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Ferguson Twilight Run keeps making an impact

Dear Ferguson and North St. Louis County –

Thank you, thank you, thank you! The 17th annual Ferguson Twilight Run was exciting, memorable and most of all, it was FUN!

More than 1,000 runners and walkers laced up, lined up and filled the streets of Ferguson. They crossed the finish line and celebrated personal victories with smiles and medals. The distances included one mile, 5K (3.1 miles), and 10K (6.2 miles) on routes that are USATF-certified by Big River Running Company.

Ferguson Twilight Run welcomed runners and walkers from first-time participants to people who do the race year after year. Awards were presented to the top finishers and age group winners in the 5K and 10K events.

It's a community effort

There are many people to thank for the success of the Ferguson Twilight Run:

- Runners, walkers and the family and friends who supported them through race day.
- Virtual runners and walkers who participated from across the U.S. and abroad.
- Volunteers who helped with medals, snacks, packet pick up, registration, water stations, cheer stations, course monitoring and more.
- Neighborhood residents who cheered from their porches, yards and driveways, and the churches and small businesses who cheered everyone on the course.
- Sponsors, businesses and community publications that committed time, teams, treasure and support for the race.
- City of Ferguson fire, police, parks and rec, and public works staff, as well as Ferguson City Council.
- Vendors, business owners and nonprofits who represented in the finish area.
- DJ Big Papa G, D2thaC and DJ \$OL and emcee Tonee Roper. The party on the Plaza was so much fun!
- Ferguson Twilight Run's planning committee and race director Dwayne T. James.

Sponsors

Presenting sponsors included Negwer Materials, Big River Running Company, City of Ferguson, and The James Family. Sponsors also include Good News Brewing Co., Sportsprint, Vincenzo's Properties, Soulcraft, Blue's Arthouse, First Baptist Ferguson, St. Louis Track Club, Prestige Consultants, LLC. A full list is online at fergtwilightrun.com.

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FERGUSON TWILIGHT RUN
5K★10K
1-MILE FUN RUN



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YOUTH EVENTS

- **Tuesdays from 1-3 pm:** Play-Doh Fun (ages 3 and up)
- **Wednesdays at 10 am:** Stories and Songs for Little Ones (ages 0-5)
- **Tuesday, June 16 at 6 pm:** Dino-Mite Dino Crafts (ages 6 and up)
- **Saturday, June 20 at 2 pm:** Lego Club (ages 6-11 recommended)
- **Saturday, June 27 at 10 am:** Uncovering Our Human Story (ages 10 and up)
- **Tuesday, June 30 at 6 pm:** Revolution: We the People (ages 0-18)

ADULT EVENTS

- **Monday, June 1 at 6 pm:** Game Night (teens and adults)
- **Monday, June 8 at 6 pm:** Readings on Race Book Club - *New Prize for These Eyes* by Juan Williams
- **Saturday, June 13 at 10 am:** Key Figures in Black St. Louis History
- **Thursday, June 18 at 6 pm:** Conversations and Coffee
- **Wednesday, June 24 at 6 pm:** Black Author Book Club - *The Girls Who Grew Big* by Leila Mottley

ALL AGES EVENTS

- **Thursday, June 11 at 6 pm:** Fiber Arts Social Club
- **Monday, June 15 at 6 pm:** Summer Movie Monday - Lilo and Stitch (live action - rated PG)
- **Wednesday, June 17 at 6 pm:** Cultural Cuisine - Tasting History
- **Tuesday, June 23 at 6 pm:** Monster in the Hollow - The Story of Missouri's Ozark Dinosaurs

JUNE CRAFT KITS

- **June 8-13:** Bottle Cap Magnets
 - **June 22-27:** Felt Star Pin
- Pick up a free kit!

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June Celebration Shout-outs

- 1 Happy Birthday Rick Helldoerfer
- 2 Happy Birthday Dick Bowes
- 3 Happy Birthday Ja'Lana Clinton
- 10 Happy Birthday James Nadeau
- 18 Happy Birthday Maryanne Wulfert
- 29 Happy Birthday Daylen Weber



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June at a Glance



- 2 Forestwood Neighborhood Meeting 7-8 PM
- 11 Ferguson Woods Neighborhood Meeting 6-7:30 PM
- 13 Ferguson Historical Society Open House 10Am - 4PM at the History House
- 14 Flag Day 🇺🇸
- 19 Juneteenth
- 20 NorthHills Neighborhood Meeting 10-11 AM
- 21 Father's day
- 22 South West Neighborhood Meeting 6-7 PM
- 26 Ashura



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Please continue to keep Officer Travis Brown and his family in your thoughts and prayers as he continues his recovery.

PRAY FOR PEACE



First Baptist Ferguson

Vacation Bible School

July 20th - 24th 9am - Noon

Registration now open for kids finishing kindergarten through fifth grade!

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Ferguson, MO 63135
314-521-1515



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Trustees of the Ferguson Municipal Public Library District will hold a public hearing to review and consider the proposed budget for the 2026–2027 fiscal year.

Date: June 22, 2026
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Library Auditorium, 35 N. Florissant Rd., Ferguson, Missouri

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BE PREPARED FOR A TORNADO

Tornadoes can destroy buildings, flip cars, and create deadly flying debris.

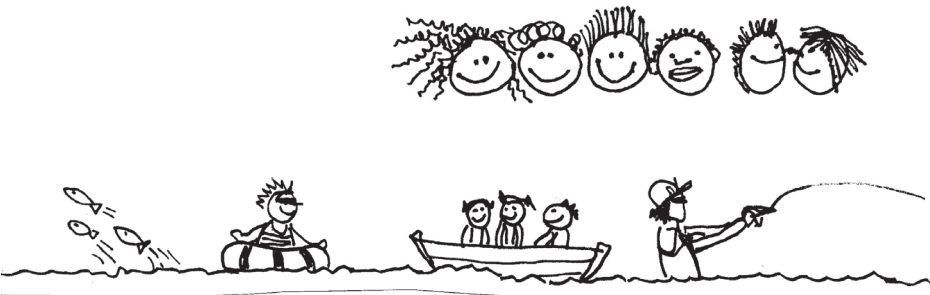
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Tornadoes are violently rotating columns of air that extend from a thunderstorm to the ground.

- Can happen anytime
- Bring intense winds (200+ MPH)
- Can happen anywhere
- Look like funnels

IF YOU ARE UNDER A TORNADO WARNING, FIND SAFE SHELTER RIGHT AWAY

- Go to a safe room, basement, or storm cellar.
- If there is no basement, get to a small, interior room on the lowest level.
- Stay away from windows, doors, and outside walls.
- If you can safely get to a sturdy building, do so immediately.
- Do not get under an overpass or bridge. You're safer in a low, flat location.
- Watch out for flying debris that can cause injury or death.
- Use your arms to protect your head and neck.




CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE 2025

- June 7** Cops and Bobbers 8 AM - 12 PM | JW Lake
- June 14** Juneteenth Celebration 4 PM - 9 PM | Forestwood Park
- June 16** Summer Concert - JAM 7 PM - 9 PM | Plaza at 501

JULY 2025

- July 4** Ferguson 4th of July 10 AM-Parade | 6 PM-Festival
- July 18** Summer Concert - Just In Time 7 PM - 9 PM | Plaza at 501
- July 25** Holidays at Hudson Disc Golf 7 PM - 9 PM | Plaza at 501







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In Memoriam

Ferguson has lost a treasure.

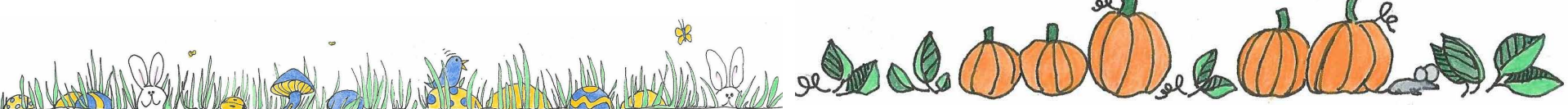
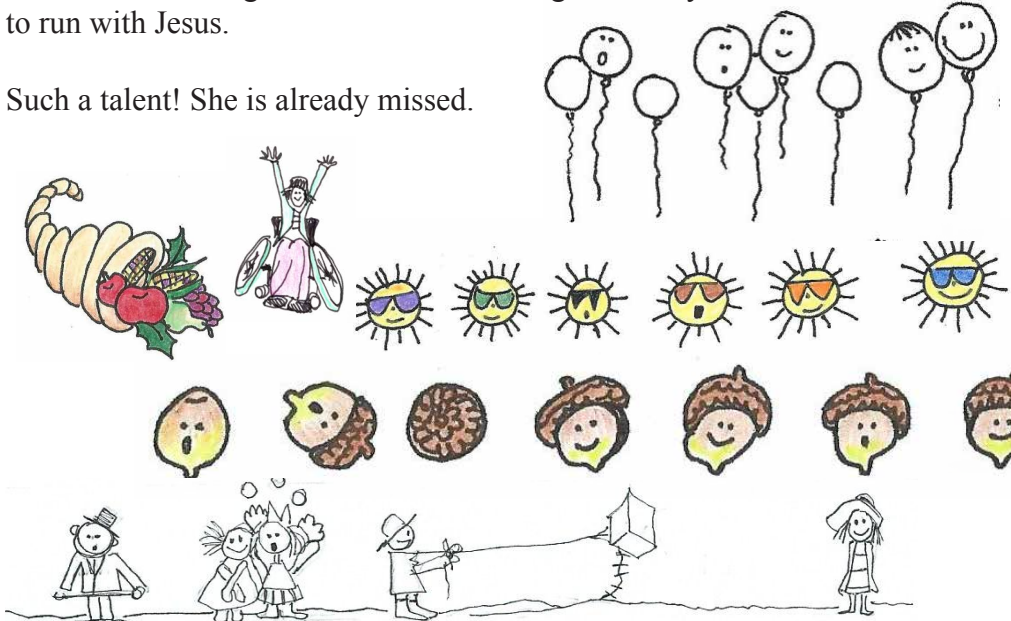
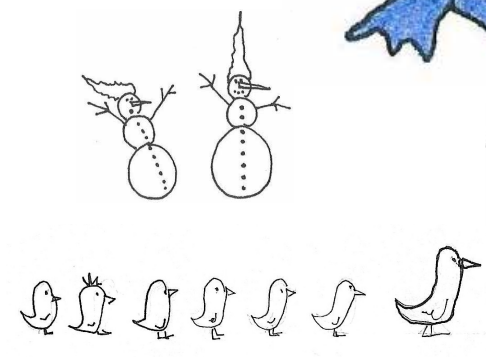
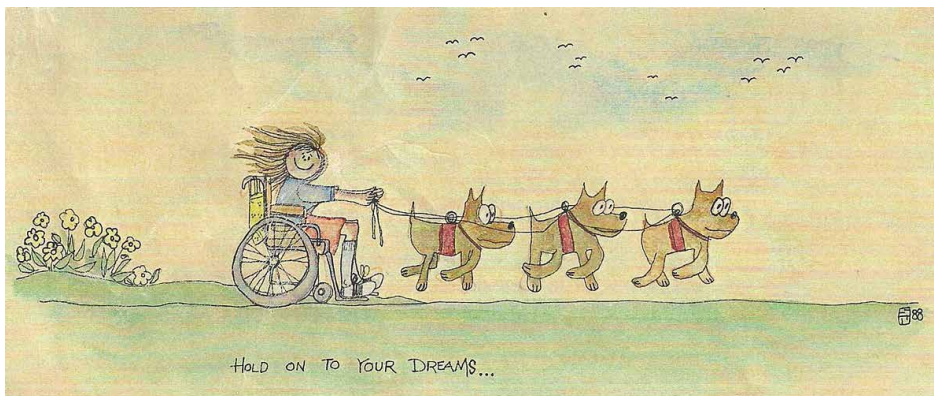
Sharon Lee Nadeau (nee Ditch)
July 31, 1951 - April 26, 2026

Sharon was the victim of gun violence and lived as a paraplegic for over fifty years but she never complained or felt sorry for herself. She was one of the strongest woman I ever met and am proud to have had her in my life. Her attitude was an inspiration and it shows in her drawings.

Sharon was a friend to many and touched many hearts. I don't remember anyone she did not show love to. She loved the Lord Jesus which was not only present in her art but also in her attitude as she went through life.

Even though she is now running with the Lord, we will continue to enjoy her drawings here in the paper. She left piles of drawings and sketchbooks full of her drawings. She was still drawing a few days before she left us to run with Jesus.

Such a talent! She is already missed.



ARTFUL CONSIDERATIONS

by Kimberly Kabak Epperson



June 6, 2026, 7:30 PM, \$54-\$122

Powell Symphony Hall 718 N Grand Blvd.
St. Louis MO 63103

Miles Davis and John Coltrane Centennial

Honor the enduring legacy of two Black musical visionaries whose artistry transformed American culture and redefined jazz around the world. Featuring acclaimed artists Ravi Coltrane and Terence Blanchard, this powerful centennial celebration uplifts the brilliance, innovation, and cultural impact of Miles Davis and John Coltrane through soulful performances rooted in Black creativity, history, and artistic freedom.

June 12, 2026, 7:30 PM, \$25-\$35

Kranzberg Arts Center 501 N. Grand Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63103

The Wasp

Secrets, revenge, and long-buried trauma collide in this gripping psychological thriller by Morgan Lloyd Malcolm. When two former classmates reunite after decades apart, a seemingly simple proposal spirals into a tense and shocking game of manipulation, power, and hidden motives. Darkly funny and intensely suspenseful, *The Wasp* keeps audiences guessing until its final twist.

June 13, 2026, 5:30 PM, \$25-\$50

The Grandel 3610 Grandel Sq., St. Louis, MO 63108

The Glorious Crown

Experience an uplifting evening of powerful dance, music, and storytelling as The AfroKuumba Dancers present *The Glorious Crown*. Blending vibrant choreography with rich Afro-Diasporic traditions, this inspiring performance explores the symbolism of crowns, leadership, identity, and legacy through visually stunning movement and emotionally resonant storytelling.

June 19, 2026, 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM, Free

The Griot Museum of Black History 2505 St. Louis Ave., St. Louis, MO 63106

Juneteenth

Celebrate freedom, culture, and community at The Griot Museum's vibrant annual Juneteenth Celebration. Enjoy live music, powerful storytelling, local food vendors, interactive activities, and a joyful atmosphere honoring Black history, resilience, and creativity in the heart of St. Louis.

June 20, 2026, 2:00 PM, \$17-\$33

Blanche M. Touhill Performing Arts Center 1 Touhill Circle, St. Louis, MO, United States, Missouri 63121

HarmonySTL Presents: Now Playing – The Hits that Shaped Our Generations

Get ready for an afternoon of powerhouse a cappella as the Ambassadors of Harmony, Visions of Harmony, and The Recruits Chorus bring iconic songs to life with soaring harmonies, tight choreography, and high-energy barbershop flair. You'll hear crowd favorites from across the decades, plus an exclusive sneak peek of each group's 2026 International Contest set. The show builds to a massive, goosebump-worthy finale with all three choruses on stage together for one big wall of sound.

June 21, 2026, 5:00 PM, \$39.19+

The Ambassador 9800 Halls Ferry Rd., St. Louis, MO 63136

Jeter Jones & Arthur Young Father's Day Blues Trailride Concert

Celebrate Father's Day with a high-energy Southern soul and blues concert featuring Jeter Jones and Arthur Young, blending trailride culture, live performances, and a full lineup of special guests for an evening of music, celebration, and community vibes.



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The Y factor

By Robin Shively

ACROSS

1. Husky holder
6. Opposite of nearby
10. Cheer
14. Foot parts
15. "Thick __ Brick"
16. Sundance locale
17. Vapors
18. Garden supporter
19. Dull one
20. Before, poetically
21. Delighted
23. Wil's Next Generation role
26. Strange Magic grp.
28. Time period
29. Slang for anti-doping target
32. It may be hot
33. Ms. Banks
36. The Cheater singer Scott
38. Ump.
39. Bank job
41. Turner or Cole
42. Twilight st.
43. Robert Young series
47. Chances __; Mathis classic
48. Real Estate proclamation
49. B&O or CB&Q
50. Soothing gel
51. Influence
54. "Old Fashioned" soda brand
57. Western character actor Jack
59. Curvature
60. MASH chaplain
64. Sicilian volcano
65. Some say it is more
66. Marvel Warlord

DOWN

1. 1947 film set in 1880s New York City
2. Accustom to accept something undesirable
3. High point
4. Trendy type of shed
5. Protagonist Prynne
7. Mother country
8. On the ocean
9. Incline
10. Oswald murderer
11. Relating to the ear, pref.
12. Paddle
13. Don Corleone
22. San Diego team
24. Training line
25. Move unsteadily; weave
26. Make a mistake
27. Theater name
30. Sgt. Snorkel's dog
31. That is; abbrev.
34. This one is of the Tiger
35. Ceremony
37. Places for some monitors
40. Noted coil inventor
44. Crucifix
45. Jazz Pianist Dave
46. Pseudonym of artist Romain de Tiroff
50. Darrin Stephens or Don Draper
51. Crocus bases
52. Position; Site
53. Over 40 hrs.
55. Few and far between
56. Canyon comeback
58. Near the rear
61. Acad. Helper
62. Lead-in to Paso or Camino
63. Location of only active diamond mine in U.S.

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TRIVIA

Who are the only two golfers to win the Masters in three different decades?

Words: Referring to a genus of grass, "aegilops" is noted in the Guinness Book of World Records as the longest word in the English language with what distinction?

(Answers on page 13)



Hello Ferguson!

by Marian Linck

Well, we are now in full mode spring and summer. We have used our air conditioning and furnace within the same week, maybe in the same day. In the past, the AC did not run until May. This year while the days were warm and so were the allergy triggers. Close the windows and run the air conditioning.

Spring also means getting our ancient pool ready for the season. I am fairly sure that I have mentioned our pool in the past, but perhaps remarkable stories deserve to be repeated. I will make it brief so I can also talk about the freeloaders under the deck.

The pool truly is a labor of love as well as too darn much work. When we looked at our property to purchase back in 1999, the pool was a green mess. My dear husband stood by the pool shaking his head. My answer to that gesture was “watch me”. Thus, the pool maintenance and repair are all my responsibility.



Every spring the pool gets drained. I then rake up leaves and debris. Next step is power-washing and inspection for new cracks and or holes in the antique concrete. Sometimes it is an old, failed repair and sometimes it is a new crack. My goal is to make it hold water and not to spend a fortune on a water bill.

I repair the cracks and holes with hydraulic water-stop cement and then paint the repairs with Flex Seal. Then I paint the whole pool with rubber base pool paint. The finished project is truly a site to be seen. Yes, the pool looks beautiful, but will it hold water better this year than it did last year? Is there a “Patron Saint” for swimming pools? If there is, offer up a prayer, please.



Now, on to the freeloaders under the deck. We have heard from other Ferguson residents that “ground hogs” have discovered beautiful Ferguson, Missouri.

Everyone knows about the most famous ground hog, Punxsutawney Phil. Groundhogs are burrowing rodents and related to the squirrel family.

We did a little research on these cute little creatures just to make sure they would not burrow under our house and make it unstable. We do think our little friend may have a hand in the demise of our deck. We knew she was back when a pot of flowers I set near the deck were eaten. There WAS a beautiful black peony in that pot. I hope it tasted bitter. My husband ordered a five-pound bucket of cayenne powder (thank you, Amazon) to sprinkle near our cone flowers because she likes those too but hates getting cayenne on her feet or in her mouth.

We also learned, thank you Google, that a ground hog is also called woodchuck, ground pig, whistle-pig, whistler, and land beaver, just to mention a few. Ground hog babies are called pups, kits and this is a fun one, chucklings.

I referred to our ground hog as “she” because now we have five little chucklings living under our deck. Oh my, they are just the cutest little things EVER!! Just little fluff balls with a tiny little tail. My heart twitters a little just thinking about those “chucklings”.

I am also concerned about the name “whistle pig”. Why, why, why would one brew a delicious bourbon, name it “Whistle Pig” and charge hundreds or even thousands of dollars for a bottle?

In the past I was quite impressed with Whistle Pig bourbon, but seriously why should I spend a lot of money on a bourbon named for a ground hog? Proof that marketing is everything.

Once again, thank you Google for sharing the benefits of having a ground hog on one’s property. When digging groundhogs help aerate the soil. Ground hog burrowing also helps nutrients mix into the soil. Too bad we do not have a farm under our deck! So, thanks a lot, little mama ground hog. When are you and your cute little family going to move on to another property?

I sent this article to the editor a bit early because we are going to Scottsdale, Arizona to celebrate our oldest grand-daughter’s high school graduation. Yes, I guess I am that old.

Thank you for allowing me to repeat the pool saga and revisiting our resident groundhog. I look forward to hearing from you, especially if you also have a freeloaders ground hog on your property.

You can reach me at manhattanmarian@gmail.com.



How Grandfriends Taught us How to Grow

Grandfriends Day at the farm is coming up on June 27th, and we asked our team how their grandparents influenced their growing journeys. Here were some of the stories they shared:

From Farmer Will:

My grandad Thad Humphries was OBSESSED with farming, birds, and the Mississippi State Bulldogs. He knew all the new and different corn/bean/cotton varieties like they were common knowledge. He would watch corn grow. His south Mississippi mud accent was so thick you couldn't understand a damn word he said. He was an incredible gardener and well known around Helena, Arkansas for his tulip beds in the front yard. He watered his tomatoes like a farmer waters rice. His water bill was probably hundreds of dollars in the 90's...He was so goofy I didn't understand him as a kid and actually found him to be annoying. The older I get the more I realize I'm just a younger version of Thad, and I'm proud of that. He got to see me become a horticulturist right at the end of his life and it made him so happy.



Will and his grandad Thad in a cotton field outside of Helena, Arkansas.

From Jess, our Program & Storytelling Manager:

My Southern grandma, Mary Earle (aka Gramsie), first connected a reluctant 8-year old me with fresh veggies from the garden.

It was a sweaty Mississippi morning. She cut a tomato off the vine and held it up for me to smell. I'm sure I made a face ~ so specifically sharp, earthy, and a little grassy. But weren't they all slimy and flavorless?

We took it inside and washed it together. I was belly nervous as she sliced into, then salted and peppered it - the seeds oozed a little. She cut a small bite with the side of a fork and fed it to me, and I can really still taste it - sweet, tart, not too slimy. Not the worst! Not a conversion tomato either. But it did open me up to the knowing that food fresh from the garden is not the same as produce from the grocery store.

I was a dedicated dirt digger as a kid, but I think she'd be surprised and happy to see me now. Mary Earle's gentle green thumbs for sure helped connect me with gardening and, eventually, with deeply loving this work (and play! and joy!) in farming and food equity at EarthDance. I am so thankful.

From Jena, our Director of Agriculture and Education:

Post-college, I had been growing some stuff in a raised bed, and I really wanted to grow something besides just herbs, so I started growing tomatoes. I called my mom, who has a green thumb and knew she'd be able to walk me through what I needed to do.

My Grandpa Gilly had passed her down this list of things that he used for every tomato plant that he ever grew. It was mostly very common things: an all-purpose fertilizer, a handful of worm castings, a handful of bone meal, a couple crushed eggshells, and one aspirin. I was like, "Okay, those first ones you said make sense. But why the aspirin?" She didn't know why, but that was his recipe.



Jena with their grandma, who showed them the different ways to prepare and preserve okra. Jena still grows okra today because of her!

Fast forward several years later, I'm sharing this recipe with people, and I get the question again, "Why the aspirin?" I'm like, well, I should probably know the answer by now. I looked it up, and learned that aspirin (acetyl salicylic acid) mimics a natural hormone tomato plants produce (salicylic acid); it's a major part of their immune system. When you apply it to the plant, either as a spray or by including it in fertilizer, it boosts the plant's immune system and makes it more resistant to disease. Kind of like a plant vaccine!

I still use that trick to this day. Any time I plant a tomato, I put some fertilizer in the ground, along with one aspirin, because of Grandpa Gilly.



The roots washer is a kid favorite here at the farm—wash and taste a carrot with this Grandfriends Day!



Bubblemaking at this year's Grandfriends Day will be hosted by Simple Positive Play, a Ferguson-based nonprofit.

Grandparents, and all kinds of elder figures in our lives, can make a huge difference in how we see and learn about the world. Our EarthDance team is proof!

Inspire your grandchild or grandfriend to learn more about EarthDance and farming! Join us at the farm (233 S. Dade) on Saturday, June 30th from 9:30am-noon. It will be a multi-generational day of fun, including bubblemaking with Simple Positive Play, family-friendly yoga, meet-and-greets for goats and chickens, + more!

Learn about our solidarity pricing model, aka Pay what you can! Visit the farm and get our veggies May-September at our Farm Stand: Fridays 3-6pm and Sundays 11am-3pm 233 S. Dade Ave, Ferguson MO 63135; Sundays only October-November and at the Ferguson Farmers Market from May-October: every Saturday 8am-noon at the Plaza at 501 S. Florissant Rd., Ferguson, MO 63135 or the Ferguson Winter Market on every third Saturday November-April from 9am-noon at 33 N. Clay Ave, Ferguson, MO 63135

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To Tree or Not to Tree

Ferguson was first named a National Arbor Day Foundation Tree City USA in 1989!

The Tree City USA program isn't just about planting trees; it's about cultivating a legacy. By committing to this program, communities across the nation are planting the seeds for greener, healthier, and more vibrant places to live for generations to come. This attention to supporting nature and natural landscaping has become especially important as climate change has been negatively affecting human well-being and causing the extinction of so many pollinators, birds and other native species.

Why save existing trees and plant more trees

To understand the importance of trees, consider the following points:

- Trees produce oxygen, essential for all living beings.
- They absorb carbon dioxide, helping to combat climate change.
- Trees provide habitat and food for countless species of wildlife.
- They prevent soil erosion by stabilizing the ground with their roots.
- Trees improve air quality by filtering pollutants and dust.
- They offer shade and cooling, reducing energy costs in urban areas.
- Trees enhance the aesthetic value of landscapes and communities.
- They contribute to mental well-being by providing green spaces for recreation.
- Trees can increase property values and attract tourism.
- They play a crucial role in the water cycle, helping to maintain local ecosystems.

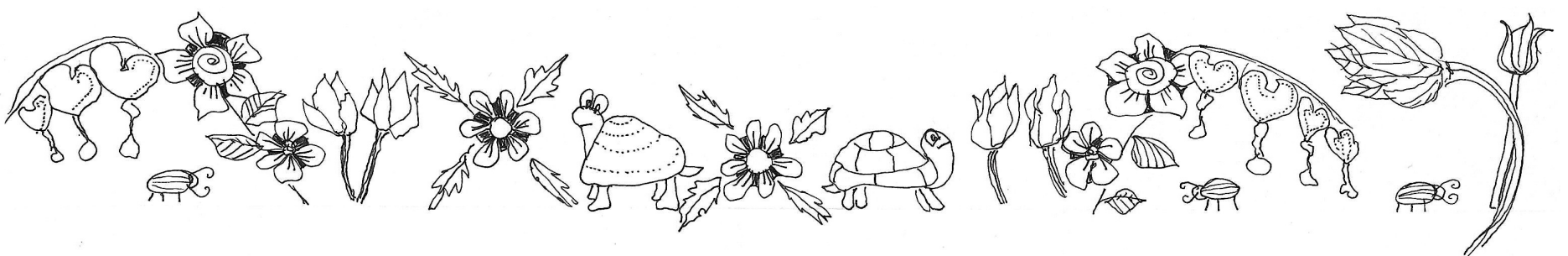


Get help maintaining your trees

- Get an evaluation from an arborist. Don't assume a tree near your house is dangerous and needs to be removed! It may just need professional trimming.
- Apply for a grant from the Ferguson Neighborhood Improvement Fund.
 - Go to this page on the Ferguson City website: www.fergusoncity.com/645/FNIP
 - You can also get details and an application at the Ferguson Public Library.
 - You will find that you can apply for an Exterior Home Improvement Matching Fund which can cover – exterior code violation abatements, driveway repairs, exterior repairs, painting, guttering, siding, and roof repairs, window replacements, tree removal and trimming, etc.



Our almost 100-year-old Sweet Gum tree is said to be one of the tallest and oldest in Missouri. We have it professionally trimmed to keep heavy branches away from the house.



THE DOG DAYS OF SUMMER, PLEASE HAVE A HEART ❤️

Summer is finally here! Many of us wait anxiously for shorts weather to arrive! But dogs and cats definitely do not.



Imagine being forced to stay outside in the sweltering heat, wearing a heavy winter coat. Being forced to stand barefoot on burning hot pavement. Did you know that dog's paws can blister from burns? Not fun and is often deadly for pets when burns lead to serious infections.

What is especially miserable is a dog being chained outside or kept in a pen during the HOT summer.

They face an even greater risk of heatstroke, dehydration, and sunburn, due to extreme stress from the constant limitations of their confined space.

Their limited access to shade and water in hot weather, coupled with the lack of social interaction and enrichment can quickly lead to panic and severe overheating which comes from stress, frustration & anxiety.



Here's a more detailed look at what summer can be like for a chained/caged dog:

Physical Risks:

- **Heatstroke:** Dogs are susceptible to heatstroke, especially in hot, humid conditions. They can overheat quickly and suffer from heatstroke and death.
- **Dehydration:** Chained or caged dogs may have limited access to water due to tipping bowl over, increasing the risk of dehydration, which can be dangerous/fatal in hot weather.
- **Sunburn:** Shade changes throughout the day. You may leave for work with your dog having shade but later, he is left baking in the sun. Dogs don't have the same protective layers as humans and can easily get sunburned; particularly those with short coats.
- **Pest Problems:** Chained/caged dogs are more vulnerable to insects, fleas, mosquitos, and ticks, which can cause agonizing constant itching and health problems, such as heartworms, tick bourn illnesses and tapeworms.
- **Cords and Tethers:** Tethers can cause injuries, including burns or strangulation if they become tangled or wrapped tightly around the dog's neck or limbs. A few summers ago, a dog here in Ferguson was found strangled to death when the tether got wrapped around a tree.

Psychological and Behavioral Consequences of long-term tethering or caging outside:

- **Loneliness and Boredom:** Chained/caged dogs often experience extreme loneliness and lack social interaction with other dogs or humans. Dogs are "pack animals" by instinct and deserve to be inside with their family.
- **Anxiety and Stress:** Keeping your dog in constant confinement and with lack of stimulation can lead to anxiety, hyperactivity, and aggression. It's a vicious cycle.

- **Stereotypical Behaviors:** Chained/penned dogs may develop repetitive behaviors, such as pacing or excessive barking, as a result of boredom and stress. Can you blame them?
- **Decreased Quality of Life:** Overall, chaining or keeping a dog confined outside and even worse when in extreme temperatures, can drastically reduce a dog's quality of life, leading to a miserable existence. It's basically like being in jail for a crime you didn't commit.
- It's easy for a dog to wrap a tether around objects in the yard and get stuck, preventing them from accessing water and shelter.
- Tethers can cause serious injury by wrapping tightly around limbs or becoming embedded in a dog's neck.
- Studies show that even friendly dogs can become unhappy, anxious, neurotic and aggressive when kept in a pen, on a chain or tether.
- Tethered/caged dogs are more susceptible to insect bites, parasites and cruel attacks by humans and other animals.

SO...please HAVE A HEART! ❤️

BRING THEM INSIDE WITH YOU! When they are outside, fill up a kitty pool with water and let them enjoy summer fun! And be sure they have access to fresh drinking water. 💧

When walking your pup, keep in mind that dogs' paws can easily burn on hot pavement. Walk them early in the morning or late evening when the weather (and pavement) is cooler. Or let them walk in grassy, shaded areas.

And NEVER, EVER leave them in a car. Even with the windows cracked a car can heat up to life threatening temperatures when the temps are above 70 degrees. A car can heat up to 104 degrees in 30 minutes on a 70-degree day.

Let's ALL have a fun and safe summer and bring your pets inside when the temperatures soar.

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What is Raghib Drinking?

By Raghib

Recently, I attended a corked wine event (pun intended) held at the place dedicated to scientific inquiry. I was excited to attend, as a few people told me how much fun they had at this event in the past. So, I purchased my ticket early. It was the type of ticket that gave me total access AND provided a food voucher. It was the type of ticket that allows you not to stand in line. I do not like standing in lines! On the day of the event, I cooked an early dinner and drove to the place dedicated to scientific inquiry.



When I arrived, the parking lot was beginning to fill up. I exited my vehicle and proceeded to walk towards the entrance. There was a line at the entrance, I immediately showed my ticket and walked right



in. The attendant put my special wrist band on and I walked over to the table to receive my plastic branded wine glass. I scanned the area. I saw a short line at a table and walked in that direction. I was third in line. The young woman behind the table was struggling with the cork screw... it was obvious that she never had used one before. I intervened and demonstrated how to open a bottle of wine. She was very gracious and thankful. When I am at wine events and wine tastings, my first question is, "So, tell me about the wine?" I have found that this question allows one to really explain the wine and its characteristics. Soooooo, when I asked my question to the young lady, she responded, "I don't really know, they just paid me to pour tonight." THIS, my friends, is called an indicator. I should have cut my losses and left. I decided to stay in order to get my money's worth. I thought to myself, maybe if I walk up to the second floor things would be different. I arrived at the second floor. I approached a very visually appealing table with pictures of a variety of wines. The attendants were very well dressed. "So, tell me about the wine?"....."Oh, we are not selling wine, we are selling a vegan leather wine tote..." By now, my internal monologue is going rogue!

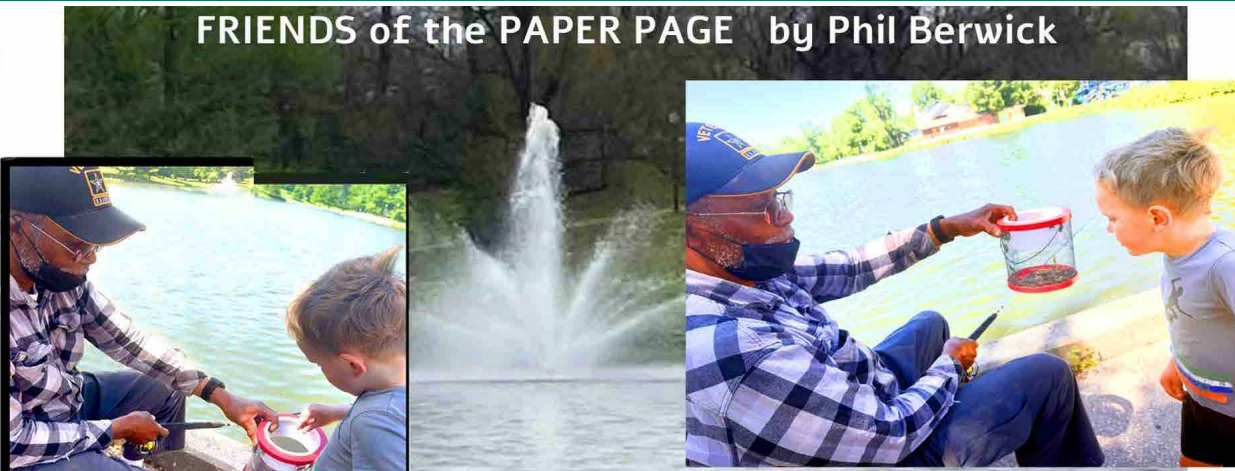
This entire thing feels like a well orchestrated set up. As a matter of fact, the closest thing that comes to mind is the Sicily episode of Parts Unknown with Anthony Bourdain (Season 2, Episode 2). In this episode, while fishing and diving for live octopus and fish, Bourdain realized that the fishermen were faking the fishing expedition by throwing frozen and dead octopuses in the water so that he could discover them. I won't tell you how the episode ended, but I will tell you that Bourdain was furious LOL!

At this point, I feel just as frustrated as Bourdain. I have had enough, but I have to get my money's worth! Maybe, just maybe, if I find the section where the very important people are, my lot will change. Surely, there will be folks there who know wine. So I follow the yellow brick road and enter through the double doors. Out of 7 or 8 tables, I did manage to find one person who actually worked at and represented a winery in California, Brandlin Estate. We had a good conversation and she asked me to join their mailing list as their wines were only available in a few St. Louis restaurants at the moment. I signed up for their mailing list and decided to leave. But first, I needed to redeem my food voucher. If you have ever been to the place that is dedicated to scientific inquiry, you are well aware of the food that is available. The food appropriate for family outings that are dedicated to learning about all the things that science has to offer us. However, for a wine event, nope! At this point I have had enough. I look for the exit. As I walked toward the exit, I decided to stop at one last table. I am glad I did. Leave it to Missouri to save the night! Introducing Chateau Sainte Genevieve Winery! The wines were good and the representatives were very knowledgeable. They harvest native grape varietals from Missouri and acquire other varietals from other states. Chateau Sainte Genevieve has something for every palette. They offer dry, off-dry, sweet, red, rose', and white wines from Missouri and other blends made from grapes from across our nation. This summer, I will make a point to visit and so should you!

How would I rate my experience at the corked wine event held at the place dedicated to scientific inquiry? I'm sure there were folks who attended who had a great time, but this event just wasn't for me. I am reminded of the words of President George W. Bush, "Fool me once, shame on...shame on you. Fool me...you can't get fooled again" LOL! Or in the words of deceased Uncle Thomas, "Nephew, if you ever catch me doing that again, you have my permission to come and kick me in my a**" LOL!

Happy Tastings!

FRIENDS of the PAPER PAGE by Phil Berwick



FISHING while Making Friends Or Making Friends while Fishing

My Grandson was fascinated with a Fisherman's cickets. I wish I had gotten his name. When he offered Beren to grab one and toss it in the water, the three year old bravely took him up on it.



Jesus also liked to fish. When He walked out of the tomb, he didn't go straight to heaven. In fact he went fishing. His disciples did not recognize him at first, until he told them to bring their catch in and put it on the grill. The full account is in the New Testament book of John Chapter 21



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Financial Focus – Who Likes Income Taxes

By Joan Cleaveland (cleav73@gmail.com)

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Since the beginning of his second term the President has shown resolve for getting his way on most facets of running the country. The biggest thorn in his plans has been the Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell. As I am writing this, Powell’s term is ending and Trump’s pick for a replacement is Kevin Warsh. So far the Senate has approved him and it is likely he will be approved. During his hearings, many of the questions revolved around his ability to keep the Federal Reserve Bank independent of the other branches of government and maintaining their goals to look at monetary policy in the longer term and what is best for most Americans. Often politicians make decisions based on short term goals which may not be the best choices for the country as a whole. So to understand the importance of the Federal Reserve system being separate from the three branches of government, reviewing its history may help.

Alexander Hamilton and Thomas Jefferson were both great statesmen. They did not always agree, Hamilton saw much potential in the new nation and had admired the British Empire and its Bank of England established in 1694 as the central bank. His plan involved establishing tariffs and other taxes to help pay off the Revolutionary War debt, charter a national bank and create a national currency. Jefferson on the other hand felt an agriculture based economy was better. While he saw value in large cities for culture and sophistication, he felt suspicious of corruption in the urban areas and banks. To Jefferson concentrating economic power in banks encouraged speculation rather than earning money from labor. The new Congress went with Hamilton’s plan and the Bank of the United States was established in 1791 with a twenty year charter. Jefferson felt the nationally chartered bank would help the wealthy cities more and be unfair competition for state-chartered banks in more rural areas. His main opposition was whether Congress actually had the power to create the bank under the Constitution. Both Hamilton and Jefferson had followers but the tension between their groups economic interests continued raise concerns. Those with capital to invest wanted a conservative monetary policy to avoid inflation and protect the value of their money. The other group including farmers and business men needing capital hoped for more liberal policies.

The next twenty years passed and with the War of 1812 it became abundantly clear that waging war showed the need for a central bank. So in 1816 the second Bank of the United States was established and reluctantly approved by President James Madison who agreed with Jefferson’s concerns about a central bank. It operated much like the previous central bank. In 1823 Nicholas Biddle became the president of the bank and is credited with helping economic growth. By now, Andrew Jackson was president and he was hostile to the central bank with concerns about its freedom from government oversight and redistributing funds throughout the country with loans approved by the bank. At his first annual message to Congress in 1829 Jackson declared “Both the constitutionality and the expediency of the law creating the bank are well questioned by a large portion of our fellow citizens, and it must be admitted by all that it has failed in the great end of establishing a uniform and sound currency”. The war between Biddle and Jackson over the fate of the bank ended when Jackson vetoed the early approval for the bank’s charter renewal which had been approved by Congress. He also directed all government deposits to be moved to other banks of his choosing. Earlier in 1819, the Supreme Court found in McCulloch vs. Maryland that Congress did have the authority to charter the Second Bank of the United States, as it was “necessary and proper” under its authority to tax and spend. So even though this showed they had authority, Jackson and his followers felt it had gotten too powerful without the necessary oversight. While both Biddle and Jackson made mistakes, the main lesson was that a central bank should be independent, but not so excessively so, and must stand ready to monitor its members. Over the rest of the ninetieth century the United States experienced the Gilded Age, the Industrial Revolution and of course the Civil War. These major changes amplified the problems of bank panics and instability. By 1894 unemployment had grown and a march on Washington by unemployed laborers demanded the government do something to help. Just like today when economic instability is created by substantial changes in technology, demographics and social norms; people will protest. The Progressive movement at that time wanted to create “a more morally perfect society.” And after the Panic of 1907, banks failed and financial corruption spread

throughout the country and the world. This led Congress to form the National Monetary Commission to do a thorough analysis of currency and banking reform. The commission’s report described a new banking system that would use good governance, best practices and scientific methods to help heal the many rifts that have been present from the beginning our country.

In 1913 an act of Congress created the Federal Reserve System. It has twelve Reserve Banks across the country and a seven-person board of directors based in Washington which includes the Fed chairman. They regulate commercial banks while supporting the banking infrastructure. They are also responsible for monetary policy which involves setting interest rates and controlling the supply of money. So if the economy is slow the Fed could speed it up a bit by lowering interest rates. However, if they drop too quickly it can cause easy money which may drive up customer demand. If businesses are not able to keep up with demand we may see inflation. Goods may not be produced fast enough and drive prices higher. Once the process has started it can be difficult to slow things down without causing more pain. One of the main features of the Federal Reserve is its decentralized structure to ensure the policymakers have perspectives from all across the country. While the Fed determines monetary policy without political interference, they do report on this to Congress twice a year.

In the past and today, we see some legislators and even Presidents who have made their opinions known and been critical of the policies being drafted. One such example was President Richard Nixon’s conversations with then Fed Chairman Arthur Burns about adjusting the monetary policies which he eventually did. The results were disastrous in the long term, in the short term they did get Nixon re-elected. Over the next decade Americans experienced the worst inflation in history followed by a Recession lasting from 1981 thru 1982 with a record high unemployment of 10 percent. So complaining may be acceptable, but we need to appreciate those working for the American people to make monetary policy that reaches all. If you have any questions or comments you may send them to cleav73@gmail.com.

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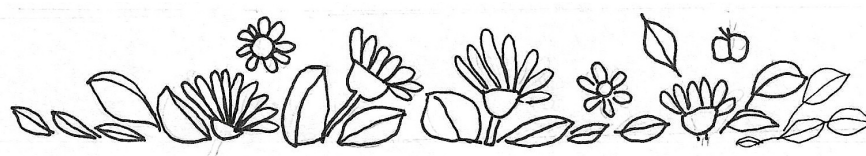
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My father guided, protected, and loved me. I never understood a lot of what he was talking about when I was an adolescent. The light bulb didn't illuminate until I became a father. It wasn't just a light bulb, it was more like Busch Stadium lit up.

Dads BBQ, act silly, snore on the couch, work hard, and bend over backwards for their family. Dads guide, coach, teach, instruct, protect, care, and provide unconditional love.

Dads may act grumpy sometimes but that is him just figuring things out in his head so he can make the right decisions for his responsibilities - his family.

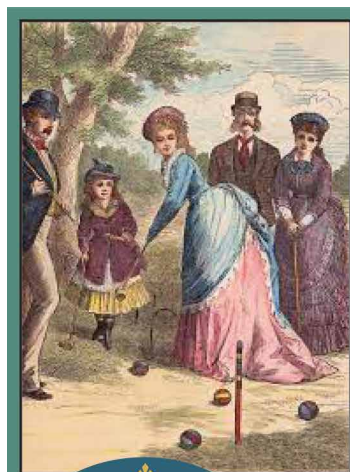
Dads are the family Shepard so they are constantly watching over their flock just like God watches over us.

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Under The Hood With Robinwood Maximizing Fuel Efficiency

By Clinton Nesselbush

With fuel prices always seeming to fluctuate, getting the most out of every gallon has become more important than ever. The good news is that improving your vehicle's fuel efficiency doesn't require major changes, just a few smart habits and consistent maintenance can make a noticeable difference over time.

One of the simplest ways to maximize fuel efficiency is to adjust your driving style. Rapid acceleration and hard braking can quickly reduce how far your fuel goes. Instead, aim to accelerate gradually and come to smooth, controlled stops. Keeping a safe distance from the vehicle ahead gives you more time to react and avoid unnecessary braking. These small adjustments not only improve fuel economy but also create a safer, more comfortable driving experience.

Speed plays a significant role in fuel consumption as well. Most vehicles are designed to perform most efficiently at moderate speeds. Once you begin driving well above typical highway speeds, your engine has to work harder to overcome wind resistance, which leads to increased fuel use. While shaving a few minutes off your drive might be tempting, driving at a steady, reasonable speed often results in better mileage and fewer stops at the gas station.

Routine maintenance is another key factor in maximizing fuel efficiency. A properly maintained vehicle runs more smoothly and uses fuel more effectively. Regular oil changes, clean air filters, and timely spark plug replacements all contribute to better engine performance. When your

engine doesn't have to work as hard, it uses less fuel. Staying on top of scheduled maintenance also helps prevent larger, more costly issues down the road.

Tire care is often overlooked, but it can have a meaningful impact on fuel efficiency. Underinflated tires create more rolling resistance, forcing your engine to use more energy to keep the vehicle moving. Checking your tire pressure regularly and keeping it at the manufacturer's recommended level is a simple way to improve gas mileage. Properly aligned tires can also help ensure even wear and smoother driving.

Reducing excess weight and drag can also help your vehicle run more efficiently. Carrying unnecessary items in your trunk or back seat adds weight, which can lower fuel economy over time. Roof racks, cargo boxes, and bike carriers can create additional wind resistance, especially at higher speeds. Removing these when they're not in use can improve both fuel efficiency and overall performance.

Planning your trips is another effective strategy. Combining errands into one outing reduces the number of short trips, which are typically less fuel-efficient because the engine doesn't have enough time to reach its optimal operating temperature. Avoiding heavy traffic, when possible, can also help maintain a steady speed instead of constantly stopping and starting.

Maximizing fuel efficiency isn't just about saving money, it also helps reduce wear on your vehicle and supports long-term reliability. Small changes in driving habits and regular maintenance can lead to meaningful improvements over time.

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God Speaks!

by Doug Neely

JUNE, 2026

PRAISE GOD!

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

(vs. 1-5)

PSALM 103

Here in psalm 103, David shows us how he uses his music and words to worship God. Everything that he is, and everything he has is his worship. He recounts all that God has given him. All shows his thankfulness to his Creator God through his worship.

It would be right for us to also worship with all of our heart, mind, and soul, as God DESERVES.

By the way, the psalms were sung, not read, as a way of worship. And they were sung by all. Praise the Lord!

If you would like to contact doug, email him at: fergusoncomputercorner@aol.com

When doing so, be sure to include the phrase "I need God" into the subject line, and include your local phone number so he can call you back!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR HEARING GOD'S WORD! MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND YOURS!

Crossword Solution from page 4

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

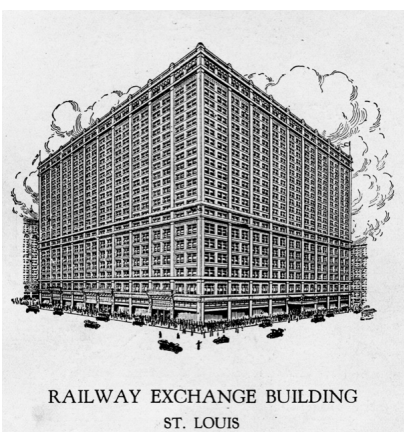


Last month we covered the 2nd Mayor Forum and introduced you to the **Wabash Club**. A quick review: William Ferguson, in 1855, donated about 10 acres to the North Missouri Railroad allowing the railroad to lay tracks through what became Ferguson Station. The area had an available lake for the steam engines to take on water. The North Missouri Railroad eventually became the Wabash Railroad in 1915. The Wabash was a class 1 national railroad serving 5 states and Canada. That is where the story continues.



Interest in travel became a national concern in the early 1800's. The war was over and Americans needed ways to move their merchandise as well as themselves. In 1806 President Jefferson authorized the creation of the Cumberland Road – later to become the National Road from Cumberland Md to St. Louis (it only reached Vandalia Il for a 591 long road in 1839). Currently US Route 40 covers that eastern part of the road (not I-40). Canals were also being built during this time (think the Erie Canal (remember the song?) and the Illinois Canal). Along came rail travel with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in 1837. Railroads, once built, were faster and more reliable than either the road or the canals (they froze in winter). All of this paves the way for nation-wide railroads such as the Wabash.

The Wabash was a major railroad with its national headquarters located in St. Louis – right in the center of the city – a whole city block – Olive to Locust, between 6th and 7th streets. The Railway Exchange Building – better known by most, older St. Louisians as the Famous Barr Department Store (later Macy's) – with that wonderful 8th floor toy department, Santa and the great toy train and Christmas windows. It was a different era.



Here is when Ferguson (remember that depot and lake back in 1855) and the Wabash come together. The Wabash owned land and a lake in Ferguson – and the big guys at Wabash were looking for recreation in their time off. The railroad ran through Ferguson – and that is the beginning of the Wabash Club.



By now you may be figuring out that this land and lake is now January-Wabash Park and lake. (note: Mr. January's home – now Ferguson Middle - was on the top of the hill with his lake below). In 1910, the Wabash Railroad leased 19.5 acres to the "Wabash Club" for recreation. The purpose of the Club was "to cultivate and foster good fellowship among the officers and employees of the Wabash Railway Company, and to discuss, formulate and execute plans which shall have in view the mutual benefit of the members and the company". The first meeting was held on May 24th, 1911. Photo above is from a 1911 dinner.

They began by improving the area – at that time in a somewhat wild state. They began to fence it in, improve it and set up tents as shelters.

Eventually they built a frame clubhouse and bathhouse along with a beach along the lake and a playground for children. Below is a photo of the original building as shown in the 1923 yearbook.



The History House has two yearbooks on file, 1923 and 1930. Photos in this article are from these two books. While this was very much like a country club, it was quite different. No intoxicating beverages were allowed, smoking was not permitted indoors, no profanity, dogs or open fires were permitted and there were over 28 detailed rules for people and one for autos. This was a family affair. Originally for men only, in 1919 ladies (girls) were allowed. Yearly dues were \$5.00 if you were a resident, \$2.00 if you weren't local (Wabash covered 5 states and Canada).

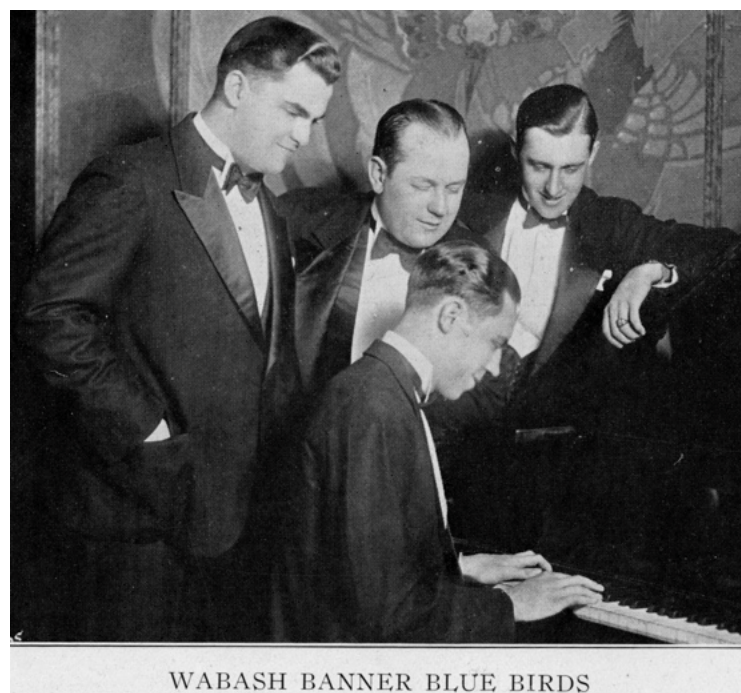
The 1930 yearbook shows the new clubhouse. Older residents of Ferguson may recognize this as the building when the club became a Ferguson Park – in recent years taken down for the new park structures.

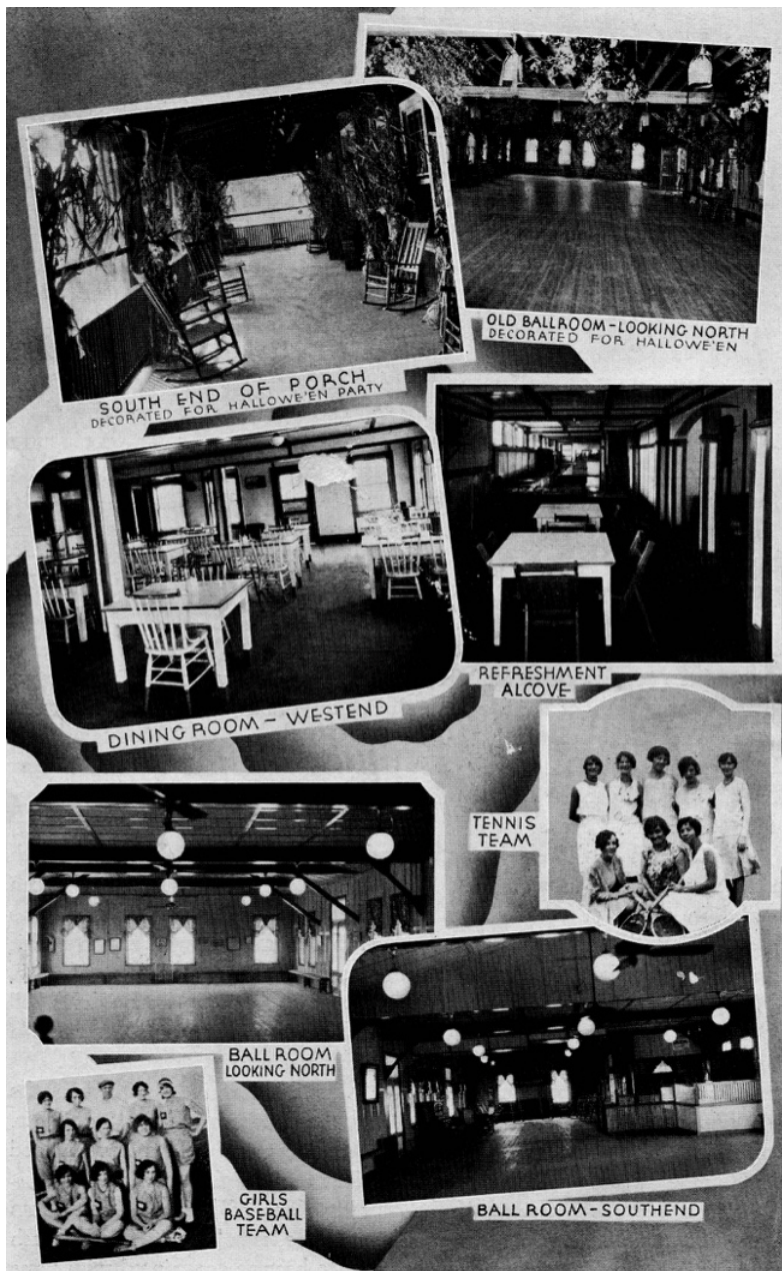
The Wabash Club offered members many things to do: all number of sports (basketball, handball, baseball, tennis, horseshoes, golf, billiards, bowling, water sports, etc.) – for both men and "girls". Many were intramural sports, but some were competitive with outside teams (Men's baseball for example). There were social activities (Dramatics, concerts, social dinners and picnics, etc).

Photos to the right show a view of the lake and clubhouse in the 1930's and some composite pages from the two Souvenir books on file at the History House.

Eventually the end of the Wabash Club would come around. As in the early 1910s, World War I interrupted (many were drafted), and so did World War II. Other types of recreation became available and by the end of the war the Wabash Club was on the way out. This prompted the City of Ferguson to contact the Wabash Railroad for the sale of the property. The railroad generously agreed to sell the acreage and the properties for \$40,000. A bond issue was passed for \$155,000 in November 1947 and the land became January-Wabash Park. The park was dedicated on October 30, 1948 with Mr. A.K. Atkinson, President of the Wabash Railroad making the dedication speech.

In 1949, with the help of the Lions Club, the clubhouse was renovated and the original pool was constructed (1950). 1951 saw the first of many fireworks displays. In 1960 Florissant Road was widened and we lost some of the park. In 1963 a bandshell was constructed and in 1969 the lake was drained and deepened. 1970 saw the Armed Services Monument installed. January-Wabash Park is a show-place for the City of Ferguson – it's history dates back before 1855 with the Wabash Club a major player. Next month we will take a look at the 100th anniversary of Historic Route 66 and it's relationship with Ferguson



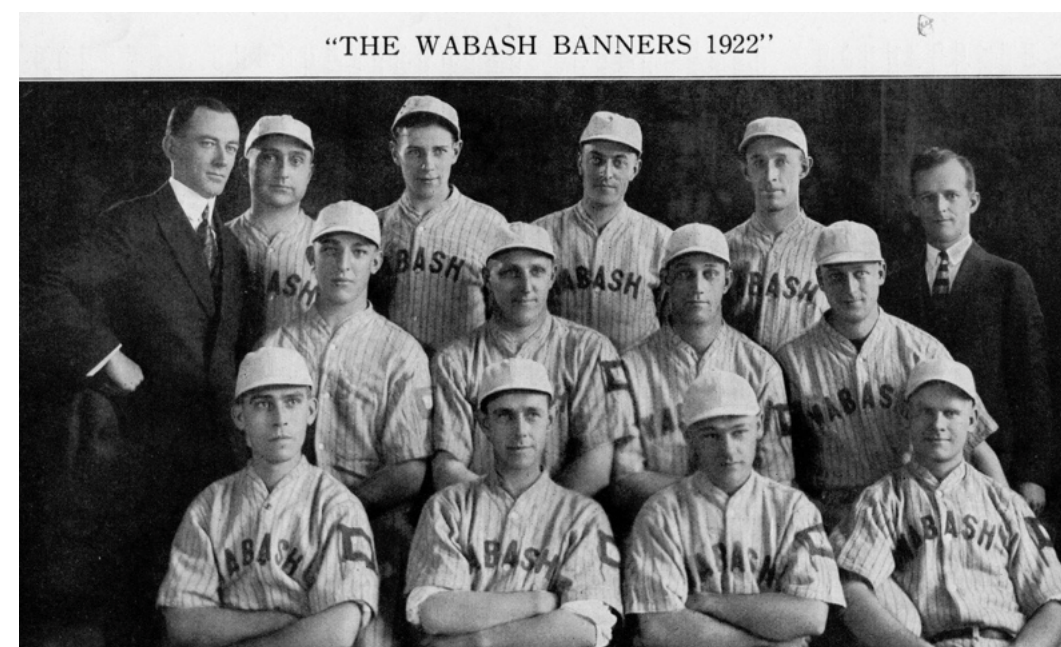


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If you have any suggestions, questions, or items to donate to the Ferguson Historical Society, please contact **Jerry Benner** at fjbenner@mindspring.com. If you wish to become a member or make a money donation, you can send it to Ferguson Historical 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. We have capabilities to do oral histories and would love to add to our collection on any Ferguson or North County subject.

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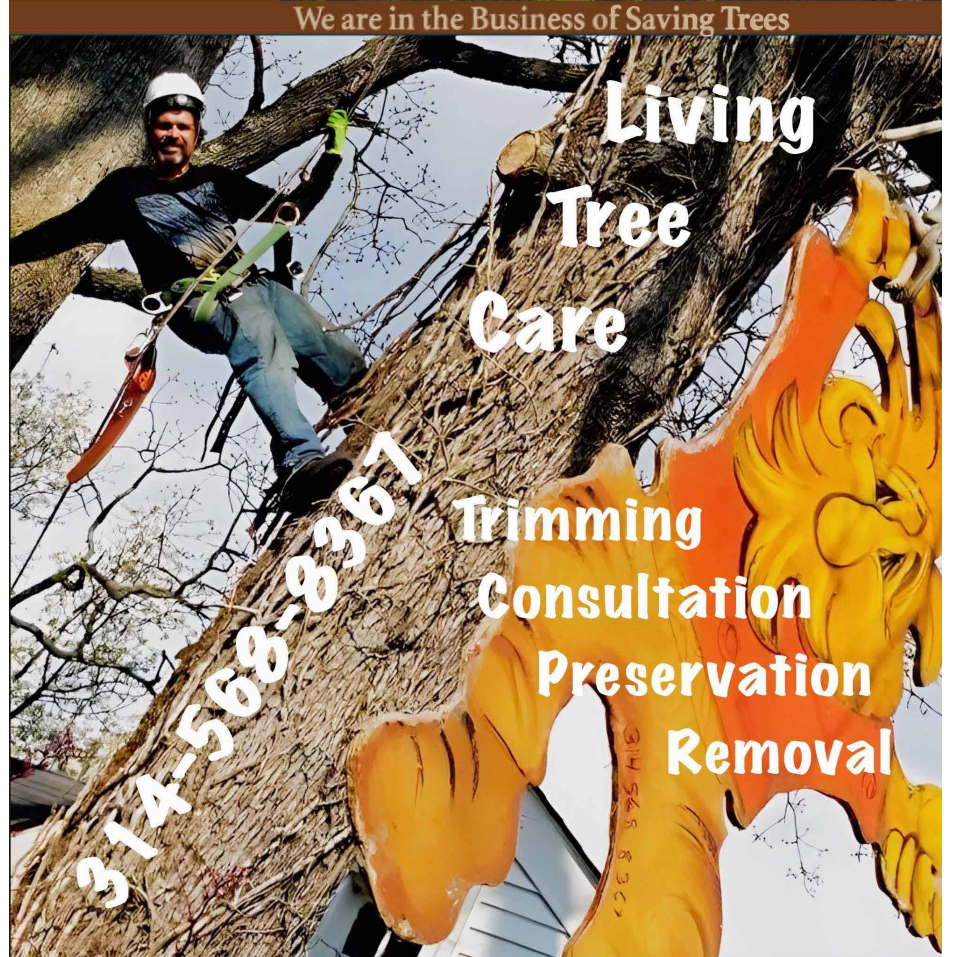
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