready to serve all who are interested. More on this in December.



There is more good news! Lee-Hamilton School will be celebrating it's 75th anniversary. Lee-Hamilton Elementary School is located at 40 Powell Avenue. I did attend Lee-Hamilton on its inaugural year, so there are pleasant memories of being in a brand-new school. Congratulations on 75 years of service to the Ferguson community.

Alas – there is also bad news on the horizon. The Ferguson Historical Society has lost a wonderful member of our group – Sandy Hunter. Sandy, who grew up in Ferguson, graduated from Ferguson High School, had a lifetime of service to the Ferguson community and a long-time Board of Directors member of the Ferguson Historical Society, will be missed by many. Thank you, Sandy for being who you were and all that you did to serve Ferguson.



Other bad news but not as bad as it could be, we are losing another Board of Directors member because she is moving to join her family members in the Chicago area. Jeannie Boettcher also grew up in Ferguson (just down the street from me), graduated from Ferguson High School, taught her career in the Ferguson-Florissant schools and has served the Ferguson community is countless ways. She is retiring from the Ferguson Historical Society as vice-president. We love you, Jeannie – will miss your greatly – wish you the best in Chicago – and hope to stay in touch.



Still more bad news: we are losing a major business in Ferguson – Ferguson Brewing Company. The Ferguson Brewing Company has served our city for over 15 years – first as the Hill Brewing Company (2010) and finally as Ferguson Brewing Company. Originally the building served as a liqueur store for many years

(St. John Liqueur) and a barber shop, along the Paul Avenue side. The stone gorilla on the side is part of the company logo and a great thing on which to climb. The early 2000's was a time of growth for micro-brews – local breweris – usually serving pub food and small batches of small batch beers.

Hill Brewing, later Ferguson Brewing became our own local brew pub. Current owner, Rob Wiesen, in an article in the St. Louis Post Dispatch, indicated that the current climate for brew pubs is declining. That along with increased product costs and a more competitive dining climate have led to his decision to close the pub. Ferguson Brewing is just one of at least five local, metro micro-breweris which have closed in the past several years. Ferguson Brewing survived not only the Covid-19 era (with call-in and pickup at the back of the building), but also a disastrous kitchen fire. Wiesen has indicated that while the pub did not find a buyer, a local Fergusonsonian has purchased the building.



Above is a photo of the interior of Ferguson Brewing – a sight many of us have enjoyed many times over the past 15 years. Great pub food and wonderful local bears were (and still are until December 20th) served here. Many of us will not only miss the local beers but the really-great root beer. This was a weekly lunch date for many local business people as well as employees of UMSL. Evenings saw many families and small groups enjoying dinner. Upstairs was a party room, the Sky Room, available for large groups. We will all miss this wonderful place.



That's the good news and bad news for now. If you have any suggestions, questions, or items to donate to the Ferguson Historical Society, please contact **Jerry Benner** at fjbenner@mindspring.com. You are also welcome to visit the History Museum. Please email me at the address to set a date and time to visit. Board meetings are on the third Wednesday at 6:30 PM. Interested people are invited to attend the meetings.



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

Honoring the First Stewards of This Soil: EarthDance Reflects on Indigenous Land, Legacy, and Learning

<https://earthdancefarms.org/blog/current-food-sovereignty-work-led-by-people-with-ancestral-connection-to-the-st-louis-area/>

by Team EarthDance

This Native American Heritage Month, EarthDance Organic Farm School in Ferguson is taking time to reflect on the history of the land on which it grows - and the ongoing legacies of Indigenous land rights, food sovereignty, and ecological knowledge that continue to guide their work.

At the farm, the team continues to consider how our farming and food-sharing practices reflect the wisdom of the Illiniwek, Osage, and Otoe-Missouria peoples, whose ancestral ties to this land remain despite their forced removal from it not so many years ago. And to share opportunities for learning and support of ongoing Indigenous-led food sovereignty efforts, particularly those with ancestral connection to this land.

EarthDance’s land acknowledgment reads:

EarthDance Organic Farm School acknowledges that it works upon the ancestral home of the Missouria, Osage, and Illini peoples who were unjustly dispossessed of their lands by the United States. We pay our respect to these Indigenous communities, both past and present, for being stewards of the very same soil and ecosystems that we tend to today and honor the fact that the techniques and ethos of regenerative agriculture are rooted in millennia of Indigenous knowledge.

EarthDance’s work at the farm engages with this history in many ways. While we work toward co-creating a food system that feeds people equitably and minimizes harm - to disrupt the existing dysfunctional systems and supplant them with something that benefits all of us - we are still living and working within a broken system, which means we have and will inevitably fail at times and create harm. Accepting and acknowledging this, and with a deeply rooted commitment to repair, we try to center collective healing in our practices on the farm and community. By minimizing soil disturbance, or cover cropping to repair and rebuild soil health, respecting the life systems within this earth, or using a Pay What You Can solidarity model, we strive for healing each other and ourselves, owing much to the teachers of our past, present, and future.

EarthDance invites you to join us in reflecting through education and celebration at the links below - there is so much to learn! Also in eating and sharing fresh, delicious food! We hope you’ll come get some at the farm or market and will continue to share reflections and resources in our email newsletter, which you can sign up for at www.earthdancefarms.org, and on our social media @earthdancefarms.

We are committed to learning everything we can about this land and our community so that we may honor its full and rich history. If you are a person, especially an Indigenous person, with ties to this land or want to share more of your story, we’d be very grateful to hear from you. We invite you to call the farm at 314-521-1006, or email farm@earthdancefarms.org.

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 OR
 Scan the QR Code to:
 Find information and a list of ways to support food sovereignty work being led by Indigenous people with ancestral connection to this land
 Find local activities in honor and celebration of Indigenous People’s Day and Native American Heritage month

To find information about ongoing food sovereignty work being led by Otoe-Missouria, Osage, and Illiniwek-descended people in current-day Oklahoma, as well as ways to support this work, scan the QR Code above or visit:

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