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Tis the Season!

We've had good news and bad news this year but despite everything we still move forward. I'm looking forward to closing out this year and ushering in a new year full of the good.

I know I always say that I am blessed, and I know that I sound like a broken record, but it is the only way I know to describe how I feel about my life this year. Just day to day living in the beautiful world the Lord has provided for us.

I really want to thank all that make our community a great place to live.

This year we have new businesses and others that continue to make Ferguson their home. The news that the brewery is closing and will be re-opened under Good News is "good news".

There are a few people I want to make sure to thank that make this paper possible: Bob McGartland, Daniel Henderson, Mary Haux, Mike Noelker, and Phil Berwick keep me jumping through flaming hoops and pulling my hair out. But they also keep me honest and they are the best.

I want to make sure that our contributors are recognized for their continued dedication. We are blessed to have these folks that each month take the time to write articles that hopefully are of interest to you all. Thanks to Marion Linke, Kimberly Kabak Epperson, Dara Ashby, Raghib, Joan Cleaveland, Doug Neely, Teyuna Darris, Jess Coffin, Marsha Gebhart, Jerry Benner.

We, as a community, are truly "blessed"!

Merry Christmas - Papa Deau

Ferguson, MO
CHRISTMAS
House tour

December 14th
3-7pm

Tickets on Sale
@ Paul's Market & Online
November 24th

Get your tickets for a great cause

FERGUSON HISTORICAL SOCIETY
DECEMBER
EVENTS!



Dec 6th
Holiday Open House
10am-4pm at the History House. **FREE!**
Join us for history, light refreshments, & community.
Sign up for or re-new your membership!

3rd Annual Holiday Lights
Tour in Ferguson - TBD

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December News and Events at the
Ferguson Public Library

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

Youth Events	
Stories and Songs for Little Ones Join us for storytime! Ages 0-5. Wednesdays at 10 am No storytime December 24 and 31	Lego Club Drop in and build with our pile of Lego bricks! Ages 6-11. Saturday, December 20 at 2 pm
Adult Events	
Readings on Race Book Club <i>The Sable Cloak</i> by Gail Milissa Grant. Monday, December 8 at 6 pm	Conversations and Coffee Discuss today's news and events. Tuesday, December 9 at 6 pm
Black Author Book Club <i>Skin & Bones</i> by Renee Watson. Wednesday, December 10 at 6 pm	DIY Snow Globes Make a sparkly snow globe! Monday, December 15 at 6 pm
All Ages Events	
Winter Reading Challenge Pick up a reading log and track your reading this winter to win prizes! December 1 - January 31	FLIERS Trinket Sale Find the perfect gift and support the library! Friday, December 5: 9-5:30 pm Saturday, December 6: 9-3 pm
Fiber Arts Social Club Bring your latest project and craft and chat. Thursday, December 11 at 6 pm	Cultural Cuisine Share some delicious dishes at Potluck Palooza! Wednesday, December 17 at 6 pm
Winter Break Bash Kick off winter break and watch The Polar Express (G) with snacks and crafts! Friday, December 19 at 4 pm	December Craft Kits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dec. 8-13: Winter Tree Cards • Dec. 22-27: Star Ornaments Pick up a kit while supplies last!

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December 24 and 25 for Christmas and
December 31 and January 1 for the New Year.

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December Celebration Shout-outs

- 1 Happy Birthday Jeanne Long
- 6 Happy Birthday Adam Latimore
- 11 Happy Birthday Henry Bowes
- 20 Happy Birthday Sharon Blakeman
- 20 Happy Birthday Pete Nadeau
- 20 Happy Birthday Betty Vogt
- 22 Happy Birthday Patty Thomeczek
- 23 Happy Birthday Sr Cathy Doherty
- 24 Happy Birthday James Bradley Levine I
- 24 Happy Birthday James Bradley Levine II



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December at a Glance

- 2 Forestwood Neighborhood Meeting 6-7 PM
- 5 Trinkets and Treasures Sale
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- 11 Ferguson Woods Neighborhood Meeting 6-7:30 PM
- 14 Ferguson House Tour 3 - 7 PM
- 15 Hanukkah
- 20 Winter Farmers Market 9AM - 12PM
- 20 NorthHills Neighborhood Meeting 10-11 AM
- 22 South West Neighborhood Meeting 6-7 PM
- 25 Christmas
- 28 Kwanzaa
- 31 New Years Eve

PRAY FOR PEACE

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

GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION APRIL 7, 2026 Position of Mayor

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

FLIERS 2025
Trinkets & Treasures Sale
 Featuring vintage goods, gift-quality items, jewelry, electronics (including Betamax) and more!
Cash Only
Friday, December 5: 9:00AM-5:30PM
Saturday, December 6: 9:00AM-3:00PM
Ferguson Municipal Public Library
 35 N. Florissant Road, Ferguson, MO 63135
For info, call (314) 521-4663



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 People Reaching Out for
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Home Repair Resources to Improve Your Living Space

Ferguson Municipal Public Library 35 N. Florissant Rd. Ferguson MO 63135

Thursday, 11 December, 6pm - 7:45pm

Kevin Poe, of The Home Repair Network, will explain the organization and how it can assist people with home repair, and help people with ways to find the money they need for home repairs.

Scan the QR code, or go to our website and click on the Zoom link to join the meeting.

If you cannot attend in person, please join by Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83144801328?pwd=FR2I dlmpaagStShFbw0ybSACUGJhS.1>

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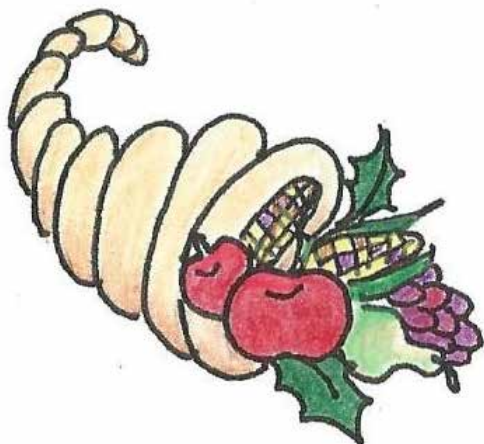
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- Neighborhood groups
- Diversity Meetings
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St. Vincent dePaul Food Pantries in Ferguson

The Society of St. Vincent dePaul--Sacred Heart Conference continues to operate 2 food pantries in Ferguson.

Our Tuesday USDA pantry is located at Blessed Teresa Church, 120 North Elizabeth Ave. We are open from 9:30-11:30 A.M. Our Friday pantry is located at 106 Church Street in the old firehouse. We are also open from 9:30-11:30 A.M. You may attend one of our pantries once a month. Our pantries are operated to assist all of our neighbors in need of food. We rely on the US Department of Agriculture (USDA), Operation Food Search, St. Louis Area Foodbank, local grocery stores, and our generous parishioners and neighbors for the food we distribute. Thank you to everyone who donates!

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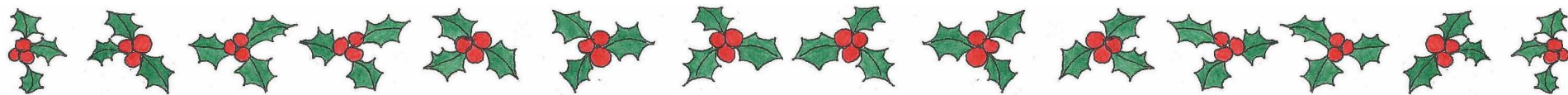
FERGUSON INDOOR WINTER FARMERS MARKET DEC 20 • 9am-12pm



Produce, meat, fresh bread and bakery items, hot breakfast, healthy juices, holiday gifts, live music, and Santa!

Winter market runs every third Saturday, November through April

**St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
33 N. Clay, Ferguson**



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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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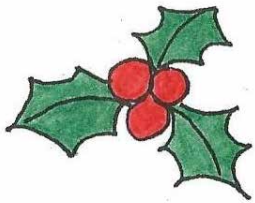
By Robin Shively

ACROSS

1. Word before city or Act
6. Luft's mother*
11. Salute
12. 'Flashdance' song
14. Clarence in 'It's a Wonderful Life'*
15. Aubergines
18. Inlet
19. Type of exam
20. Hen pen
21. Non-clerical
23. Die
27. Frivolous
28. Meander
30. Likeness
32. Quaker bit
33. Sun god
34. Harmonic quartet name
35. Makeup of 36 out of 88
38. May be a PSA
39. Religious title
40. It's spelled out in a song
42. Blue Bell alternative
43. Noted diarist
45. Vassar, but not Eton
46. Black's band
50. Something adorned with answers to the 6 *clues
52. Gothic writer who attended West Point
53. Vacation souvenir
55. "Skyfall" singer
58. I.C.U specialists
59. Brief, vigorous fight
61. Pertinent
62. Trademarked repellent

DOWN

1. Antares or Sirius*
2. Classic architectural order
3. Heroic epic
4. Half of a fly
5. Type of certification noted on cord labels;
in lieu of or in addition to UL
6. Musical Lady
7. Anagram of 14 across
8. Tear
9. Data's offspring
10. Wattle tree
12. Benevolent compassion
13. Sixth sense
16. A standard
17. Hallux
19. 'Lorenzo's ___', 1992 film
21. Ignites*
22. It may be imperial or pale
24. They can see right through you
25. Weed
26. ___ town; nickname for Los Angeles*
27. Cheeky
29. Abe's son
31. ___ of Orleans
32. The loneliest number
33. ___ for everyone; label on Mario Kart or Pokemon
35. Hemmingway or Borgnine
36. Garnish*
37. Happened again
41. 'Les Miserables' girl
44. Apprentice
46. 7th on a scale
47. Musical Mama
48. Devil follower?
49. Name seen in many elevators
50. Cipher
51. Bread end
52. An accepted standard
54. This is worth 10 points in Scrabble
56. ___ Mans
57. A Tesla, for ex.
60. Variant for 46 down



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TRIVIA

1. Originally Founded in 1897, what make of GM automobiles rolled off the assembly line for the last time on April 29, 2004?
2. The battle of Palo Alto and the battle of Monterrey were fought during what war?

(Answers on page 13)

ARTFUL CONSIDERATIONS

by Kimberly Kabak Epperson



December 2nd - 20th, 10:00am - 6:00pm, FREE

Saint Louis Artists' Guild 12 N. Jackson Ave. Clayton, MO 63105

Gray Matter

by Tamara Eberle
This series explores how words shape our mental health and relationships—what we say, think, write, and leave unsaid. Through mixed media pieces combining text, paint, and visual storytelling, Tamara Eberle draws on her experience as a therapist to reveal the emotions hidden behind everyday language and examine how digital communication has stripped words of authenticity and depth.



Dec 4 - Dec 5th at 7:30pm \$tickets vary

#1 James J. Eagan Drive Florissant, MO 63033

Alpha Players: 'Twas the Night Before Christmas by Ken Ludwig
'Twas the night before Christmas... or was it? Not a creature was stirring—except one very determined mouse! When Santa accidentally skips his house, chaos, cheer, and Christmas magic collide. Join a clever mouse, a mischievous elf, and a fearless little girl on a merry adventure to save the holiday! Presented by The Alpha Players. See their website for tickets and details.

December 6th, 11:00am - 3:00pm, FREE

Cortex District located at 4240 Duncan Avenue

FRIZZMAS

Shop from amazing Black-owned local businesses, snap free professional photos with Cocoa Santa & Mrs. Claus, and enjoy hot chocolate, coffee, and sweet treats from Latte Lounge. Kids can dive into arts & crafts, groove to holiday music, and join in the Black Hair Care Drive supporting The Little Bit Foundation. Come celebrate community, creativity, and holiday cheer—all in one joyful event! FRIZZMAS is FREE and packed with fun for the whole family!

December 20th, 4:00pm - 9:00pm, \$17.85 - \$28.52

St. Andrew United Methodist Church, 3975 N Hwy 67, Florissant, MO 63034

"Kwanzaa: The Village It Takes 2025" Community Celebration

Join A Red Circle for an unforgettable evening of community celebration with a community vendor fair, dinner & a show! An all-access ticket includes shopping with local small businesses, a delicious soul food dinner, and the premiere of the original live stage production, "Kwanzaa: The Village It Takes!" The event kicks off with the vendor fair from 4 to 6 PM (free and open to the public), followed by dinner from 5 to 6:30 PM, and the main show from 7 to 9 PM featuring music, poetry, dance, and more. A Red Circle is a North St. Louis County nonprofit dedicated to advancing equity through healthy food access, quality education, and the arts.

December 19th - 20th, 7:30pm and 2pm, \$25 - \$175

Skip Viragh Center for the Arts 425 S Lindbergh Blvd, Frontenac, MO 63131

Gaslight Dreams

The spirit of St. Louis shines once again in this electrifying holiday tradition. Against the historic backdrop of Gaslight Square, Tchaikovsky's classic is reborn as a jazz-infused nightclub fantasy. Choreographer Kirven Douthit-Boyd and conductor Victor Goines lead a celebration of Billy Strayhorn's musical genius—where contemporary dance, live jazz, and striking visuals from The Muny's T3 Program and Peter & Margery Spack create a love story unlike any other. Presented by Saint Louis Dance Theatre & Jazz St. Louis.





Hello Ferguson!

by Marian Linck

Once again, here I sit on November 14. This article is due on the 15th. Oh my, the four-letter words I utter when I get that reminder email!

I am attempting to offer an interesting article for you, my loyal readers. I have met some of you and I am humbled by your praise and comments. Those compliments and your enthusiasm make writing even more daunting as I try to meet your expectations.

Fall is here! The weather is beautiful. I no longer hear the hum of air conditioners in the neighborhood. Fall means the United Church of Christ Sausage Supper. November ushers in Thanksgiving and the anticipation of Christmas. Yes, I foolishly put our house on the Ferguson Christmas House Tour.

I have been busy bringing up bins and bins of decorations, some of which have not been out of the cellar in a very long time. Please plan to attend the house tour and reward my meager efforts.

This article, however, is not about Thanksgiving or Christmas. November also means "Veterans Day". We have an annual tradition of attending a Trivia dedicated to one brave veteran. The event is always held on Saturday close to Veterans Day, November 11. This event is "The Lt. Dan Riordan Memorial Trivia". Lt. Dan's family also sponsors a golf tournament around Memorial Day. Both events not only honor a veteran but support a full scholarship to St. John Vianney High School. We went to high school with Lt. Dan's mother, Jeanine Windish Rainey. I have copied and inserted a page from the website to share with you. I can not write this any better.

On June 23, 2007, Lt. Daniel P. Riordan, a 2001 graduate of St. John Vianney High School was killed while courageously serving our country in Iraq. To honor our brother Dan and his dedication to faith and education, we have established the Lt. Daniel P. Riordan Scholarship Fund at Vianney High School. The scholarship will be given to a student with financial need and who represents the qualities of faith, honor, and service.

"Lt. Dan" was a man who loved his family, his God, and his country. His faith gave him the strength necessary for battle; this faith was cultivated and strengthened by the faculty and staff of Vianney High School.

Two events are held annually to raise money for the Scholarship Fund, Rare breed. That is an overused term, but it applies to Dan because he was indeed a true rarity. We tend to categorize men as either "lovers" or "fighters"; but Dan was both - simultaneously. Half of his persona was a fierce and dedicated warrior who seemed absolutely fearless. And the other half of him was a caring, loving gentleman, who could eerily sense someone's distress, and then feel duty bound to help however and whenever he could. He did not switch between two personalities - both were always present, driving his every action. It was a rare and awesome combination. I think what I find impressive is that most of the Riordan family are busy working on the event. His young nieces and nephews who never knew Dan are collecting answer sheets. Aunts, Uncles, and siblings are judges or tally the answers while others distribute ice, beer, and wine. There is always an impressive collection of silent auction items. My husband has stood guard to ensure he was the highest bidder on a Stan Musial item. I think he may be Stan's biggest fan, but that may be another story.

Another highlight of the evening is being introduced to the Vianney High School scholarship recipients. These young men are aware of the sacrifice Lt. Dan made with his life as well as the year long dedication of his family members to keep his memory alive.

In the past we were able to put two tables together and we would compete against each other as well as try to tell them the wrong answers to questions we knew we had correct. We won First Place one year and came second and third in the past. We ranked 17 out of 96 this year. Not a bad showing, but our table needed more diversity, not just a bunch of "old people". We had a wonderful time, and all agreed to meet again next year.

Thank you for reading this month. You may contact me at manhattanmarian@gmail.com.



EarthDance's Honey Roasted Beets

A sweet twist on earthy beets!



INGREDIENTS

- 2 pounds medium beets, peeled, halved and cut into small wedges
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon ground pepper
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Place a large rimmed baking sheet in the oven. Preheat to 425 F.
2. Stir oil, salt, and pepper together in a large bowl. Add beets and toss well to coat.
3. Transfer the beets to the hot baking sheet and roast until almost tender, 20 to 25 minutes.
4. Remove from the oven and drizzle with honey and lemon juice, tossing to coat.
5. Continue roasting until tender, about 5 minutes more.

WE GROW FOOD YEAR-ROUND!

Ferguson
Winter Farmers Market
Every third Saturday, Nov - April
9am-12pm
33 N. Clay Ave.



@earthdancefarms

Scan to access the EarthDance
Recipe Card e-Booklet
featuring 19 recipes!



Ten years ago, Our youngest daughter, 20 years old at the time, called me up one night, shaken and crying. She had been road raged, front and back, and then forced off the highway, almost crashing. This billboard off highway 70 had been abandoned, and I went there as soon as I could the next day. I duck taped a paint brush to my pole saw. While it remained, Merferd reminded all of us to drive nice.



FRIENDS OF THE PAPER Page



I called the real estate number that was up on the abandoned billboard, that was atop an abandoned building along side 70, between Shreve and Kingshighway. I was referred to another number who referred me to a number, who sent me back to the first number. I just wanted permission to paint the 'Drive Nice' Merferd. One long pole saw later he was



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Wendell Phillips 'Phil Berwick 'Phil' 314-568-8367
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Food solidarity in Ferguson and beyond with EarthDance Organic Farm School

At EarthDance, solidarity means coming together to ensure everyone has access to what they need.

The recent cuts to vital food access programs have caused the need for food donations to skyrocket. We're more grateful than ever to have strong partnerships with organizations like Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Food Pantry, Our Lady of Guadalupe Food Pantry, Operation Food Search, and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church Food Pantry. These organizations are working diligently to meet increased community food needs, and we're grateful to have abundant nourishing food coming out of our fields - thanks to the diligent work of our farmers, volunteers, and supporters like you - to contribute to them.

You have probably seen photos and videos of canned goods flooding into food banks around the country. EarthDance's goal is to complement donated goods and family meals with fresh, wholesome produce. Canned foods are vital and shelf-stable, and at the same time, many do not offer the same nutritional value of fresh produce. By donating fresh, organic produce, we can help ensure that high quality food reaches our neighbors, and preserve dignity and respect while livening up a dinner table, all while supporting community health in the process.



Farmers and volunteers harvest food in a field at EarthDance
Inset: Richard and Ellen Buthod, volunteers who run the food pantry at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish - and EarthDance partner pantry - pose for a photo in their pantry storeroom.

In addition to offering our produce on a Pay What You Can basis at our Farm Stand and Ferguson Farmers Market, EarthDance has donated 4,001 pounds of produce, valued at \$18,287 so far this year. Given ongoing funding cuts and growing need in our area, we need to do more.

Richard Buthod, a volunteer who helps run Our Lady of Guadalupe's food pantry here in Ferguson shared:

"We went to the Pay What You Can [Farm Stand] one Sunday afternoon because we were curious. We had a conversation and [...] we now pick up every Tuesday. We serve roughly 30 families. Their faces light up when they see the greens. Last week we had a few packs of collard greens and a whole bunch of mustard greens. It's like collard greens were gold. And variations of that have happened a lot. I just wish I'd known about EarthDance longer and wish I could do more to help them succeed."

We're working diligently with our existing food access partners, and we accept additional donation requests whenever we can. "It is our priority to keep as much of what we grow as possible in our community, and produce donations are a way we achieve that," Jo said. "We're here as a resource for anyone who might need it."

Whatever solidarity means to you right now, we hope you'll find a way to connect with community to help address rising food insecurity. Shopping at the Ferguson Winter Market can help us meet needs throughout winter holidays, and into 2026 - we grow and share food year-round! Shopping Pay What You Can produce and paying retail value or above helps someone else receive a discount. You can also become an EarthDance Farmhand by donating as little as \$5/month (which comes with a variety of benefits). If you can't make a financial donation, volunteering your time and energy can be a great way to support our community. If what you need is food, showing up to get some is solidarity too ~ To us, everyone having what they need is to all of our benefit.

And, if you have the capacity, we'd welcome your donations in support of getting as much local, fresh food into Ferguson households as possible! Visit earthdancefarms.org/support/donate to learn more.



At EarthDance, we believe access to healthy food is a human right. We grow food year round and use a pay what you can model to share it at the Ferguson Farmers Market. We also donate produce to local food pantries.

Power Through the Holiday Season with Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic

by Teyuna Darris

The holiday season is in full swing. Lights go up, desserts come out, and children and teens start counting down to winter break while adults plan dinners, decorations, and travel.

Here in Ferguson—and around the world—families will celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, the Winter Solstice, and other annual festivals of light and hope. These holidays help us connect, but they can also distract us from the cadence of learning and school if children step away from reading, writing, and mathematics for weeks at a time.

So, what's the good news? You don't have to turn your home into a classroom. Just a few small, consistent habits can help elementary, middle, and high school students power through this lively holiday season and return to school ready to learn. Here's a simple plan you can use at home.

A Simple 20–20–20 Holiday Plan

I recommend a simple “20–20–20 Plan”: 20 minutes of reading, 20 minutes of writing, and 20 minutes of math each day. For math, that can be a full 20 minutes or up to five solid math problems when the work is more difficult.

In other words, focus on these three daily habits:

1. Read Every Day

Habit #1: Set a daily reading goal of about 20 minutes.

How it works:

Help your child choose age-appropriate texts—books, magazines, comics, articles, or devotionals. Depending on your child's reading skills, you might read together, take turns, or have them read independently.

Older students may prefer silent reading but can still benefit from reading aloud to you occasionally.

After reading, have a brief conversation about the text. Ask questions like:

- “What was the main idea of the story or article?”
- “What is one thing that happened in the beginning, middle, and end?”
- “What did you like or dislike about it—and why?”

You don't have to buy new books. The Ferguson Municipal Public Library has thousands of books, e-books, and audiobooks you can check out for every age group with a free library card.

In addition, ReadWorks.org offers thousands of free passages for grades K–12. Holiday reading can happen by the tree, before bed, or while you're cooking—the key is that it happens every day. (I recommend that children under the age of 12 read physical books.)

2. Write About Reading

Habit #2: Have your child spend 20 minutes writing about what they read.

How it works:

Use a simple notebook or loose paper in a folder. For younger children, ask them to write a few sentences about what happened, who was in the story, and what they liked or didn't like--- then, explain why.

Older students can write a basic summary paragraph, then a second paragraph that connects the story to their own lives, something happening in the world, or something they learned in another class.

Daily writing keeps their brain in “learning mode” and strengthens skills for essays, tests, and real-world communication. JournalBuddies.com offers free writing prompts, and PrintableHandwriting.com has free penmanship practice pages for students who need help with neat handwriting.

3. Practice Math Daily

Goal:

Spend 20 minutes doing math each day, or complete five solid math problems.

How it works:

For elementary students, focus on the basics: addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.

For older students, use problems from their last unit, online practice, or real-life math—like calculating prices, comparing discounts, or measuring ingredients when cooking.

I recommend KhanAcademy.org to support mathematics. It offers grade-level practice, short teaching videos, and progress tracking from elementary through high school on any phone, tablet, or computer.

Why This Works

What I've described here is the same advice I give parents in and around Ferguson who ask, “What can I do to help my kid keep learning during the holiday break?”

My answer is simple: twenty minutes of reading, twenty minutes of writing, and twenty minutes of math each day.

This routine can help your child:

- Keep learning without feeling overwhelmed
- Enjoy holiday fun while still prioritizing learning
- Build, or maintain, the rhythm and discipline of a successful student

You don't need expensive materials or long study sessions— just consistency.

How I Learned About the 20–20–20 Method

As an alumna of the Ferguson-Florissant School District, I often heard my teachers say, “Read 20 minutes each night.” One day, I actually started doing it. Later, I added math practice, which helped me become a better math student. Eventually, I began writing about what I read and filled journals with my thoughts about stories and texts I read, in addition to the myriad poems, short stories, and essays I've written along the way.

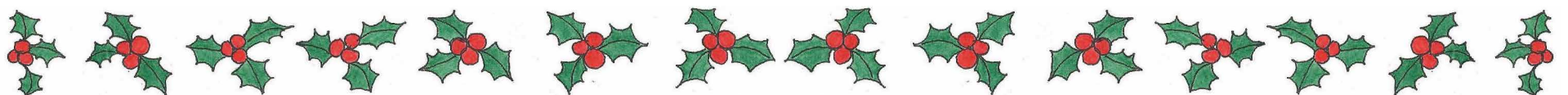
So yes, you could say I'm a 20–20–20 alumna—or better yet, a long-time practitioner.

Final Encouragement

The Holiday Season is often loud, busy and bright. Some days you'll do all three parts; other days you might only finish reading or math. That's okay. The goal isn't perfection— it's progress and discipline.

If you keep your child engaged in reading, writing, and arithmetic in small, daily doses, you'll help them enter the new year more confident and better prepared for learning when school resumes in January.

If you'd like help choosing books, writing prompts, or math activities that match your child's grade level, email me at teyuna@teyunadarris.com. I'm happy to support you as you support your child.



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I know that many of you have noticed a huge uptick in neighborhood cats wandering the streets.

Did you know that $1 \times 1 = 10,736$?

- In just 1 year an unspayed cat who is allowed to roam outdoors can have 3 litters resulting in 12 kittens or more.
- One year later, those 12 kittens if kept unspayed will have 144 offspring of their own.
- By the 3rd year, grandma cat will have 1,728 great grand kittens. And by the 4th year this one cat will have been responsible for 10,736 new cats roaming Ferguson!



Ferguson Animal Coalition, a local 501c3 non-profit organization, typically does not do TNR - Trap, Neuter, Release. We refer those needs to the expert volunteers at St. Louis Feral Cat Outreach TNR group, who work their tails off day & night to help this huge cat overpopulation crisis. Our organization encompasses many other things to help dogs and cats in our area, but not this. Well, we received several phone calls and due to the urgency, had to jump in and help.

We successfully helped trap 13 stray cats and got them fixed and vaccinated. You might recognize the 3 strays in the Jeske Park neighborhood that we could not find a safe home for, by their ear-tip. These 3 are fortunately safe in a cat colony with Styrofoam cat shelters filled with straw (not hay) and a kind person feeding them. When you see a cat with an ear-tip, know that someone cared enough to get them fixed to prevent hundreds of unwanted litters from being born. For info on TNR go to stlfc.org.

If you are feeding stray cats, that's wonderful and very kind, but please do your part and reach out to St. Louis Feral Cat Outreach for help. They can hold your hand and walk you through the important steps to TNR these cats while keeping them safe, which will prevent them from multiplying like wildfire. They can also supply cat traps & shelters or help you learn how to build critical warm shelters yourself, for the strays in your area. St. Louis Feral Cat Outreach (314) 669-5228

Another way to help our ever-growing cat explosion is to PLEASE FIX YOUR OWN CATS! We are very fortunate to have a FREE spay & neuter program offered by the APA to fix our Ferguson (and surrounding areas) resident dogs and cats for FREE! Call or text them at (314) 649-8028 or call Carol House Quick Fix Clinic at (314) 771-7387 for very low cost spays and neuters.

And a final note, please keep your cats inside versus outside roaming the streets. The danger of having your cat harmed while outside are tremendous. They can get hit by cars, attacked by other stray cats, or hurt by humans. Keep them inside and happy by creating a nice window perch where they can bask in the sun while staying safe.

Let's all work together to make our community better for our Ferguson resident cats!

Ferguson Animal Coalition

Dara Ashby

Website: Fergusonanimalcoalition.org

Email: Dara@Fergusonanimalcoalition.org



Start with a 30 gallon tote for one to two cats



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Add Styrofoam lid



Add tote lid—finished!

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If you see an ear-tipped cat, it means someone helped them go through a Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program!

IF YOU FEED THEM, FIX THEM!
Help solve the overpopulation problem!

Ferguson Proud: Pop Pop Hurray Celebrates 5 Years of Flavor, Community & Resilience

By Ferguson News Staff Writer

When Pop Pop Hurray first opened its doors in October 2020, it wasn't just another business launching in Ferguson—it was a symbol of hope, rebirth, and community pride.

The location at 256 S. Florissant Rd. had once been a Quiznos Subs, left severely vandalized during the unrest following the George Floyd protests. But from that moment of devastation emerged a bold vision. Local entrepreneur Tony Davis saw not destruction—but opportunity. And with determination, creativity, and a whole lot of flavor, he transformed the damaged space into a bright, family-friendly jewel now beloved throughout North County: Pop Pop Hurray Gourmet Popcorn.

From the day the doors opened, the shop has burst with energy, color, and endless pop-abilities. What began as a neighborhood gourmet popcorn shop quickly grew into a St. Louis sensation. Pop Pop Hurray expanded into multiple locations, including St. Charles' Mid Rivers Mall and the innovative City Foundry STL, bringing its signature fun, flavorful popcorn to fans across the region.

But the success didn't stop there. Pop Pop Hurray achieved what many small businesses only dream of—becoming the official popcorn provider for the St. Louis Cardinals and the Mizzou Tigers, serving tens of thousands of fans at some of Missouri's most beloved venues.

Yet through every milestone, Pop Pop Hurray's heart has stayed right here in Ferguson.

This year marks five incredible years in business, and the company is celebrating the community that believed in them from day one. Pop Pop Hurray credits Ferguson's residents, families, and supporters for helping turn a spark of an idea into one of the area's brightest small-business success stories.

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A story that began with rebuilding has grown into a legacy of joy, resilience, and flavor. And as Pop Pop Hurray continues to expand and inspire, one thing is clear:

Ferguson will always be home.

Congratulations to Pop Pop Hurray on five years of business—and thank you for continuing to shine brightly in our community.



What is Raghib Drinking?

By Raghib

Welcome back readers! Is it December already? Wow! First of all, I would like to thank all of the readers of this column. Your support of our community newspaper means a lot. If you love reading this paper as much as I do, consider making a contribution this holiday season in support of The Ferguson Neighborhood Newspaper. I definitely am planning to.



Four years ago I began writing Raghib's Top Ten Wines of the year that I shared with a few of my closest friends. My audience has grown since then and I am very happy to share my list with you today. 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 and I don't include any club wines. Club wines are wines that you are allocated quarterly from wineries if you are a member. I have club membership to several wineries that are located in both Napa and Sonoma, California. Memberships are usually free, but require you to maintain at least a quarterly allocation. Quarterly allocations can be expensive and the wines are very good! My list is based on the wines that I have enjoyed in 2025 that are accessible to you without a wine club membership. I hope you will enjoy them as much as I did this year.

Here is the list of my top ten wines of 2025. Happy Tastings!

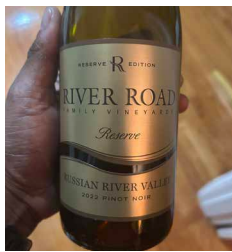
10. Amauta Cabernet Sauvignon, 2024. A very solid 100% Cabernet for an excellent price point. Vineyards for this wine are 1,700 meters above sea level in the Cafayette Valley, Salta Argentina. Salta province of northwestern Argentina, which is part of the larger Calchaquí Valley wine appellation. Medium bodied with hints of red fruit with a little pepper. I paired it with pasta with red sauce. Excellent price point. \$10+



9. Lapostolle Cabernet Sauvignon, 2019. Wines from Chile are really underrated! This little gem will not disappoint! Hailing from the Colchagua Valley in Chile, these grapes grow in a warm climate that is cooled by the breeze from the Pacific Ocean. Medium bodied, with hints of berries, plum, and a little oak. Great with pizza! Excellent price point. \$15+



8. River Road Pinot Noir Russian River Valley Reserve, 2022. This is an awesome bottle of wine. The perfect cherry and plum notes help this wine achieve what I call refined elegance. I paired it with grilled chicken and pasta and it did not disappoint! Price point. \$20+



7. Pampa Family Reserve Malbec, 2019. Another wine from South America, specifically Mendoza, Argentina. This Malbec does not disappoint. It is from Mendoza, Argentina. However, the lushness of the wine, its deep garnet color, and the strong hints of dark fruit, chocolate, cedar, and nutmeg allows me to believe that it is from the sub-region of Luján de Cuyo, which is just west of Mendoza. I paired this with a nice Wagyu steak from Paul's Market! I decided to throw in a picture of my steak! 100% Malbec. Price point \$30.



My Wagyu steak I cooked from Paul's if you know, you know!

6. Domaine Père Caboché Côtes du Rhône, 2023. If you have been reading this column, you know how I feel about wines from the Rhône Valley in France. Wines from this region are some of the best wines for



value that are imported from France. This is a red blend with Grenache, Syrah, Mourvèdre, Carignan, Marselan, and Cinsault grapes. Medium bodied, with a hint of ripe red fruit and tobacco. You can drink this alone or pair it with grilled chicken or tacos. Excellent price point. \$14+

5. Daou Cabernet, Red Blend, and Merlot, 2023. Stop what you are doing right now. Take this paper, get in your car, and drive to Costco! If you don't have a Costco membership, I encourage you to get one! Walk straight to the wine section and pick up the best deal on three bottles of wine that you will find. I don't usually make guarantees, but I am almost certain that you will enjoy this three wine bundle from Daou! These will sell out quickly once the word gets out! Paso Robles is quickly becoming one of my favorite wine appellations in California. With its warm climate and the cool breeze coming in from the Pacific Ocean, Cabernets and Merlots from this region are getting better and better. The Cabernet is full bodied with rich dark fruit and a little cedar. I paired it with lamb chops. The Red Blend is full bodied, with hints of dark berry, lavender, tobacco. I paired it with chicken nachos. The Merlot is full bodied with hints of dark fruit, carmel, and dark chocolate. This is not a typical Merlot by any means! I paired it with white chicken chili. Price point \$99 for all three.



4. Château Canon Chaigneau Cuve 8a, 2020. If you know anything about French wines, you know that wines from the Pomerol Appellation are absolutely fantastic! They are expensive and sell fast! However, it is possible to experience a "Pomerol wine" with a fraction of the costs! There is another appellation just north of Pomerol called Lalande-de-Pomerol. It has a similar microclimate and similar soil type. An absolutely delicious Bordeaux from Lalande-de-Pomerol. Hints of dark fruit, with spice, cedar, and tobacco. Can pair with lamb or steak. Price point \$21.

3. Brook & Bull, Come Hell or High Water Red Blend, 2021. In the wine world, it is not often that you come in contact with a female wine maker. Ashley Trout spent a decade working the harvests in Mendoza, Argentina and we are grateful that she started her third winery, Brook & Bull Cellars. Earlier this year, I had the pleasure of attending a private tasting with Ashely and I can say that I was impressed with her wine but even more impressed with her as a person. Come Hell or High Water is a blend of 30% Grenache, 28% Mourvèdre, 27% Counoise, and 15% Cab Sauvignon. Medium bodied with hints of blackberry, stone fruits, and sage. This wine is versatile and pairs well with your favorite pasta or burger. Price point \$35



2. Le Reveur, Côtes du Rhône, 2023. Le Reveur translates to The Dreamer. This is one of my favorite bottles of wine! I keep going back and buying more and more of this wine. Guillaume Gonnet is the winemaker of this consistent and delightful wine! Guillaume is no newcomer to wine, he has been the owner and winemaker of his family's Châteauneuf du Pape estate since 2006. You will know his wines by the various images of birds on his wines. If you see the name Guillaume Gonnet on a bottle with an image of a bird, you can be certain that you have purchased a very good bottle of wine. Le Reveur is a red blend of 80% Grenache and 20% Syrah. This wine is versatile and I have paired this wine with just about everything, even Chinese food. Medium bodied with hints of blackberry, licorice, and spices. Price point \$15+



1. Robert Foley Vineyards Merlot, 2018. The name Robert Foley is synonymous with quality wines. As a winemaker, Foley's resume speaks for itself. He has made wines for some of the best wineries in Napa, California. Though known for his exceptional Cabernets, his Merlots are equally as delicious. This wine is 100% Merlot. It is full bodied with hints of dark fruit, chocolate, and nutmeg. I loved this wine so much that I bought a case! Trust me, when you see a wine with Robert Foley's name on it, buy it, because it won't stay on the shelf for long. Price point \$60+

Honorable mentions: Brook & Bull Cabernet Sauvignon, 2020. Le Sauvage Vacqueyras, 2022. O Fillo Da Condesa Albariño.

Financial Focus – Rising Healthcare Costs

By Joan Cleaveland (cleav73@gmail.com)

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The government just re-opened after the longest shut down in history. While the airlines cancelling flights as the holiday season starts may have been the final straw for some Democrats to cave. The high cost of insurance for Medicaid and those using the ACA marketplace was the main reason for the shutdown. And those problems still exist. What did happen with this deal is that the government’s existing spending levels are funded until Jan. 30, 2026; three full year appropriations bills will fund certain departments until the end of the fiscal year next fall and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program will be funded through next September. Also, the attempted firing of federal workers by Trump during the shutdown has been reversed. And the Democrats only got a promise that the Senate will vote by the end of the second week of December on a bill to extend those ACA subsidies which doesn’t sound very promising.

Most people affected probably got used to the subsidies and forgot that they were not promised forever. It’s like when you advance your child’s allowance to make it easier for them to buy something now and then when it’s time to go without an allowance for a few weeks to pay back, they squawk about how unfair it is. Perhaps not the best analogy, because in the case of health care there will be real suffering for families and those who may need to cancel their health insurance because it is unaffordable. And that brings us to the main question, why does health care cost so much?

This is an American dilemma and has been talked about for years without any real solutions. When the Affordable Care Act was passed in 2010, it seemed like a long overdue answer. It certainly allowed more people to be able to purchase insurance, those with pre-existing conditions and those without employer sponsored insurance. Unfortunately, like a lot of government programs it isn’t saving any money and costs continue to sky rocket. When Bernie Sanders ran for President, he stated many times how we could have Medicare for all and save money. When Trump ran in 2015, his campaign promised to eliminate Obamacare and introduce a better health care system that would insure everyone. We have yet to see that, although the President has recently hinted that he may pay Americans directly for health care.

So the passing of four years since the subsidies started has just put us back where we were, but with increased costs that have risen over the past four years. It isn’t just those buying insurance in the marketplace, it is everywhere. Employers have seen an increase and have had to absorb some of it and pass some on to their employees. Many HMOs are finding certain hospitals and doctors may not accept them anymore leading people to search for other providers. Or possibly pay more to use out of network pricing and keep their current doctors. Having Universal Healthcare for everyone is often touted as the best solution and some believe it will help costs decline by taking private insurance companies out of the competition. Even Dr. Oz has backed the idea of providing Medicare for all.

Now that I have Medicare, I am finding out that it isn’t as great as he made it sound. Medicare started in 1965 with the Social Security Act of 1965. Everyone gets Part A and Part B and the premium payment for part B is taken out of the monthly social security payment – usually about \$185 a month. Part A is hospital insurance and Part B is doctors insurance. Part C is the one you hear advertised on TV and in mailings from insurance companies during open enrollments and often at other times of the year. In 1986, Medicare Part C had only 2.8% of those on Medicare enrolled. The Part C portion of Medicare became Medicare Advantage in 2003 and was revised in 2010 with the passing of the Affordable Care Act. Since then its enrollment has doubled. Seeing the marketing that goes into getting more seniors enrolled it’s no wonder we are seeing more people choose an advantage plan. In most cases the plan has no monthly premium and all of your needs including parts A, B and D are typically covered. If you use the doctors and hospitals within the provider’s network, you can save money rather than using the traditional Medicare Part C plan. Things to keep in mind with traditional Part C Medicare are that it pays your

health providers directly and you can go to any providers without prior authorizations or the requirement they be part of a network. However, the premium cost will be more than a Medicare Advantage Plan.

If you do choose the Medicare Advantage Plan costing less comes with some restrictions. Often you will need to get a prior authorization to see a specialist and some critics have pointed out that often those denied by the advantage plan would have been approved under traditional Medicare. And private insurers providing Medicare Advantage Plans receive a fixed payment for each person enrolled and additional payments according to the diagnoses codes assigned to the enrollee. On the plus side, advantage plans usually have a maximum amount for out of pocket costs which are not included in traditional Medicare Parts A & B. So it is something you need to look at carefully. And as I am finding out if you have been on an advantage plan and decide to go back to traditional Medicare, you may find it difficult or need to be approved. Then you will need to look for a part D plan and a supplemental plan.

Since health care is becoming a hot button issue, I wanted to give some education on Medicare because like many government programs it isn’t perfect. About ix years ago, it was estimated that advantage plans were costing tax-payers about \$9 billion more than traditional Medicare would have cost. And many of these insurance companies have been facing federal fraud charges involving those diagnoses codes which can increase the payments they receive from Medicare.. Maybe this goes to show that health care programs involving private insurance companies getting paid to provide services could be a cause of increases in health care costs. Definitely, something to think about as we search for solutions to keep health care costs down.


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Under The Hood With Robinwood
By Bob McGartland

Shoeboxes for Seniors Holiday Drive

Happy December everyone!

There always seems to be some special magic in the air that happens from Thanksgiving to Christmas each year. Despite all the problems, challenges and struggles that continue to be part of the world we live in today; the generosity of people's hearts opens up. We see more kindness, caring and compassion; you find people wanting to bring more goodness, relief, hope and love to those in need, especially at this time of the year.

The Robinwood Automotive family will continue its longstanding annual tradition of giving back to the less fortunate in our community with the very popular Shoe Box for Seniors gift drive.

There are plenty of seniors who are living alone or in nursing homes who unfortunately, don't have much of a Christmas. It is a simple idea of taking a shoe box, filling it with useful items, wrapping it up and giving as gifts to our older adults.

Last year's generous response to donations and support from the community shows how the magic of Christmas is still alive bringing some hope and joy to our unfortunate brothers and sisters.

So once again I am asking for your support to our local seniors by donating to this year's Shoeboxes for Seniors drive. We'd like to pack the shoe boxes with these wish list items: socks for men and women, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, Vaseline, shampoo, hair conditioner, body wash, combs, hairbrushes, hand lotion, powder, and shaving cream. To sweeten the boxes, we'll also be collecting candy bars, holiday candy, small packages of cookies and gum. If you want to make a monetary donation; we will use the money to purchase items to fill the boxes. You can make your check payable to Robinwood Automotive.

Please drop off your donations at Robinwood Automotive, 803 S. Florissant Road in Ferguson during normal business hours. Shoebox donations need to be in by Thursday, December 18th.

The shoe boxes will be distributed to seniors by local churches and organizations in time for Christmas. Also, please let us know if someone in your neighborhood could use a shoebox gift. Just give us their name, address and phone number and we will deliver a shoebox to them before Christmas.

So, spread the word and bring your donations in! Follow your heart in helping our local seniors. I am grateful for whatever you can do to help spread some Christmas Joy by the goodness of your human spirit.

I want to thank you in advance for your generous support. Your donations are greatly appreciated. Please keep all our less fortunate children, families, seniors, and those who find the holiday season difficult, in your prayers. Share more smiles, take time to visit with them, spread a little Christmas magic.

However, you celebrate Christmas this year, remember each one of us are precious sons and daughters of God. He pours out His Love and graces over everyone. He will care for you and is always waiting with open arms for you. Wishing everyone God's blessings of joy and peace this Christmas season and throughout the year.

Merry Christmas,
Bob McGartland

"But when the kindness and generous love of God our Savior appeared, not because of any righteous deeds we had done but because of his mercy, he saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life." Titus 3:4-7

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God Speaks!

by Doug Neely

DECEMBER, 2025

According to **LUKE, ch. 2:**

9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. **10** But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. **11** Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord."

This is one of the greatest things God has ever given to us: the joyful message tells us of God's greatest gift to all of us. Jesus, our Savior from all sin, is finally here! We are saved!

Please joyfully ponder this message. How could anything be better to hear than this?

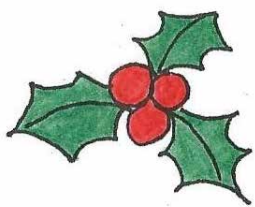
I pray that you and yours have a most blessed Christmas! Contact d, the messenger, at: fergusoncomputercorner@aol.com Be sure to put the phrase "I need God!" into the subject line of your missive to insure it is received. Also include your phone number into the body of same if you wish to ask a question. THANK YOU!

Crossword Solution from page 4

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TRIVIA ANSWERS

- 1: Oldsmobile
- 2: Mexican-American



Mimi's Subway Bar & Grill
December Events Schedule

06 CENTERLINE BAND
 4-8PM Join us for Fun, Friends, Dancing, Food & Drink Specials

MIMI'S 31ST ANNIVERSARY PARTY **13**
 6PM Appetizers Served, 50/50 Raffle, Gift Raffle, Food & Drink Specials

19 19TH ANNUAL CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS PARTY
 Live Music By: Top Heavy 7-11PM 6PM

BAR HOURS: 11AM - 10PM **24**
 2PM-6PM Kitchen Hours: 11:00AM - 5:00PM

25 CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS
 Happy Holidays See You December 26, 2025

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4:30pm at Blessed Teresa of Calcutta
 150 N. Elizabeth Ave 63135

5:00pm at Rose Philippine Duchesne
 2650 Parker Rd 63033

Christmas Day – Thursday, December 25

7am and 9am at Sacred Heart Parish




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 weeks. We encourage any of you reading this article to join in the conversation. Contact information is at the bottom of this article.



Last month's article was about good and bad news. The bad news first: we lost board members Sandy Hunter and Jeannie Boettcher and Ferguson Brewing was closing. The good news was that our cabooses were to be repaired by the City of Ferguson, that Lee-Hamilton School would have a 75th anniversary and that we were planning our 2nd Annual Fundraiser.



This month is only about good news! First, Lee-Hamilton School is still here and doing well for 75 years. Second, we have good news concerning the cabooses. They are in the process of being repaired and hopefully will be ready for the public in the very near future. The cabooses are owned and maintained by the City of Ferguson, but the operation and touring of them is done by your Ferguson Historical Society. Once they are back to "good health", we will prepare for a "Grand Re-opening" for all to come visit the cabooses. Third, the old Ferguson Brewing is re-opening – more on that next month. Finally, we held our 2nd Annual Fundraiser.



other things. This proved to be a popular event with plenty of last-minute tension.

We continued the raffle this year. Also, a popular event. The guest could buy any number of tickets – put the ticket or tickets in a box next to an item they may want. At the end of the evening a raffle ticket would be pulled and someone left happy.

All in all, we had 14 items for silent auction and 53 raffle items. In addition to these, we had our roving 50-50 person offering a chance at half the pot. With close to 100 guests, the pot was worth the fee.

It was obvious that people were having fun dining, bidding and just meeting and greeting each other.

Catering was provided by Abby Skees of "The Bite Club". We also need to thank our many volunteers. Our 50-50 roving collector was Bec Hunter. Raffle sales were handled by Emily Benner. We also need to thank Jerry & Mary Whitley, Stephanie Becker and John Cross who provided the minute-to-minute duties necessary to keep things running smoothly. The beautiful house in which the event unfolded, both last year and this year, along with a large amount of additional work, was provided by Jill Holtrop. Thank you, Jill! The entire event was planned and carried out by the Board of Directors: Mary Haux (President), Jeannie Boettcher (VP), Suzann Cross (Secretary), John Knowles (Treasurer), Jerry Benner, Jill Holtrop, Kathy Noelker, Bev Proost and Maggie Sullivan.



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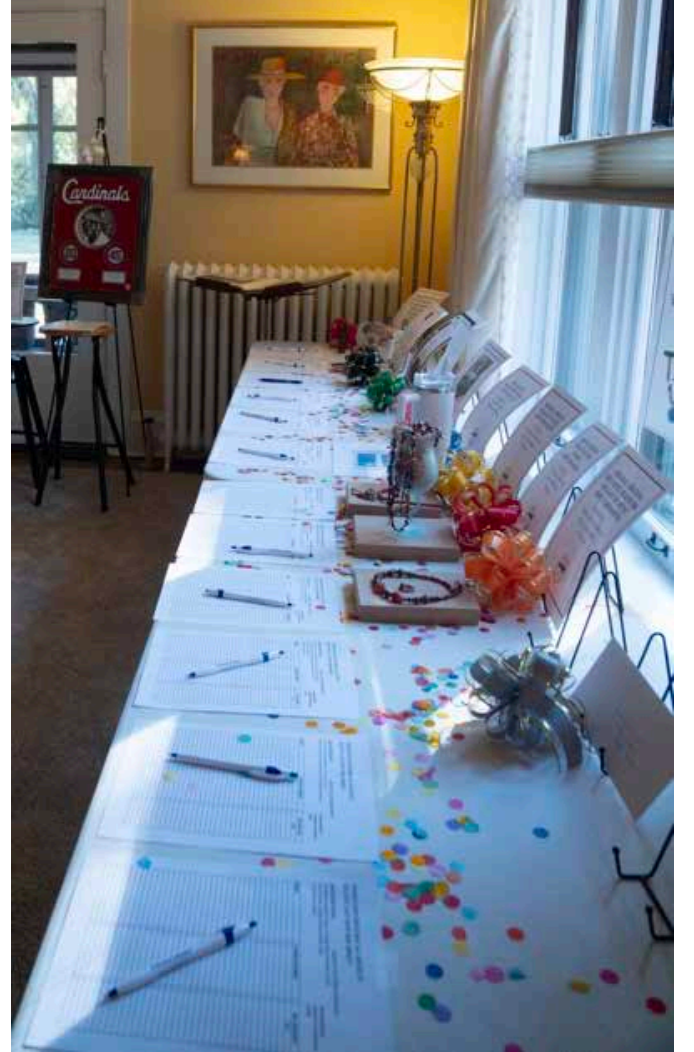
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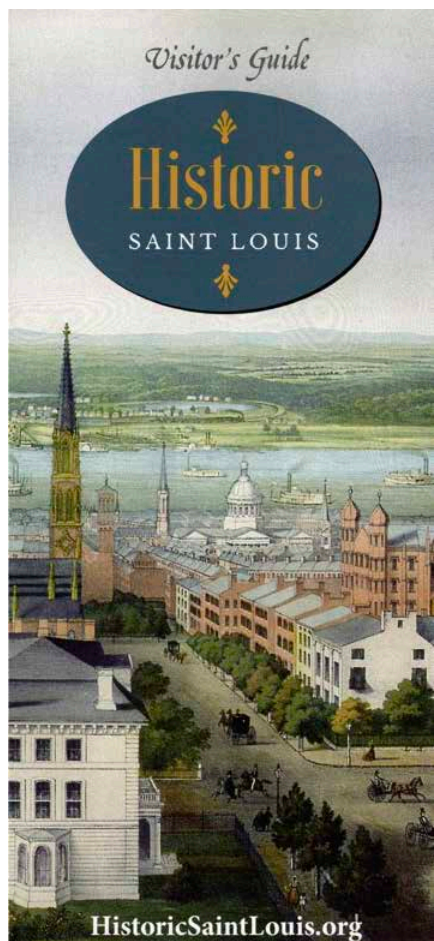
You will recall that last year's Fundraiser was to help fund our up-and-coming website – and that is what it did. The money allowed us to enter into a contract with Blue's Arthouse Graphics and Web Design to design us a website. The goal of our 2nd Annual Fundraiser is to make the website a reality and available to the public. Our current goal is to have a beginning site early in 2026 – allowing the public to search our growing files as well as keep up with all that is happening at the History House. Keep tuned to future articles to get more information on this.

The fundraiser was a great success. This year, along with great food, drink and guests, we featured four ways our guests could have access to some great items – some a part of history. New for this year, we added a silent auction table – reserved for items of higher value. Items featured a 1904 St. Louis World's Fair Official Photographic Views Book, rounds of Golf at prestigious courses, hand crafted jewelry, game tickets among



Finally – we would like to announce an Open House at the History House, behind the Ferguson Community Center.

Photos of the Fundraiser



Saturday, December 4th from 10:00 AM to 4 PM. You are welcome to drop by for light refreshment and to check out the History House. Our open house is part of a City/County-wide collection of historic sites and organizations holding an open house on this date and time. You are welcome to not only attend our open house, but any of the other being held, including several in North County. Ferguson Historical Society is a member of Historic Saint Louis. Contact Historic St. Louis at HistoricSaintLouis.org for more information.

Look for our new website, fergusonhistoricalsociety.com, in the near future and thanks to all who attended our 2nd Annual Fundraiser!

That's the good 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. If you wish to become a member or make a money donation, you can send it to Ferguson Historical Society at 716. N. Elizabeth Ave, Ferguson, MO 63135. 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.

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