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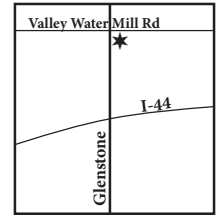
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BBQ Chicken Pizza

Barbecue Sauce Base, Chopped Garlic Chicken, Five Cheese Mozzarella Blend, Red Onions, with a BBQ Sauce drizzle on top.

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Our Signature Pizza Sauce, Fresh Leafy Spinach, Five Cheese Mozzarella Blend, Diced Roma Tomatoes, Sliced Red Onions, Sliced Fresh Mushrooms, Sliced Black Olives, & Diced Red & Green Bell Peppers.

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Toppings

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Pepperoni Mushrooms

Sausage Red Onions

Italian Sausage Diced Tomatoes



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Beef Black Olives

Canadian Bacon Fresh Spinach
Chopped Garlic Chicken Pineapple Chunks
Bacon Crumbles Mandarin Oranges
Green Bell Peppers Sliced Jalapenos
Red Bell Peppers

Any Pizzas with a Sauce Base different than our Signature Pizza Sauce will be counted as a topping choice.

Alfredo Sauce Olive Oil

Ranch Base Spicy Red Sauce

Buffalo Sauce Spicy Garlic Sauce

Garlic Butter BBQ Sauce

Signature Salads

Side Salad \$1.99

Fresh Salad Mix, Shredded Cheese Blend, Diced Tomatoes, & one choice of dressing.

Half House Neighborhood Salad \$2.99

Fresh Salad Mix, Shredded Cheese Blend, Diced Tomatoes, Sliced Cucumber, One Bread Stick & choice of dressing.

Full Neighborhood Salad \$5.99

Chicken Bacon Salad \$8.49

Fresh Salad Mix, Shredded Cheese Blend, Diced Tomatoes, Sliced Cucumber, Chopped Grilled Garlic Chicken, Bacon Crumbles, 2 Breadsticks & choice of dressing.

Asian Chicken Salad \$8.49

Fresh Salad Mix, Chopped Grilled Garlic Chicken, Pineapple Chunks, Slices of Mandarin Oranges, Cashew Pieces, Sunflower Seeds, Chow Mein Noodles, 2 Breadsticks & choice of dressing.

Chef Salad \$8.49

Fresh Salad Mix, Sliced All-Natural Deli Ham and Turkey, Shredded Cheese Blend, Diced Tomatoes, Sliced Cucumbers, Sliced Boiled Egg, 2 Breadsticks & choice of dressing.

Spinach Salad \$8.49

Fresh Leafy Spinach, Bacon Crumbles, Sliced Boiled Egg, Shredded Cheese Blend, Red Onions, Sliced Mushrooms, 2 Breadsticks & choice of dressing.

Spinach Salad w/ Chicken \$9.49

Italian Salad \$8.49

Fresh Salad Mix, Sliced Pepperoni, Canadian Bacon, Diced Tomatoes, Black Olives, Banana Peppers, Red Onions, Mozzarella Blend, Grated Parmesan Cheese, 2 Breadsticks & choice of dressing.

Taco Salad \$8.49

Fresh Salad Mix, Seasoned Ground Taco Meat, Shredded Cheese Blend, Red Onions, Black Olives, Diced Tomatoes, Sour Cream & Salsa, Served with Tortilla Chips.

Salad Dressing Choices

Additional Dressings \$.49 ea.

House Sweet French, 1000 Island

Neighborhood Creamy Italian, Bleu Cheese, Zesty Italian, Caesar, Ranch, Honey Mustard, Raspberry Vinaigrette,

Low Fat Ranch

Pastas

Neighborhood Casserole \$9.19

Our version of Lasagna made with shells, Our Signature Meat Sauce, 8 different Cheeses, & 2 Garlic Breadsticks

Pasta Supreme \$9.19

Spaghetti Noodles, Creamy Alfredo Sauce, Chopped Grilled Garlic Chicken, Bacon Crumbles, Sliced Mushrooms, Red Onions, Diced Tomatoes, Chopped Broccoli Florets, & 2 Garlic Breadsticks

Pasta Alfredo \$6.79

Spaghetti Noodles with Alfredo Sauce, & 2 Garlic Breadsticks.

Pasta Alfredo w/ Broccoli \$7.49

Pasta Alfredo w/ Chicken \$7.99

Pasta Alfredo w/ Chicken & Broccoli \$8.59

Spaghetti Marinara \$6.79

Spaghetti Noodles served with our Signature Marinara & 2 Garlic Breadsticks.

Spaghetti w/ Meatballs \$7.99

Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce \$7.99

Four Cheese Ravioli Marinara \$6.79

Raviolis served with our Signature Marinara & 2 Garlic Breadsticks.

Ravioli w/ Alfredo Sauce \$7.99

Ravioli w/ Meat Sauce \$7.99

12 oz Bowl of Mac N Cheese \$7.29

Sandwiches

All Sandwiches are Toasted unless otherwise specified. Sliced Pickles included on side

All Sandwiches \$7.49

Build your own:

1. Choose your Sandwich Base:

Club (Ham, Turkey, and Bacon)

Chicken & Bacon

BBQ Chicken

Buffalo Chicken

Italian Deli (Ham and Pepperoni)

Chicken Salad

2. Choose your Bread or Wrap:

White Bread, Wheat Bread, Sourdough

Bread, Hoagie Roll, or White Wrap,

Wheat Wrap, Tomato Basil Wrap, Garlic

Herb Wrap.

3. Choose your Cheese:

American, Swiss, Provolone, Pepper Jack,

Shredded Cheddar/Jack, Grated

Parmesan, Shredded Mozzarella.

4. Choose your Toppings:

Chopped Lettuce, Diced Tomatoes, Red

Onions, Cucumbers, Black Olives, Green

Bell Peppers, Sweet Red Peppers, Banana

Peppers, Spinach, Jalapenos.

5. Choose your Dressing:

Mayonnaise, Mustard, Miracle Whip,

Creamy Italian, Zesty Italian, Oil &

Vinegar, Spicy Mustard, Ranch, Honey

Mustard, Sweet French, Pizza Sauce,

Buffalo Sauce, BBQ Sauce.

6. Choose your Side Choice:

Bag of Chips, Potato Salad, Sweet Pepper

Slaw.

Meatball Sub \$7.49

4 oz of Meatballs on a toasted Hoagie with

Pizza Sauce, Mozzarella & Parmesan

Cheeses served with your side choice.

Classic BLT \$7.49

Bacon, Lettuce, Tomato. Just choose your

Bread, Dressing, and Side Choice.

Grilled Cheese \$4.99

Our Grilled Cheese is made with American and Shredded Cheddar/Jack on White Bread unless otherwise specified.

Others

Quesadilla \$8.79

12" Flour Tortilla stuffed with Shredded Cheese Blend and your choice of up to 2 meats and up to 4 other toppings from our pizza topping list and baked in the oven.

Nachos \$8.79

Corn Tortilla Chips topped with Shredded Cheese Blend and your choice of up to 2 meats and up to 4 other toppings from our pizza topping list and baked in the oven.

Seasoned Italian Bone-in Wings \$8.79

Italian Spiced perfection. No need to dip these awesome Wings, but if you want you can choose a dipping sauce from our dressing list.

Boneless Chicken Tenders \$6.59

(BBQ, Buffalo, Original) along with a dipping sauce from our Dressing list.

Toasted Raviolis \$6.59

Cheese or Beef

Calzones

Neighborhood Calzone \$8.99

Our Signature Pizza Sauce mixed with Alfredo Sauce Base, Fresh Leafy Spinach, Chopped Garlic Chicken, Canadian Bacon, & Five Cheese Mozzarella Blend, wrapped in our small crust, baked to perfection, and buttered.

BYO Calzone \$8.79

Our Signature Pizza Sauce, Five Cheese Mozzarella Blend, & your choice of up to 3 toppings from our Pizza Toppings list.

Sides

Bosco \$2.29

7" Breadstick stuffed with Mozzarella Cheese

Three Garlic Breadsticks \$1.99

Dozen Garlic Breadsticks \$5.29

Potato Salad \$1.69

Cottage Cheese \$1.69

Bag of Chips \$1.19

4oz Garlic Butter Sauce \$1.79

4oz Pizza Sauce \$1.09

Kids Menu

This menu is for kids 12 years and under only
Kids Meals include a 12oz fountain beverage.

Kids BYO Pizza \$5.69

1-3 Toppings

Kids Spaghetti Marinara \$5.69

Spaghetti Noodles served with our Signature Marinara & 1 Garlic Breadstick.

Kids Mac n Cheese \$4.99

Kids Grilled Cheese Served with Chips \$4.99

Beverages

Coca Cola Fountain Beverages ... \$1.99

Fresh Brewed Iced Tea \$1.99

Bottled Beverages starting @ \$1.99

2 Liter Bottles \$2.99

WELCOME!



Greetings!

On behalf of the City of Springfield it is my honor and distinct pleasure to welcome you to our city. Springfield is situated in the heart of Ozark Mountain Country and is one of the fastest growing cities in the Midwest. It is a region blessed with much natural beauty, offering large lakes and beautiful streams with a wide variety of water recreation activities.

We are confident that your visit to Springfield will be rewarding. We urge you to take advantage of the many opportunities available, such as:

Birthplace of Route 66. Springfield is officially recognized as the birthplace of what became known as the iconic "Mother Road." It was on April 30, 1926 at Park Central Square where officials first proposed U.S. 66 as the name of the new Chicago-to-Los Angeles highway. Route 66 meandered across Springfield from Kearney to Glenstone to St. Louis Street, through Park Central Square to Olive and College Streets, then headed west along what is now Chestnut Expressway. The Birthplace of Route 66 Roadside Park is located near the intersection of College Street and Fort Avenue. Stop in at the Route 66 Springfield Visitor Center at 815 E. St. Louis Street to learn about other stops in town that will give you a glimpse of Route 66's heyday. If you happen to be in town in August, the annual Birthplace of Route 66 Festival, featuring a car and motorcycle show, parade, drive-in movie and concert, is a great event for any Route 66 enthusiast or lover of Americana.

Jordan Valley Park, features the Jordan Valley Ice Park, a multi-purpose facility featuring two NHL-size ice sheets and an adjacent 12-acre park with a fountain and water feature designed to evoke an Ozarks stream. In addition, the Springfield Cardinals, the Double A affiliate of the St. Louis Cardinals, play at nearby Hammons Field. A short walk on the new Jordan Creek Greenway or a drive on new Streetscapes links the Jordan Valley development to our traditional downtown area.

Downtown. Our downtown area features a variety of restaurants in all price and taste ranges, art galleries, the historic Landers Theatre, built in 1909 and renovated in its baroque Renaissance/Napoleon architecture and décor, and the renovated historic Gillioz Theater. Downtown and Jordan Valley also are close to several of the City's most popular venues, such as the hands-on Discovery Center, a children's science museum, the Walnut Street Historic District and the Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts at Missouri State University.

Other attractions. Springfield is home to many area attractions such as the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame, Wilson's Creek National Battlefield (Civil War), Dickerson Park Zoo, and nine public and private golf courses. You might also enjoy visiting our Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden, complete with a traditional tea hut. Springfield is the headquarters of Bass Pro Shops' Outdoor World, billed as the "World's Most Spectacular Sporting Goods Store," with its four-story waterfall, giant aquariums, nature center and taxidermy studio.

We are truly proud of our City and the many opportunities available to our visitors. On behalf of the City of Springfield, we welcome you and look forward to sharing with you the hospitality of the "Queen City of the Ozarks".

Sincerely,

Ken McClure
Mayor, City of Springfield



Springfield has it all!

Sports



Shopping



Attractions



Events



Dining



Nightlife



Springfield sits atop a plateau of the oldest mountain range in the country - the Ozark Mountains. Surrounded by rolling hills, the city offers the best in metropolitan and outdoor adventure, making it a perfect family destination. Springfield is rich with interesting and entertaining attractions, approximately 5,800 hotel rooms, more than 1,100 dining options and a variety of shopping and cultural activities.

Population: Springfield is the third-largest city in Missouri and the largest Springfield in the nation. The U.S. Census Bureau estimates the population within city limits is about 160,000. The estimated Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) is more than 440,000.

Weather: The average annual precipitation in Springfield is 43 inches including 20 inches of snow. The average low and high temperatures for each season are: Spring: 44-67° F; Summer: 65-88° F; Fall: 46-69° F; Winter: 24-45° F.

Large churches in Springfield

(all below are in Springfield, unless otherwise noted)

Second Baptist Church
3111 E. Battlefield Rd.

First Baptist Church
525 South Ave.

Ridgecrest Baptist Church
2210 W. Republic Rd.

Crossway Baptist Church
2900 N. Barnes

James River Assembly
6100 N. 19th St. Ozark, MO

Central Assembly of God Church
1301 N. Boonville Ave.

North Point Church
3402 W Norton Rd.

Schweitzer United Methodist
2747 E. Sunshine

Wesley United Methodist Church
922 Republic Rd.

First & Calvary Presbyterian Church
820 E. Cherry

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
3555 S. Fremont Ave.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic
2200 W. Republic Rd

Messiah Lutheran Church
925 E Seminole

Christ Episcopal Church
601 E Walnut St.

Hope Church
2121 S Blackman Rd.

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We welcome you to the beautiful Ozarks, southwest Missouri, the Springfield area, and **Welcome to Springfield Magazine**

We are very proud to be the destination of your trip. And, while you are visiting the home of "The Mother Road", historic Route 66, we are providing this informational magazine that we hope gives you some helpful suggestions of things to do, places to eat great food, and other insights or ideas to further enjoy your stay.

Whether you are here on business, a family visit, or just touring this part of the country, we hope your stay is comfortable, profitable, and worthwhile. On behalf of the thousands of Springfield area folks in the hospitality industry, we hope you find your stay here something special and that you will look forward to coming back.

Please contact this magazine, our friends at the Convention & Visitors Bureau, or the Springfield Hotel Lodging Association if you have any challenges or questions. We can't wait for you to come back.



Sharon Ladd, publisher



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Experience the *haunted* Pythian Castle

by Meredith Tatum

Pythian Castle, one of Springfield's most unique venues, also has a claim to fame in the paranormal world: it's a certified haunted castle.

The history begins in 1909 when Springfield competed among seven other cities to be the place where the Knights of Pythias would construct the "Pythian Home," a place where members of this fraternal order could retire with their families. The first floor holds a grand foyer, meeting room, ballroom, dining hall, and sitting parlors. The second floor has dual staircases on either wall and was designed with dormitory style rooms for children and bedrooms for adults. This floor also has a theater with original ticket booth, seats, upper projection and lighting room as

well as changing rooms backstage.

The castle operated as a meeting hall until 1942, when the United States Military commandeered the facility to use it in conjunction with an adjacent hospital that housed injured U.S. troops. However, German and Italian prisoners of war were also assigned to the castle during WWII for medical treatment and as laborers. Some of these prisoners were kept in the detached powerhouse and laundry room behind the castle.

After the war was over, the castle remained U.S. property until it was sold in 1993 to a private owner. In the hands of this new owner, the castle was renovated in some areas and transformed into an event venue, playing host to weddings, proms and corporate parties as well as monthly murder mystery dinners.

But the castle's storied history has not been forgotten. In 2011, the castle was explored by TV show, Ghost Lab, where it was confirmed the the property is haunted with spirits from it's past proprietors. In 2017 TV show, Ghost Adventures, also came and used paranormal techniques to assess the castle, confirming the same.

The castle offers weekly Ghost Tours on Tuesday and Friday at 8pm year-round where photos are encouraged. More ghostly tours are offered during the spooky fall season. Guests may walk away with photos containing "orbs," which are the ghosts or spirits themselves.

Ghost investigations are also offered quarterly for those wanting to practice their paranormal skills. Public investigations start at \$75 per person and are scheduled from 7pm to 3am, and include a midnight snack. And, if you are brave enough, you can try an escape room at this haunted castle.

You must attend an event to visit the castle so check out the website for dates and times to see what you can experience at Pythian Castle. Online ordering discounts.

Pythian Castle is located at 1451 E Pythian St, Springfield, MO and can be reached at 417-865-1464, and online at <https://pythiancastle.com>. ■



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Escape Rooms

Murder Mysteries

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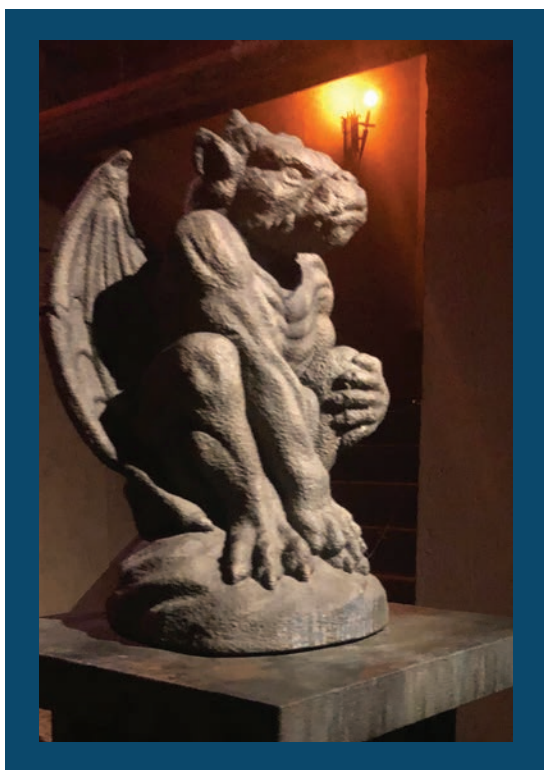
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Attractions

Dickerson Park Zoo	833-1570
History Museum on the Square	831-1976
Sports Hall of Fame	889-3100
Springfield Art Museum	837-5700

Entertainment

1984 Arcade	831-3665
417 Pedal Tours	200-4415
Ernie Biggs	865-4782
The Historic Gillioz Theatre	863-9491
Meyer Communications	862-3751
Pythian Castle	865-1464
Rumors Cabaret	886-8284
Showtime Joe's	864-5637
Springfield Centerfold	889-4475
Springfield Little Theatre	869-1334
Springfield Symphony	864-6683
Swing Right Golf	882-1222

Information

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Restaurants & More

417 Taphouse	942-0958
Bellacino's Pizza & Grinders	881-8556
.....	720-4414
Billy Bob's BBQ	861-8804
Black Sheep Burgers & Shakes	351-3595
.....	368-0227
.....	319-5906
Café Cusco	868-8088
Char Steakhouse & Oyster Bar	823-8383
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El Maguey Mexican	865-1453
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Leong's Asian Diner	887-7500
Mexican Villa	887-1010
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.....	582-0600
Neighborhood Pizza Café	833-4411
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Not'Cho Ordinary Taco	399-1101
Pizza House	881-4073
Spring Creek Tea Room	582-1331
Super Sports Bar	350-1425
Taj Mahal Indian	719-4573
Thai Food Truck	827-0250
The Almighty ..	The Almighty Sando Shop
Van Gogh's Eterrie	344-0085
Village Inn	881-0774
.....	887-4774
.....	581-8815
.....	647-2200
Wings, ETC	869-4425
Ziggy's Restaurant North	866-1377
..... South	823-9972

Shopping/Services

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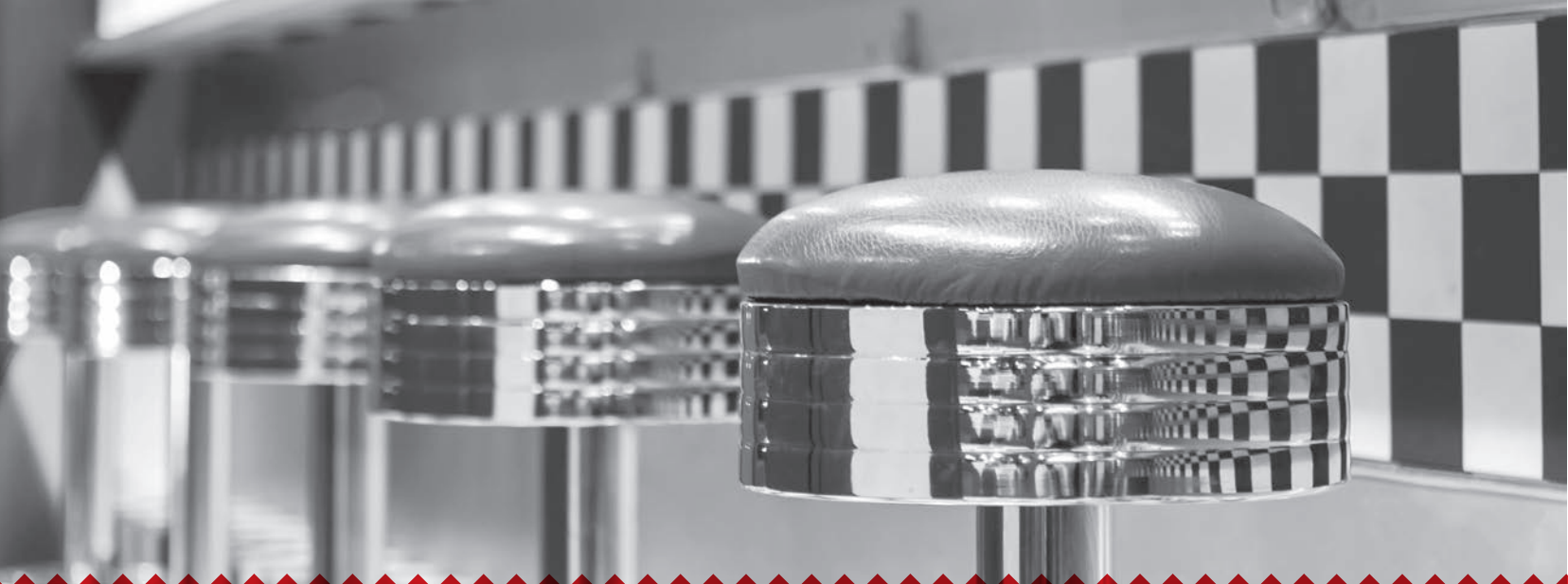


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Take a trip down memory lane...

Cheers to 50+ Years!

by Meredith Tatum

Springfield has a rich history in food culture and in this issue, we'd like to celebrate the restaurants that have been in business 50+ years and tell part of their stories!

Pappy's Place, built in 1903, is the oldest continuously operating restaurant in Springfield. The restaurant began as a grocery store, but in 1926, became a cafe. In 1933, when prohibition ended, the owners purchased Springfield's first beer-by-the-drink license. The restaurant became known as Pappy's Place in 1971 and has been a BBQ staple ever since.

Gailey's opened in 1942 when married couple Joe and Beulah Gailey created a fountain drugstore close to Route 66 in downtown Springfield. Joe ran the pharmacy and Beulah cooked burgers and served chili and shakes. Gailey's still inhabits the original drugstore and diner.

Taylor's Drive-In has been serving customers since 1947 with daily ground hamburgers, fries, onion rings and maybe the only soda fountain left in town. Taylor's used to be the local hang out for students on the weekend. Darlene, who's been the owner for 40+ years can be found in the corner booth with the cash-only cash register every day.

Mexican Villa began in a BBQ restaurant that Garin and Betty Ferguson bought in 1951. Garin, an army pilot, fell in love with tex-mex food while training with the army in San Antonio. The BBQ restaurant was later leased to a restaurant called "Italian Villa." When the owner retired, the Ferguson's

replaced "Italian" with "Mexican" on the storefront and "Mexican Villa" was born.

In 1958, Dorothy and Pat began Pizza House. Their menu was simply pizza, salad and drinks. The dough and sauce are made fresh every day and the cheese is ground fresh daily. Pizza House moved to Commercial Street 13 years ago but otherwise remains the same.

In 1963 David Leong opened Leong's Tea House, a 350-seat white-tablecloth restaurant. Leong created "Springfield-style cashew chicken," something that hundreds of Chinese restaurants in town have tried to duplicate. And he's still at it to this day at the current Leong's Asian Diner.

Springfield's original Village Inn locations opened in 1965 and are still operated by the Greene family. Brothers Bob and Bill Greene run the front of house and the kitchen respectively and are a large part of the charity fundraising community in town.

St George's Donuts was created by Katy and Charles St George. Katy had owned a donut shop in California before the family decided to move back to her hometown to raise their kids. They opened up St George's Donuts in Springfield in 1971 and have been a long standing member of the community since.

Cheers to 50+ years! ■

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Leong's Asian Diner, home of the original Springfield style cashew chicken

by Meredith Tatum

Springfield may not make it into the headlines often, but it is famous for one thing both nationally and globally: Cashew Chicken—Springfield style.

At Leong's Asian Diner, on West Republic, the legacy continues as Springfield's original cashew chicken is served daily, and the tradition lives on.

Most Springfieldians embrace the Leong story as a Springfield classic, heralding it as one of those "American dream" tales we all love.

In 1940 David Leong, who passed away in July 2020 at the age of 99, emigrated from Guangdong, China. He served in World War II, and afterwards cooked his way through Philadelphia, New Orleans, Pensacola, and finally made one last move to Springfield, where, little did he know, he'd strike gold. Leong worked the kitchen at a couple of different supper clubs after arriving in Springfield. One of them, The Grove, was where Leong started serving Chinese-inspired dishes, and began to experiment with the dish that would become cashew chicken.

Deciding to open his own restaurant was the next step, and in 1963 Leong's Tea House was born. The 350-seat white tablecloth restaurant, did exceedingly well, serving cashew chicken and Leong's famous egg rolls. With the success of the Tea House, other restaurants followed suit, trying to hold their own while the taste took off around the city for Leong's creation.

The Tea House was more than a 30-year success. It ensured that cashew chicken became a staple in Springfield cuisine. Cashew chicken is a mix of here and there, of two cultures. At its base is the American Midwestern and Southern affinity for fried chicken, but infused with Chi-

nese flavors. The chicken is served on a bed of fried rice with Chinese oyster sauce and cashews.

Today there are more than 70 Chinese restaurants in a town of 157,000, serving cashew chicken. It's the norm; it's a staple; and one Leong is at it again.

From 1997 to 2010, Springfield went without a Leong-owned restaurant. Locals missed their original Chinese restaurateurs. In 2010, Leong's Asian Diner opened its doors, and since then, the restaurant has experienced great success!

The "diner" stars Leong's son, Chef Wing Yee, and features lunch, dinner, and take-out menus offering the regulars: cashew chicken, along with its variants; sweet and sour chicken, and general chicken. There are other Chinese dishes as well, but the menu also has other items to please the masses, including: Caesar salad, Angus beef and Swiss sandwiches, fries, mac and cheese, and even pizza for the kids. A full service bar is available, with a four-page wine and beer list, including seven different kinds of sake. All the offerings any great restaurant could need, making business boom—Leong style.

Leong's Asian Diner is located at 1540 W. Republic Street and is open from 11 am-10 pm Mon-Sat, and 11 am-8 pm Sun. To check on other events at Leong's Asian Diner, visit their website at leongsasiandiner.com, or call 887-7500.

Make sure to complete your Springfield experience with tradition, at Leong's Asian Diner. ■

Mexican Villa Restaurants— a Springfield original

by Garin Ferguson

In 1943, our country was at war and millions of young men left home to “join up”. Garin Hargrave Ferguson left Springfield, his girl-Betty Hall, and a job at Heer’s Department Store to join the Army Air Corp. First stop was Alooe Field in Victoria, Texas. Missing Betty, he sent a telegram proposing marriage. She said yes and they married on his first leave home.

While flying P-40’s, B-24’s and B-29’s at Randolph Field in San Antonio, Garin fell in love again... with Tex-Mex food. This passion for Mexican food would follow him home to the Ozarks.

After the war, the Fergusons returned to Springfield. Garin started Ferguson Crop Dusting Service, dusting and seeding from here to Tunica, Mississippi. His career would span 17 years, 11 pilots, 9 Stearman biplanes and one run-in with a power line!

Garin and Betty bought the Pig-N-Bun in 1951, a longtime barbecue restaurant at National & Bennett. There, Garin gave Springfield its first taste of Mexican food! Working from Texas memories and with the help of his good friend Mike, the same recipes that you enjoy today, made their debut.

In the late 50’s, the Fergusons moved to Glenstone (across from the Cat & Fiddle) to open “Old Mexico”, the city’s first carry-out restaurant. They leased the Pig-N-Bun to Tommy Lafino for his Italian Villa. Betty worked in the restaurant while Garin cropdusted. He would “buzz” the restaurant on his way to the Downtown Airport, so she would know to go pick him up.

When Tommy Lafino retired, the Fergusons moved back to National, replaced Italian with Mexican on the neon sign and Mexican Villa was born. The El Taco on Kearney opened in the early 60’s followed by

the Villa East, Comida, Villa West, Villa South and El Taco in Ozark.

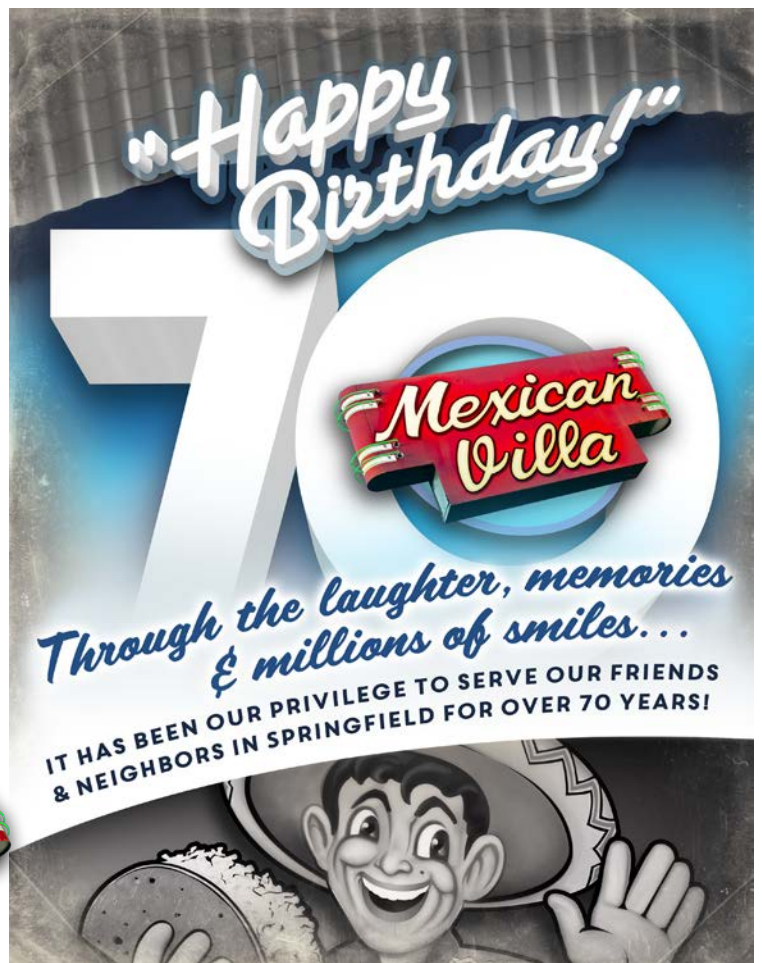
Mexican Villa is proud to grow with the Ozarks - sharing your special moments, watching your families grow. Many of you stopped in to work and some of you stayed. We could not have done it without all of you. As our story goes on, (three generations now), we look forward to serving you the Mexican food you grew up with.

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Enjoy great food and historic decor at Springfield's Pizza House

by Meredith Tatum

The story of Pizza House begins as one of empowerment—two women created and ran their business for decades and now another woman owns and operates the business. There have been trials, but all pushing toward the greater good of where they are now; still a constant pillar of the community and a place that many call home.

In 1958, Dorothy and Pat began a simple little pizza joint in a shopping center at Bennett and Glenstone. Their menu was straight forward; pizza, salad and drinks—something that has remained to this day. In the early 80s, the now-owner, Stacey, used to come in with her parents and decided she would work at the Pizza House part time while in high school. She continued working with the two original owners much past high school, always keeping a connection to the restaurant even after taking a more than a decade-long job with Kinkos. After a while Stacey decided to move on from Kinkos and fell back on her kind of “second home” at the Pizza House. It became her full-time job and she began taking on a managerial role. In 2004 Tanya, a friend that Stacey met at Kinkos, came on in an administrative role, and the two women lead the team, much like how the business began.

In 2008, an angry tenant that owned the space next to the Pizza House in the shopping center bought the lease out from under them and got them evicted. The news flew across town and patrons—some of which had been coming to the restaurant for 50 years—held a rally. Stacey found a new location on Com-

mercial Street and now looks back on the memory with the resolute statement that “it truly was a blessing in disguise.”

“I wouldn’t change a thing if I could go back in time because we wouldn’t be where we are now, and we’re doing better than ever.” The business has grown three times since it’s move to Commercial Street. The staff grew from four people to 21 people. The move also marked the moment when Stacey took over

as the official “owner” and she continued to take care of Dorothy until her passing a few years later.

The menu has remained “basic” with pizza, salads and drinks and every pizza made to order. The dough is made fresh every day, as well as the sauce and the cheese is ground fresh for the pizzas every day as well. Four years ago, beer and wine were added as drink options, with local beers being the star of the show.

“The thing is, our customers are like family. Some of them started coming in as kids like I did, and they’re still coming in,” said Stacey. “Some of

them come through once or twice a year on their annual vacations and make sure they stop every time. This really is a place that people can come home to.”

Come check out the magic of the Pizza House for yourself today.

The Pizza House is open Tuesday through Thursday, 11am to 9pm, and Friday and Saturday, 11am to 10pm. Closed Sunday and Monday.

The Pizza House can be reached at 417-881-4073 and is located at 312 E Commercial St. ■



Welcome to Village Inn Family Restaurant with *classic favorites*

by Bob Greene

It was the year 1965 when Jack and Jane Greene opened the first Springfield Village Inn. Son Bob at 16 years old worked full time with his family, later to be joined by his future wife Susan. A few years later younger brother Bill started at the ripe age of just 14, and in following his brothers' footsteps his wife had also later joined the family. The first few years were extremely hard with long hours of work and such, however the family along with a very dedicated staff made it a phe-nomenally successful family restaurant. Today the iconic restaurants are owned and operated by the 3rd generation of the Greene family, Chip and Billy. With their dedication and perseverance, the restaurants are still holding strong today. Our food is prepared and served to order, made from several long-standing scratch recipes. Throughout several years we have won several National as well as local awards for our iconic food, coffee, and pies. We have also won many awards for our exceptionally dedicated service. If you live in the area or are just visiting the Ozarks, please stop in to enjoy a meal at one of the Midwest Famous Family Restaurants, Village Inn. For 56 wonderous years we are still as strong as ever and will continue our iconic presence in the Ozarks. We have three locations to serve you, two in Springfield and one in Republic. So if you are ready for the best breakfast in the Ozarks, so are we- all day every day. At Village Inn we serve and stand by our Best Pie in America. Having the Best Pie in America isn't just a promise, it's a commitment. Please call ahead for hours of operation. ■





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Visit Gailey's Breakfast Cafe for a new twist on an old favorite

by Meredith Tatum

It all started with love at a fountain drugstore. Joe and Beulah Gailey met and fell in love in one of America's beautiful past-time establishments where patrons could get their medicine and other household items while also stopping to eat lunch or dinner. After marrying, Joe and Beulah Gailey decided they would open their own fountain drugstore in downtown Springfield in 1942, close to Route 66. Joe was in charge of the pharmacy and Beulah would fix burgers, chili and milkshakes. Now, long after those fountain store days, the tradition has been kept alive – and expanded. Gailey's currently inhabits its original corner location and also the next two spaces over, one being Hotel Seville, which sat beside the original Gailey's. There are a few modern updates, but the history all stands the way it used to. The original diner stools as well as Beulah's original burger flipping "station" remain right where they were. Additions have been added to the expansive menu over the years including a large selection of omelets, breakfast dishes, skillet, burgers and even a large bar menu. Order the famous "Downtowner" that comes with two eggs any style, with choice of potato, pork and toast. "The Brit" is also another go-to for many locals, capturing a traditional English breakfast. It features two eggs any style, English sausage, an English muffin and your choice of potato. Or enjoy the "Drugstore Burger" featuring a third pound ground beef patty cooked to temp and served with your choice of cheese, lettuce, tomato, onion and pickle. There is also a selection of breakfast and brunch drinks like mimosas, bloody marys and also cur-

rently a spring drink menu. For those who are looking for traditional drinks there's also a full bar and seven taps with local and national bar selections. Gailey's is open 7am to 3pm Sunday to Tuesday and 7am to 10pm Wednesday to Saturday. Come experience Springfield's rich history in one of its original burger joints!

Gailey's is located at 220 E Walnut and can be reached by phone at 417.866.5500 and online at gaileysbreakfast.com. ■



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By 1900, there were 13 sets of tracks and the City and Railroad partnered to build the Jefferson Avenue Footbridge for safe pedestrian foot traffic and the underpasses at Lyon and Washington for vehicular traffic to safely cross under them. The Jefferson Avenue Footbridge was completed in 1902 and has

served the multitude of railroad workers and their families since that date as well as train watchers and sightseers from all over the world in more recent times. While it is currently closed, a complete restoration is slated to begin this year to restore Springfield's Eiffel Tower to its original glory, adding the modern need for handicapped access at both ends.

The bustling railroad boomtown, lovingly called C-Street, is enjoying a renaissance driven by local pioneers who dared to dream of a 21st century revival, a dream driven by entrepreneurs with a vision of a family-oriented, beautiful, walkable neighborhood, a sweet street on a mission to capture the hearts of visitors both homegrown and from far away exotic places.

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Avenue Footbridge. Dubbed C-Street by locals, explore this exciting neighborhood dotted with public art amidst spring blooms, all along this 6-block local and federal historic district. Intact turn of the century architecture and a delightful array of sculptures, murals and mosaics create plenty of

selfie spots, perfect to share with friends and family. Pick up a Public Art Pocket Guide Walking Tour to locate all 30 of the sculptures, mosaics, murals and selfie spots. Explore this Bohemian community as it continues to express and enrich itself through art, music, eclectic shopping and international dining. Choose Peruvian, Lebanese, Italian, Cuban or Dutch and regional fare at our coffee shops, tearooms & taverns.

If you're a shopper, C-Street delivers! Tasteful, one-of-a-kind, handmade, homemade, vintage, antique or gently used to outright quirky, it's a joy to explore these great shops. Meet the creative pioneers who breathe new life into Historic C-Street. They are creating a neighborhood with a slower pace, an area where personal and



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a freshly baked French baguette. Restock your spice cabinet as you wait to pick up those couch cushions you finally had redone in one of our Maker Storefronts. Feel like ballroom dancing? Sign up for a Waltz or West Coast Swing class. Find all these things and so much more right here on Historic C-Street! This sweet street will charm you with creative energy, beckoning you to stay longer in one of its many Airbnbs...



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Experience a *taste of Europe* at Van Gogh's Eeterie

by Meredith Tatum

Artistic and modern yet cozy, Van Gogh's Eeterie is the newest brainchild of Joe and Claire Gidman, co-owners of the much-applauded Cafe Cusco. Gidman is tackling another of his favorite regions, this time one that's in Europe instead of South America.

"There were three exchange students from Rotterdam at my university and we became very good friends," said Gidman, "and then I actually went to their university in Holland and studied for a year."

Gidman explained that Rotterdam, a city of South Holland, is a very modern, contemporary and international, and is what the decor in Van Gogh's is reflective of. This contemporary style is airy, light, happy. And so is the food.

"One of the things that I loved about being in the Netherlands was of course the Dutch pancake. It's very, very different from an American pancake," said Gidman. "I really loved more of the savory options and they were kind of taken aback by these fluffy, sweet breakfast things that we have. In Holland, the pancake is something that you would eat for lunch or dinner."

Lucky for us, Van Gogh has an extensive Dutch pancake list, available all day. The savory menu includes options like "Sunflowers" made with scrambled eggs, sunflower pesto, bacon, skillet chips and cheese, and the "Rotterdam" made with shwarma beef, lettuce, cucumber, creamy garlic dill and curry ketchup. On the sweet side are options like the "Pirates of the Caribbean," made with brandy-fired raisins, banana, cinnamon and caramel.

Breakfast options include the "Brexite," a traditional English breakfast, complete with all of the components: eggs, bacon, smoked sausage, skillet chips, fried tomato, sauteed mushroom, baked beans and toast.

Lunch items include appetizers like "Dutch Fries - Pataje," which are crispy, gold potatoes served with pickled onions, frites sauce, curry ketchup and peanut sauce, "Edam Brandy and Cheese Dip Kaasdoop," which is Edam cheese melted with milk and brandy, served with bread and vegetables. There are also a selection of Dutch cheese boards, salads, soups and sandwiches.

Dinner entree options include delicious treats like "Kerrie Kip," made with chicken, peppers and pineapple in a lemon curry coconut sauce over rice and simple greens, and "Van Gogh's Ear," made with orechiette pasta, broccoli, smoked sausage, tossed in lemon garlic and anchovy sauce with aged cheese.

The drink menu includes the first kombucha bar in a restaurant in Springfield and is accompanied by optional natural syrups that can be added to make your kombucha really "pop." A selection of European wines are available, as well as beers are Dutch, Belgian or from White River Brewing Company which resides on Commercial street as well.

Van Gogh's Eeterie is open Tues-Thurs, 10am-9pm, Fri-Sat 8am-9pm; and Sunday from 8am-2pm. The restaurant can be reached online at www.vangoghseeterie.com, by phone at 417.344.0085 and is located at 334 E Commercial St. ■



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La Habana Vieja the richness of Cuban cuisine!

There is a new cultural influence on Historical Commercial Street that is bringing something new and inviting to the Springfield restaurant scene.

La Habana Vieja opened at the beginning of June 2021, and is a beautiful reimagining of Old Havana, the historic heart of Cuba's capital city and largest colonial center in Latin America. La Habana Vieja takes pride in the rich cultural heritage by ordering cheese and many ingredients, directly from Spain. Set in a historical building, formally the Citizen's Bank, this restaurant is interlaced with antique and modern touches creating both an old and new world feel.

For years, owners Freddie Flores and Ted Tabor had a vision of bringing Authentic Cuban cuisine to Springfield for which they found the absolute perfect location. "One glance at the floors, art deco wavy glass windows and structure of this historical building, we found the look and feel of Havana" says Freddie. "And we are proud to be joining the other worldly restaurants on C-Street". The original basement vault door from Citizen's Bank can be found in the luminous lighted full bar. Real life Cuban pictures set the decor throughout the restaurant, with an ambiance of pure class. Freddie is joined by his wife Indira Cabrera-Flores who was born and raised in Cuba. Ted and Bonnie Tabor have lived in Springfield for more than 50 years and are very excited to bring this cultural opportunity to Springfield.

The menu includes their signature "Cuban Sandwich". This tantalizing sandwich has piled on layers of Virginia style ham, slow roasted pulled port marinated

in traditional Cuban spices, melted roulette and gruyere cheese, traditional yellow mustard, and made in-house classic version of stacker sandwich pickles. The top and bottom of the Cuban style bread is brushed with in-house honey butter to add a sweet crunchy texture. Accompanying this one-of-a-kind "Cuban Sandwich" are "Yucca Fries" served with "Mojo sauce" (a traditional Cuban dipping sauce and marinade). Make sure you try all the other Authentic Cuban entrees on the menu as well.

The bar has a great selection of cocktails, wine or beer available to add to your Cuban experience. Another most popular signature item, to top off any meal or celebration, is the "Cuban Mojito". Unlike other Mojitos, it has no simple syrup or soda. This mojito, made to perfection, has raw cane sugar, fresh squeezed juices, fresh picked mint, and top shelf El Dorado 3-year rum. It simply is the best Mojito to be found anywhere. Plan a date night and come, immerse in and explore this Authentic Cuban restaurant! La Habana Vieja is open Monday through Saturday at 5:00pm and is located at 220 E Commercial St. Parking is available out front or in their lot behind the restaurant. Call 417-771-5723 for reservations for the Cuban experience. ■

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Experience *authentic* Mexican flavor

by Mike Schilling

If you want to experience authentic Mexican flavor (rather than a Texas dish with a Mexican name) then head to El Maguey, where they pride themselves in what they serve, as well as how they serve it, with delicious food and exceptional service.

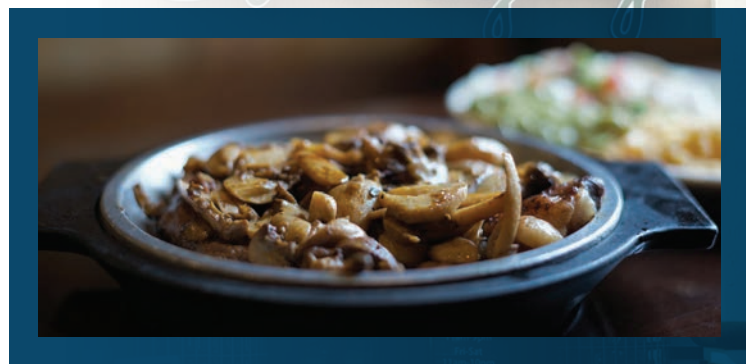
Before you even begin your meal, you will get a taste of what is so unique about El Maguey. They offer complimentary chips and two types of salsa, mild and hot, both of which are made fresh from scratch. Their mild sauce is delicious, but if you want to add a little extra “zing in your zanger,” then try the hot sauce. After taking a bite, it stares up at you from its cream-colored bowl like a single dark eye that seems to bear the expression of a bandit challenging you to a draw.

“I dare you to reach for your drink,” it says with its peppery glare. But go ahead. Cool your mouth because you’re going to want more. Its fresh flavor with just the right amount of spicyness, sets it above the appetizers of other Mexican restaurants. El Maguey’s queso dip is also made from scratch, so if you are in the mood for something a bit more mild, then you can still be assured that you are beginning your dining experience with fresh food.

Don’t worry about leaving El Maguey hungry, because the portions are large enough to make you thankful for the extra holes in your belt. They also have a kid’s menu and a vegetarian menu. With more than 30 combination items on the menu, including favorites like tamales made from scratch and chimichangas, lots of dinner items and many other Mexican specialties you are sure to leave on a full stomach.

However, the hardest part may be choosing from among so many fresh and delicious choices, and you can count on excellent suggestions from your waitress.

The staff at El Maguey exemplifies the definition of service. Some have even said that it’s the staff that truly makes El Maguey stand apart from the competition. They seem to genuinely love serving their guests, as if they were an honored guest in their own home. To become a guest at El Maguey, go to 631 N. Glenstone Avenue, the very convenient corner of Glenstone and Chestnut Expressway. To make reservations call 417-865-1453. ■



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Route 66 Food Truck Park-So many treats to choose from!

by Meredith Tatum

What started out as a car lot selling work-trucks with a mechanic garage inside, is now Springfield's newest Food Truck Park on Route 66.

Located at 1530 E St Louis St, right on Route 66, the Food Truck Park has taken on the historical significance of the location. Before starting this new venture, the owner, Kirk, took the drive across Route 66 himself from Chicago to Santa Monica. One thing that Kirk came across on his drive were 11 statues originally called "Muffler Man Giants." Kirk found someone that knows how to recreate these statues and had him make one that was holding two spatulas and had a chef's hat on. Kirk named him "Carl" and he is the perfect symbol for the Food Truck Park, celebrating the past and welcoming the present.

There are currently five food trucks on the lot and a diner-like seating area and full bar in what was the mechanic's garage. Food trucks include: Notcho Ordinary Taco, featuring different flavored tacos like "Cordon Bleu," "Po

Boy" and "Cheesesteak," Thai Food Truck, with items like "Pad Thai," "Drunken Noodles," and "Thai Basil," Billy Bob's Barbeque, featuring classics like "Pulled Pork Sandwich," and "Brisket Dinner," as well as BBQ takes on classic like the "Hillbilly Philly" which has pulled pork, pulled ribs, brisket, green peppers, onions and queso; Elorine's Jamaican Kitchen serving "oxtail," "curry goat," "curry chicken," "jerk chicken" and other true authentic Jamaican cuisine, and lastly, The Almighty, a sandwich truck that will have a constant rotation of different kinds of sandwiches.

And don't forget the Super Sports Bar inside! They can make any drink you'd like and also have a menu of cocktails as well as beer and wine. It's the perfect place to spend an afternoon in the spring and summer and immerse yourself in the history of Route 66.

Route 66 Food Truck Park is located at 1530 E St Louis St. For hours of each different food truck, check out their social media pages. Hours range from 11am to 8pm for the different trucks. ■



Authentic Jamaican Patties and Cuisine

by Meredith Tatum

Jamaican Patty Co. is turning out food that Springfield has never seen and it's making a big hit!

The Jamaican patty is a pastry that contains different kinds of fillings, but most famously, the beef patty. Imagine ground beef being slow cooked with spices and put into a pastry--the result is the ultimate comfort food.

Jamaican Patty Co. has multiple different kinds of patties as well; there's cheesy beef, meatloaf curry chicken, veggie, spinach and for dessert, a plantain tart patty. Plantains are similar to bananas but have a distinct flavor that is more tart. This patty is mixed with a plantain puree and cherries for a sweet and delicious ending to your meal. All of Jamaican Patty Co.'s patties are baked, not fried so the pastry is flaky on the outside, and delicious.

On the weekends, Jamaican Patty Co. offers meals that are Jamaican staples like Jerk Chicken, Oxtail and Curry Chicken, all served with NON GMO gluten-free rice and peas, made with organic and gluten-free coconut milk, with a fresh "family recipe" cabbage salad. Whole chickens used are also NON GMO all-natural and

gluten-free! They also have fried plantains on the weekends for a full Jamaican experience.

You can also find a selection of traditional Jamaican beverages for sale in the restaurant. Including Ting, a sparkling grapefruit drink, Kola Champagne, which has a bubble-gum or cream soda flavor, Pineapple Ginger soda, Pineapple Fanta, Shastas in lemon-lime, orange and grape. They also have organic beverages from a company called Tractor, like their "Berry Patch," with flavors of pomegranate, black currant, strawberry, cherry and cardamom, as well as "Hibiscus," with flavors of hibiscus, rose and orange blossom.

You can find Jamaican Patty Co.'s food truck at various locations and establishments in town like breweries, distilleries and different events.

But you can visit the brick and mortar for a delightful transportation to Jamaica and make sure you get the original beef patty and a traditional drink!

Jamaican Patty Co. can be found at 3439 S Campbell and by phone at 417-886-1144 and is open 11 AM to 6PM, Tuesday through Friday and 11 AM to 7 PM Saturday. ■



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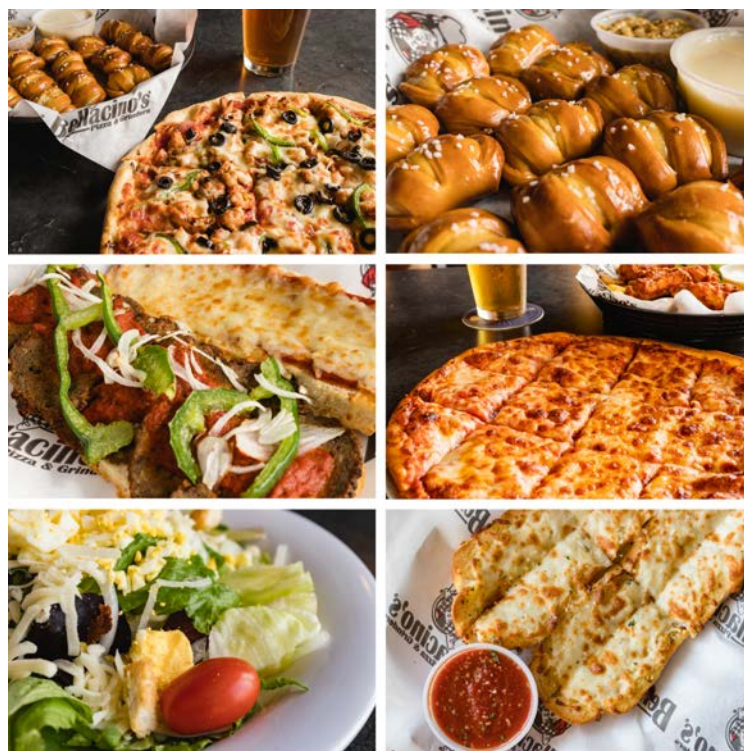
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Gailey's Breakfast Café is a quaint diner full of history in downtown Springfield just south of the square. A favorite among locals and tourists alike, Gailey's has been serving patrons since original owners Joe and Buelah opened the corner fountain drugstore in 1942. Today Gailey's is known for their #1 Breakfast but also offers a wide variety of dinner options, as well as a full bar with drafts and a great selection of cocktails. Open 7 days a week with late hours Wed-Sat until 10pm and live music on weekends.



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1540 W Republic Rd., (417) 887-7500 | Welcome to Leong's Asian Diner, the place where east meets west! Our mission is to offer favorites from the original Leong's Tea House alongside new interpretations of hearty dishes from traditional continental cuisine. Area natives love Springfield-style cashew chicken and have long recognized Mr. David Leong as the originator. By the 1970s, the Leong family's famous dish had become such a part of the Springfield culinary scene that there were literally hundreds of Chinese restaurants serving their version of cashew chicken, and many still do today.



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3550 N Glenstone Ave Ste L, (417) 833-4411 | Neighborhood Pizza Café (NPC) was established in 2004 and has gained popularity throughout the community for its tradition of serving fresh hot pizza loaded with toppings. Here you do not have to ask for extra cheese, there is plenty on our pizzas already. Our town has a Pizza & Pasta Bowl every year in which all the pizza places in town can compete. We have won various categories each time we entered including people's choice ten times. That makes us 100% winners. 10 times entered; 10 times won. We also serve a variety of other things including salads, pastas, & sandwiches. NeighborhoodPizzaCafeMO.com



3938 S Lone Pine Ave Suite 100-B, (417) 851-1707 | Offering an ample variety of fresh authentic Japanese cuisine, which includes hibachi meals, ramen bowls, sushi rolls, sashimi and much more. Niji Sushi Bar & Grill is located in the ever-so-comfy neighborhood of Galloway where you'll find scores of people walking, running, and biking on scenic trails. The best way to describe how you feel as you enter is deeply comfortable and in the lap of luxury. The outdoor patio is an oasis and a perfect atmosphere to escape, enjoy the fresh air and unwind. Mon-Thurs 11am to 9pm, Fri and Sat 11am to 9:30pm. nijisushigrill.com



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107 S 3rd St, Ozark, (417) 582-1331 | Open with the same owners since 1998! What a delightful tea room nestled in an antique mall wonderland. Browse the many booths of antiques, shabby chic, re-purposed, vintage, retro and much more as you wait for your table. Spring Creek Tea Room offers a creation of unique food choices of soups, sandwiches, salads, quiche (Friday only), decadent desserts, teas and coffees! Elegant lunchtime and shopping experience all under one roof! Please call or go online for hours. Their strawberry soup is amazing and the desserts are legendary!



2800 W. Sunshine, (417) 889-4475 | Founded in 2001, Centerfold quickly became known for the area's hottest live adult entertainment. Through the years by serving our extensive menu featuring our U.S.D.A choice or higher 1lb hand-cut ribeye steak dinner, a fully stocked bar, all while providing top notch customer service, and of course an amazing stage show, we gained the reputation as Springfield's best steakhouse. Celebrating 20 years as Southwest Missouri's premiere gentlemen's club we invite you to come see what everyone is talking about.



1250 E. Republic Rd., (417) 719-4573 | Everything on the menu is made from scratch. They serve all dishes mild, but all entrées can be prepared with a range of spicy heat. You can ask for mild, medium or hot. People like the restaurant's buffet because they can sample different dishes. The most popular dish, the chicken tikka masala, starts with chicken breast marinated in spices and yogurt. Like a lot of Indian food, the popular dish is cooked in a clay oven called a tandoor. For those of you unfamiliar with Indian cuisine, all items are described in simple English terms. Every dish is individually prepared to ensure freshness and quality.



1530 E. St. Louis St. (417) 827-0250 | The Thai Food Truck offers a variety of authentic Thai food. Having been in the United States for only 5 ½ years I don't know how to do it any other way. We offer a selection of different noodle and rice dishes that you then can choose the type of protein you want with it. We offer Chicken, Beef, Scrimp or Tofu. The favorites seem to be my Pad Thai or my Thai Basil. You can also choose how spicy or not spicy you want your food. The Thai Tea is a nice not to sweet refreshing drink.



334 E Commercial Street, (417) 344-0085 | Van Gogh's Eeterie is Springfield's only restaurant specializing in Indo-Dutch cuisine and traditional dishes from the Netherlands. Offering breakfast and lunch throughout the week and dinner on the weekends. A contemporary Western European atmosphere inspired by Dutch Artists. Handmade stroopwafels, large crepe-like pancakes and many other treats will bring you instantly from Springfield to Amsterdam. This charming eeterie is located in Springfield's Historic District in the heart of Commercial Street. Hours are Tues-Thur 10am-9pm; Fri-Sat 8am-9pm; and Sun 8am-2pm. Follow us on facebook/VanGoghsEeterie!



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Historical Sights & Attractions

Our top picks for essential Springfield experiences

Louisiana Purchase

The territory known as Missouri was included in the Louisiana Purchase of 1803. Soon after, the Delaware Native Americans received treaty land where Springfield's Sequoia Park and the antique stores of Galloway Village stand today. Missouri became a state in 1821.



Bass Pro Shops

1935 South Campbell, (417) 891-5100 | Johnny Morris founded Bass Pro Shops in 1972 on 8 square feet of space in the back of his father's liquor store in Springfield, Missouri. Visit the "granddaddy of all outdoor stores." Don't make a visit to Springfield



C-Street Footbridge

401 E Commercial St, Springfield, MO 65803 | Jefferson Avenue Footbridge is a historic footbridge located in Springfield, Missouri, United States. Built in 1902, it measures 562-foot long and allows pedestrians to cross 13 sets of railroad tracks. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2003.



Dickerson Park Zoo

1401 W Norton Rd, (417) 864-1800 | The Dickerson Park Zoo was established in 1922 and is home to more than 500 animals that represent 160 different species. See page? An up-close adventure with hundreds of animals from around the world in natural surroundings. dickersonparkzoo.org



Fantastic Caverns

4872 N. Farm Road 125, I-44 & Hwy 13 N., (417) 833-2010 | Fantastic Caverns was discovered by John Knox and his hunting dog in 1862. America's Only Ride-Through cave. 50-min. guided tour follows an ancient underground riverbed filled with massive formations. fantasticcaverns.com



History Museum on the Square

154 Park Central Square, (417) 831-1976 | The History Museum on The Square first opened its doors back in 1976. To walk through and experience the history of Springfield and Greene County, visit the History Museum on the Square. visit them at historymuseumonthesquare.org



The Historical Gillioz Theatre

325 Park Central East, (417) 863-9491 | In its early years, the Gillioz was Springfield's premier entertainment venue, hosting a number of movie premiers and vaudeville shows. Both the lobby and auditorium have been restored to their original 1926 condition. With a seating capacity of 595 on Orchestra level and 420 in the Balcony, The Gillioz offers Springfield a perfectly sized venue for many events. The Gillioz Theatre in conjunction with the Jim D. Morris Building serves a plethora of functions including: Broadway productions, theatre, movies, religious gatherings, arts education, dining, rehearsals, school programs, banquets, receptions, concerts, film festivals, weddings, seminars/conventions, and television broadcasts.



SPRINGFIELD
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Landers Theatre

311 E. Walnut St., (417) 869-1334 | Home of the Springfield Little Theatre, listed on the National Register of Historic Sites. The Landers Theatre in Springfield, Missouri, built in 1909, is the second oldest and largest civic theater operation in Missouri. It has been in continuous use either as a legitimate theatre or a movie theater since it opened. In 1928, the theater became the 35th facility in the world to acquire sound film. Greene County, visit the History Museum on the Square. visit them at historymuseumonthesquare.org

Founding

In 1833, the legislature designated most of the southern portion of Missouri a single county. It was named for Revolutionary War General Nathanael Greene, largely through John Polk Campbell's campaign to honor a man he admired. Campbell was the founder of Springfield, announcing his claim in 1829.



Ozark Empire Fairgrounds

3001 N. Grant Ave., (417) 833-2660 | The Ozark Empire Fair started in the early 1900's as a traveling display of area crafts and handwork. Admission and exhibits were free in the Thirties. The only charge to fairgoers was for carnival rides, food, and Grandstand performances. The Grandstand shows of the Thirties included major production spectaculars; special vaudeville and circus acts; horse, car, and motorcycle races; stunt shows; and big band entertainers. Admission for these shows ranged from 25¢ to \$1.00, depending on seat location. The first Fair was set for October 10-16, 1937. For all Historical information go to www.ozarkempirefair.com

Pythian Castle

Pythian Castle

1451 E. Pythian St., (417) 865-1464 | The castle was originally built in 1913 as an orphanage by the Knights of Pythias. Later, it was owned by the U.S. Military this certified haunted castle is a must see. Historic Castle offering history tours, ghost tours, escape rooms, murder mystery dinners, clue adventure games, and other holiday events occur regularly. Check website for schedule and to make reservations. Online ordering discounts. pythiancastle.com



Springfield Art Museum

1111 E. Brookside Dr., (417) 837-5700 | ENJOY, LEARN, and CREATE at the Springfield Art Museum. Get inspired by our expansive permanent collection or a featured special exhibit. sgfmuseum.org. is Springfield, Missouri's oldest cultural institution, founded in 1928.

SPRINGFIELD NATIONAL CEMETERY

Springfield National Cemetery

1702 E. Seminole at Glenstone Avenue, (417) 881-9499 | Established in 1867 as a place to initially inter Civil War Union Soldiers, many of whom died at the Battle of Wilson's Creek in 1871 a section for Confederate Soldiers was added. It has since been expanded and opened to all veterans, and now has the interred remains of soldiers from wars dating back to the Revolutionary War. The cemetery lends its name to National Avenue in Springfield, which formerly passed by the cemetery prior to the southern expansion of the city decades ago. The only place in the United States where both Union and Confederate soldiers are buried in the same cemetery. cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/springfield

WILSON'S CREEK NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD

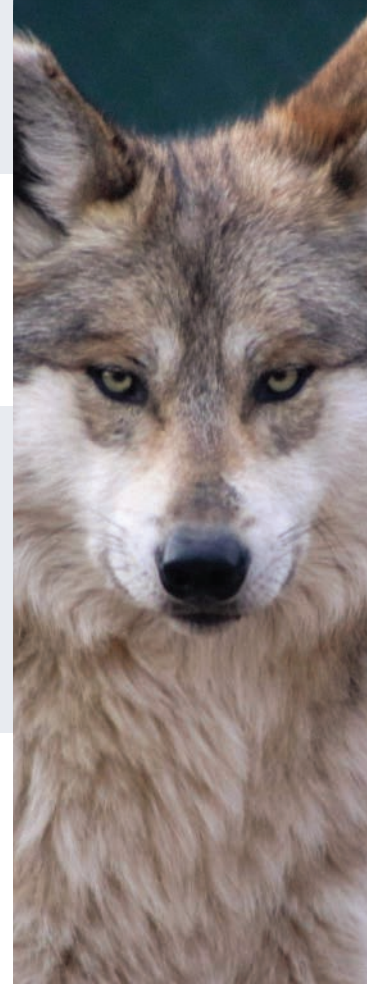
Wilson's Creek National Battlefield

M and ZZ from HWY 60, (417) 732-2662 | Site of the Civil War Battle fought on August 10, 1861. Major features include a five-mile automobile tour loop, the restored 1852 Ray House, and "Bloody Hill," the site of the final stage of the battle. Visitors Center with audio-visual theatre, exhibits, and library. The site is located near Republic, MO in southwestern Missouri just southwest of the city of Springfield. It has been a unit of the National Park Service since 1960, and was listed on the National Register of Historic places in 1966.

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The Inferno of Dante: Etchings by Michael Mazur

by Joshua Best

2021 marks the 700th Anniversary of the death of Dante Alighieri. To mark this occasion, the Springfield Art Museum presents *The Inferno of Dante: Etchings by Michael Mazur*. This exhibit, pulled from the Museum's permanent collection, presents Mazur's full portfolio of 41 etchings illustrating *The Inferno*, the first and most familiar of three sections of *The Divine Comedy*, written by Dante in the 14th century. *The Divine Comedy* recounts a journey that defines the human condition, exploring sin, weakness, despair, sadness, and loss. Told in the first person, it follows Dante and his guide, the Roman poet Virgil, as they travel through Hell, Purgatory, and eventually Paradise. Countless artists have been inspired by *The Divine Comedy*, including Gustave Doré, William Blake, and Auguste Rodin.

Painter and printmaker Michael Mazur had a lifelong fascination with the poem. In the early 1990s, Mazur and Robert Pinsky (U.S. Poet Laureate

1997-2000) collaborated on the production of a new illustrated translation of *The Inferno*. This initial project was later expanded into a portfolio of etchings. This exhibit pairs each of Mazur's etchings with the relevant excerpted portions of Dante's poem in Italian with English translations by Pinsky. Traditionally, illustrations of the poem have included the figures of Dante and Virgil. Notably, Mazur chose "absolutely not to put Dante and Virgil in these images. I wanted to show the things they saw, not to show them seeing – so that there would be no distance between you and the image." In these works, the audience takes the place of Dante and Virgil as they travel through *The Inferno*. Viewers become Dante and Virgil's eyes and see what they see as the story unfolds. Visit www.sgfmmuseum.org for more information. Free and open to the public; donations gratefully accepted. Financial assistance for this project has been provided by the Missouri Arts Council, a state agency. ■



The Inferno of Dante: Etchings by Michael Mazur

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Springfield Symphony's 87th season commences with dance-inspired music

The Springfield Symphony commences its 87th consecutive season with a musical collection of dances from around the world. The organization's 2021-2022 season, Dance Mix, will continue its traditional nine-concert subscription series. Beginning with its concerts on September 18th, Homecoming Dance, and October 10th, Fancy Footwork, the Springfield Symphony embraces the universal language of dance as it's expressed in its many styles and cultures through symphonic forms.

"This season of dance-inspired music will be exciting, entertaining, sometimes familiar, and sometimes new," said Springfield Symphony Music Director and Conductor Kyle Wiley Pickett. "I'm really thrilled to be playing a year of music by the most well-known classical composers and less-well-known diverse classical voices. Our opening concert, Homecoming Dance, is one thrilling piece after another. It's like a musical fireworks show finale where every piece is dazzling and spectacular. I can't wait for our audiences to hear virtuoso violinist Rachel Lee Priday on her show-stopping numbers. Rachel Lee Priday is one of the most exciting virtuoso violinists of her generation. She will wow you and leave you wanting more."

"In addition, I'm really looking forward to playing Stravinsky's Firebird

suite and Márquez's Danzón No. 2," stated Pickett. "Both of which are thrilling and storytelling dance pieces and were played at my audition concert with the Springfield Symphony. It will be a little like homecoming for us to come back to those again." As the Homecoming Dance concert kicks off the season, the Springfield Symphony transitions into its second concert of the season, Fancy Footwork. "On October 9th, we will hear our 2021 Hellam Competition Winner in Prokofiev's spectacular Piano Concerto No. 3," said Pickett. "We called this concert Fancy Footwork in keeping with our dance theme, but it's really fancy finger work. You're going to see our 2021 Hellam Winner Simon Karakulidi's fingers fly over the piano keys, and you'll see the musicians in the orchestra performing some pretty fast finger work of their own in Dvořák's Slavonic Dances."

Single Tickets are \$10 - \$50 with discounts available for students and seniors. Single Tickets will be available at the Hammons Hall box office by calling (417) 836-7678 or visiting www.hammonshall.com. Livestream access is available for purchase at springfieldsymphony.uscreen.io/. For information on upcoming Springfield Symphony concert and events, visit www.springfieldmosymphony.org/. ■



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Cider Days, Taste of SoMo return to Downtown Springfield

by Jeff Kessinger

After a one-year pandemic hiatus, Cider Days and Taste of SoMo are back. Crowds will celebrate the return of fall Sept. 18-19 on Historic Walnut Street. Cider Days, presented by Simmons Bank, is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, children 10 and under are free.

Taste of SoMo, presented by SGC Foodservice, is set for Oct. 23 on Park Central Square. The event is traditionally held in June. But with many local restaurants struggling to fully staff their businesses, the decision was made to postpone to a later date.

"The decision to move forward with these events was not taken lightly," Jeff Kessinger, Downtown Springfield Association Communications Manager, said. "We consulted with local experts along the way and are following all current guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Community events like Cider Days and Taste of SoMo help support our local restaurants, shops, artists and crafters, and they need our help right now."

Cider Days will be scaled down to help fight the spread of CO-

VID-19. Tickets for the event will be available online and give guests access to one of two flights, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 1-5 p.m. Capacity will also be limited to 3,000 people per entry time.

Masking and physical distancing are highly encouraged. Artist, crafter and vendor booths will be spaced 6 feet apart to allow more room for guests to safely shop. Hand sanitizing stations will be placed throughout the festival grounds and Brokate Janitorial will provide a porter to clean high touch-point areas.

Admission to Taste of SoMo is free. Many of Southwest Missouri's top restaurants and food trucks will set up around the square for this tasting event. Tasting tickets come in sheets of 10 for \$10. Soft drinks and beer will be sold across the festival footprint and local musicians will entertain the crowds with live music throughout the afternoon.

"Foodie culture is a big part of the Downtown experience," Kessinger said. "We're excited to give the community a chance to find some new favorite restaurants and dishes."



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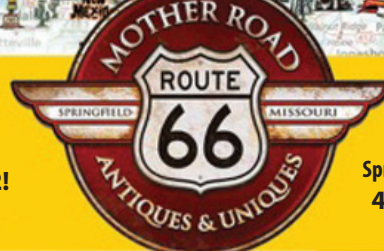
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417 Taphouse, a quirky bar and restaurant in Downtown Springfield

by Meredith Tatum

417 Taphouse is a quirky bar and restaurant located on the southern edge of downtown Springfield. They have brought a new style of service to the area and continue to twist things beyond the ordinary.

The story started with two coworkers who enjoyed quality conversations and nerd culture. They never felt there was a good fit for them when going out with friends to eat and drink. They went about designing a place they would enjoy going to and hoped it would be an attractive destination to like-minded individuals and anyone else who likes good food and drink options. That idea grew into what you see today as 417 Taphouse.

The experience starts when you enter and are surrounded by nerd culture

memorabilia from the 70's and 80's through today. Shadow boxes house old transistor radios, original Gameboys, and figurines from sci-fi classics. The walls include plenty of craft beer branding alongside beer bottlecap art made by one of the owners and other items displayed from local artists. It is ever-changing as the collection keeps growing and some items move on to new venues.

All service is done at the bar as there are no servers. Friendly bartenders check your ID, (it is a bar after all) and take your order. They have access to a full complement of liquors and twenty-one draft options behind the bar to satiate your thirst. If you are more of a do-it-yourself kind of person, there is the area's only self-serve draft

system. You can start a tab, and they will issue you a card that allows you to pour your own beer at any of the self-serve taps on the premises. The card keeps track of what and how much you pour, so you only pay for what is dispensed. It is the perfect opportunity to try out different options by sampling the wares. And when it comes to beer choices, it is hard to beat 417 Taphouse. They pride themselves on having a continuous rotation of American craft brews and regularly exceed over 250 different draft options in a year!

417 Taphouse also has a full kitchen that kicks out some classics in a unique way. The one-third pound burgers are formed oblong and served on a ciabatta hoagie bun. Why? To better fit the slices of thick-cut bacon they use. Alongside the burgers you will find the standard option of fries, but these aren't a frozen variety. They hand cut potatoes when you order in either a curly twist or steak fry option. They also have a number of Twisted Tater options on the menu that are these same fries with various toppings, perfect to satisfy your craving. Chicken & Waffles also appear on the menu in various order sizes. They use sweet, dessert-style waffles that pair perfectly with the hand breaded chicken. Sauce options are plentiful, with their in-house honey sriracha blend being one of the most popular.

For something less than a full meal, they have a large selection of appetizers under the Snacker section. Here you will find all the typical fried bar fare as well as skewers with both meat and vegan options. The goal was to have something on the menu for everyone.

Happy hour is 4-7 P.M. Monday through Friday, and there are daily specials Sunday through Thursday. 417 Taphouse is located at 431 S. Jefferson Ave, Suite 160. You can reach them at 417-942-0958, and at www.417tap.com. Cheers! ■

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