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Signature Pizzas

Crispy Thin or Traditional Thick Crust

8" Single	\$8.79
12" Med	
16" Lrg	. \$19.79
Additional Toppings \$.69 ea. \$1.49 ea.	\$2.09 ea.

Neighborhood Pie

Alfredo Sauce Base, Fresh Leafy Spinach, Chopped Grilled Garlic Chicken, Bacon Crumbles, Five Cheese Mozzarella Blend, Sliced Fresh Mushrooms, & Diced Tomatoes

Supreme

Our Signature Pizza Sauce, Pepperoni Slices, Crumbled Pork Sausage, Five Cheese Mozzarella Blend, Canadian Bacon, Slivered Red Onions, Sliced Fresh Mushrooms, Sliced Black Olives, & Diced Green Bell Peppers.

Four Meat

Our Signature Pizza Sauce, Five Cheese Mozzarella Blend, Pepperoni Slices, Crumbled Pork Sausage, Canadian Bacon, & Ground Beef Crumbles.

Chicken Bacon Ranch

Ranch Base, Chopped Grilled Garlic Chicken, Bacon Crumbles, Five Cheese Mozzarella Blend,

Buffalo Chicken Ranch Frank's Red Hot mixed with our Ranch Base, Five Cheese Mozzarella Blend, Our Chopped Grilled Garlic Chicken.

Taco Pizza

Refried Beans Base, Seasoned Ground Taco Meat, Five Cheese Mozzarella Blend, Sliced Red Onions, Sliced Black Olives, Baked and then Topped with Cold Ingredients: Salsa, Chopped Lettuce, Diced Tomatoes, & Shredded Taco Cheese.

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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Barbecue Sauce Base, Chopped Garlic Chicken, Bacon Crumbles, Canadian Bacon, Five Cheese Mozzarella Blend, Pineapple Chunks, & Sliced Mandarin Oranges, with a BBQ Sauce drizzle on top.

Garden

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

BYO Pizzas

Crispy Thin or Traditional Thick Crust	
8" Single	\$7.79
12" Med	\$13.19
16" Lrg	. \$16.59
Additional Toppings \$.69 ea. \$1.49 ea.	\$2.09 ea.

Toppings

\$.69 ea. \$1.49 ea. \$2.09 ea. Pepperoni Mushrooms Sausage Red Onions Italian Sausage Diced Tomatoes



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 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

All Sandwiches \$7.49

1. Choose your Sandwich Base:

White Bread, Wheat Bread, Sourdough

Parmesan, Shredded Mozzarella,

Bell Peppers, Sweet Red Peppers, Banana Peppers, Spinach, Jalapenos.

Vinegar, Spicy Mustard, Ranch, Honey

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.
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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

Sandwiches All Sandwiches are Toasted unless otherwise specified. Sliced Pickles included on side Build your own:

Club (Ham, Turkey, and Bacon) Chicken & Bacon BBO Chicken Buffalo Chicken Italian Deli (Ham and Pepperoni)

Chicken Salad 2. Choose your Bread or Wrap:

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

4. Choose your Toppings: Chopped Lettuce, Diced Tomatoes, Red Onions, Cucumbers, Black Olives, Green

5. Choose your Dressing:

Mayonnaise, Mustard, Miracle Whip, Creamy Italian, Zesty Italian, Oil & Mustard, Sweet French, Pizza Sauce, Buffalo Sauce, BBQ Sauce.

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

Sincerely, allenne Ken McClure Mayor, City of Springfield

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

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.





Shopping



Dining

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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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e 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.

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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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"Let My Movers be Your Movers!"



new tech-driven golf entertainment complex is now open in North Springfield. The most prominent new feature along Kearney

and Glenstone Ave. is the set of giant nets and 150-foot black poles set up for the new complex. The area's latest entertainment venue, BigShots Golf, is billed as a tech-focused driving range and is operated by O'Reilly Hospitality Management, LLC.

Although the Ozarks are known for its golf courses, BigShots Golf is the largest driving-range-centric business in the city. As advertised, it offers options traditional driving ranges don't, such as climate-controlled tee boxes, ball tracking software that can tell how fast and far each ball was hit, and interactive games with virtual targets. Another big differentiator for BigShots Golf is the use of real golf balls, not chipped balls like other competitors.

You can bring your own clubs or use theirs. BigShots Golf offers men's, women's, left-handed, and youth clubs at no additional charge.

BigShots Golf boasts two levels and 56 tee boxes in total, which can accommodate six people per tee box. It also includes private event space and a restaurant and sports bar, featuring scratch-made food, handmade cocktails and a wide selection of craft, domestic, and imported beer.

BigShots Golf attracts several different groups, including serious golfers who want to practice without worrying about the elements, businesses renting out meeting and event space, and those that are simply looking for a social



activity that involves some movement and a lot of fun.

Perfection demands precision. BigShots Golf proudly offers high-quality, locally-sourced food, with handcrafted menu specialties sure to delight foodies everywhere such as the Flamin' Hot® Cheetos® Mozzarella Bites or their PB & Jam Burger. You can also get your usual favorites like burgers, wings, and pizza.

The moment you arrive, you'll see why BigShots Golf is a fresh, matchless take on entertainment and recreation. It's the ultimate gaming experience with full-service food, sports bar, outdoor patio with yard games, mini golf, private event space and climate-controlled tee boxes welcoming every level of player. Ready to take your BigShot?

Reserve your tee box online and learn more at bigshotsgolf.com. PLAY ON!





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History Museum on the Square	
Sports Hall of Fame	889-3100
Springfield Art Museum	837-5700
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Take a trip down memory lane...

Cheers to 50+ Years!

by Meredith Tatum

pringfield 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!

Appy'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 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.

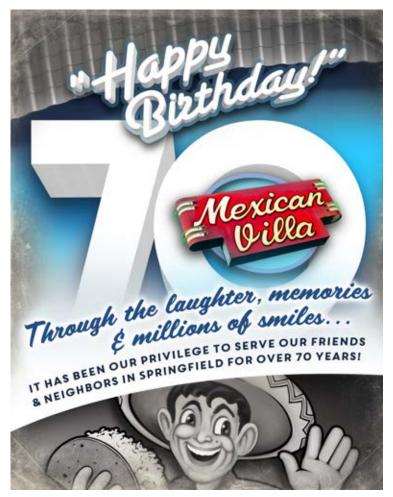
Springfield's original Village Inn locations opened in 1965 and are still operated by the Greene family. Brothers Bob and Bill Greene run the front of house and the kitchen respectively and are a large part of the charity fundraising community in town.

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!







Mexican Villa Restaurants– a Springfield original

by Garin Ferguson

n 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 Aloe 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 barbeque 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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> Nexican Villa

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

by Meredith Tatum

ringfield 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 Chinese 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 it's 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.

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

by Meredith Tatum

he 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

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

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 nowowner, 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-

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 favoriles*

by Bob Greene

t 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

t 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, skillets, 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 currently 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!

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ommercial Street's origins dovetail with the coming of the railroad to Springfield in 1870 when the first engine, The Cuba, steamed in on fresh-laid tracks nearby. The newly constructed passenger depot at Benton and the Freight depot at Boonville welcomed thousands of pioneers heading west or settling in the bustling new Boomtown of North Springfield with Commercial Street as its main street. The stoves, dry goods, tools, farm supplies, building materials and the hospitality and entertainment industries followed by the trainload.

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. They probably don't mind the food either.



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by Meredith Tatum

tistic and modern yet cozy, Van Gogh's Eeterie is the newest brainchild of Joe and Claire Gidman, co-owners of the muchapplauded 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 "Brexit," 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.





by Meredith Tatum

Piever said goodbye, we always said, 'One day, Cafe Cusco.''' Joe Gidman sat relaxed in his chair but an eagerness couldn't help but come out, "it was a running joke, but here we are." The atmosphere is warm, teeming with oranges, yellows, and reds. Soft colored woods tie it together, with little alcoves that house dining tables every other spot. There are pops of freshness with pearl-like shell strings, white feather ceiling lamps, and a blue door hung straight on the wall. Tapestries with South American influence bring the last touch, pulling it all back around to the origin; the

start of it all. Cafe Cusco, the newest Peruvian restaurant in Springfield, is run by someone who, undeniably, is qualified. After traveling through 30 countries, 34 year-old Gidman finally settled on a cuisine that was worth the trouble and dedication it takes to start a restaurant.

Eventually, the family made it to the Southwest area and Gidman ended up at College of the Ozarks, working on an art degree. "My best friend in college was from Lima, Peru. He had a picture of Machu Picchu in his dorm, and I always said 'One day, we're gonna go there."

A few months after graduating, they did. "I just ate, traveled, drank and danced," Gidman says, laughing.

Coming back to the Ozarks, Gidman went into restaurant management in the Branson area for a few years. But the idea of the cafe was never far away, and a little research led to the push over of the first domino. "I was consulting for another restaurant here in town, and I was reading what the food trends would be for the year. Everything kept saying that high-end Latin food was on the rise, with Peruvian food being the fastest growing." Gidman says smiling, "I thought, hmm, maybe it's time for Cafe Cusco."

A year and a half in business later, and the restaurant has already been a finalist in 417's Best, with doting mentioned on the fish tacos. "It's all fresh," Gidman says of his ingredients, "we don't fry the fish, we use our ceviche." Ceviche is one of the traditional dishes of South America and was used as a way to preserve fish using fruit juices. The citric acid in the juice cooks the fish in a way, without taking away its natural taste.

The ceviche is only the beginning of the regionally inspired, and innovative cuisines that Gidman has chosen to feature. "Our kitchen is entirely gluten free," Gidman says with pride. Bread is served with some dishes but is completely outsourced from local bakeries, and the flours used to fry certain food items are made up of corn flour, rice flour, and gluten free bean flours.

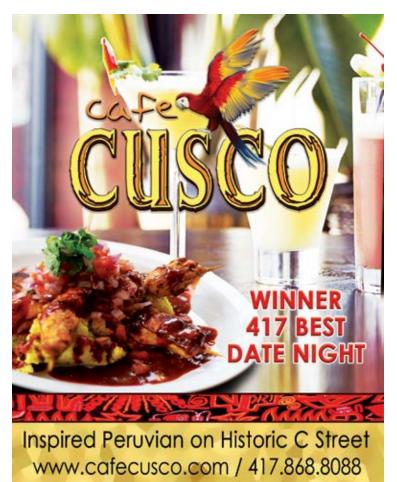
Gidman also made sure to cater to those who are vegetarian and vegan. "I was actually a vegetarian for eight years," Gidman says. Many meat dishes are on the menu though, and the restaurant can actually boast to be the only one in Springfield that features goat. "We get it from New Zealand," Gidman says. "Which is great because we don't have to worry about any GMOs, most other countries are extremely strict on their food laws, which work in our favor."

As for alcoholic beverages, Gidman made sure to bring in national favorites like the pisco sour, Peru's national drink, and the caipirinha, Brazil's national drink. The pisco sour tastes a lot like a margarita, but with an interesting twist, cinnamon and egg white are added. Never forgetting to keep it local, the restaurant features beer and wine from the Midwest as well. "The owner of White River brewing company comes in a lot," an employee chimes in, "and he says 'I know I make beer, but I'll have a couple piscos if you don't mind,' they're that good."

Gidman admits that they're not alone in the building. He believes that three ghosts inhabit the upstairs and downstairs and he's got stories to prove it. But it's a peaceful existence Gidman says. "We know they're there and they know we're here. We get along."

They probably don't mind the food either.







by Mike Schilling

fyou 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.

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"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 wait-ress.

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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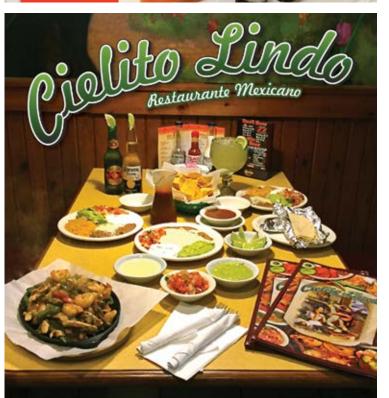






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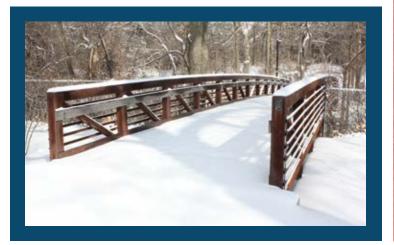
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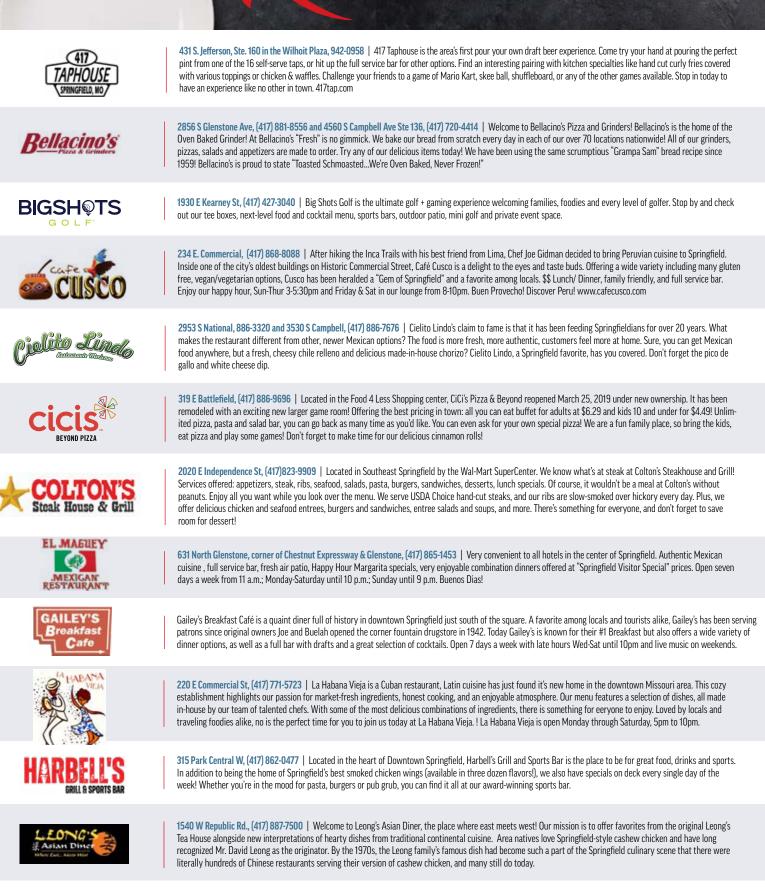
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unfamiliar with Indian cuisine, all items are described in simple English terms. Every dish is individually prepared to ensure freshness and quality.

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Louisiana **Purchase**

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"Wild **Bill**" Hickok Gunfiaht

In the wake of the Civil War. Springfield helped give birth to the Wild West era. In July 1865, the town square was the site of the nation's first recorded shootout. The incident between "Wild Bill" Hickok and David Tutt was also significant due to the incredible marksmanship exhibited by Hickok that made him known worldwide.



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 represesnt 160 different species. See page? An up-close adventure with hundreds of animals from around the world in natural surroundings. dickersonparkzoo.org



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History Museum on the Square

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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.



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 25c 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

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Pythian Castle

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Springfield Art Museum

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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 Springfiled, 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 tin the same cemetery.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/springfield

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Springfield Symphony sparks romance and heart in the new year

he Springfield Symphony (SSO) will hold its classical concerts Sentimental Serabande on Saturday, January 15th and Pas de Deux on Saturday, February 5th. Both performances will be held at Juanita K. Hammons Hall. Beginning the new year, Sentimental Sarabande will feature intimate dances including Gabriela Lena Frank's flirtatious Coqueteos from Leyendas and William Grant Still's transcendent and enchanting Summerland.

In addition, the Springfield Symphony's wind section gets a chance in the spotlight with Dvořák's *Serenade for Winds*. "I'm very excited about this program, because it's a little bit different than most of our concerts," said SSO Music Director and Conductor Kyle Wiley Pickett. "This concert will shine a rare spotlight on our outstanding woodwind section with Dvořák's *Serenade for Winds*. On the other half of the concert, we will be featuring the string section in three charming, beautiful, and exciting pieces. It will be a great way to kick off the new year."

In tradition of the Springfield Symphony's annual collegiate choir collaboration, the *Pas de Deux* concert will present Ravel's **Daphnis and Chloe** and the Springfield premiere of **Bal Masque** by American composer Amy Beach. "I've been looking forward to this concert all year," stated Pickett. "In fact, I've been looking forward to playing *Daphnis and Chloe* for many years, and I'm thrilled that we're finally going to perform it for our audience. This is a huge performance - Ravel calls for a massive orchestra and a huge choir, *Daphnis [and Chloe]* is a gorgeous piece full of lush melodies and spectacular sounds, and *Bal Masque* by Amy Beach will open our concert. I think people will really love it."

Single Tickets are \$10 - \$45 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. Per Springfield Symphony Board of Directors, masks will be mandatory upon attendance for both *Sentimental Sarabande* and *Pas de Deux* concerts. Single Livestream access starts at \$22 per household and is available for purchase at spring-fieldsymphony.uscreen.io/. The livestream concert is sponsored by MC22, Cox Health, and Systematic Savings.



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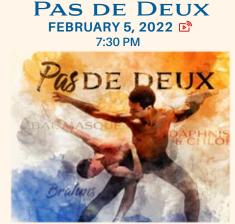
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Go for a run while visiting Springfield

by Forest Swisher

the weather warms and summer arrives in the Ozarks, it is the perfect time to enjoy some of the many scenic and enjoyable running trails here in town. Springfield boasts over 100 miles of trail maintained and operated by Ozark Greenways, a non-profit organization dedicated to building community through connectivity since 1991. Whether you are a seasoned runner, new to the hobby, or just looking for a fun day of light exercise, Springfield and the surrounding area have you covered.

In the Downtown area, Jordan Creek offers an easy path through not one but three parks. Beginning at beautiful Jordan Valley Park, which features artwork that is a part of Sculpture Walk and daily fountains, the trail runs north to historic Silver Springs Park, home of the cultural landmark Timmons Hall, before ending at Smith Park in Midtown.

If you are looking for a longer run, check out Galloway Creek in southeast Springfield. This scenic route takes you through some of the most beautiful spots in town, running through Sequiota Park and past the popular Pet Cemetery, many sculptures, and the many charming restaurants and shops of Galloway. Village. The trail, which was the first in Missouri to be designated a National Recreation Trail by the National Park Service in 2003, also connects to the more rugged Nature Center trails and James River Water Trail, an ideal spot for canoeing, kayaking, and fishing. Runners and bikers alike also enjoy the 35-mile Frisco Highline Trail, which connects Springfield and Bolivar. Built on the old Frisco railroad line, the wheels of locomotives have been replaced by bicycle wheels along this historic path. Kiosks tell the story of two bank robbers escaping along the railroad in 1908 six miles in, where you can also find delis, pizzerias, and cafes to relax. Continue on, and runners will enjoy more historic spots, gorgeous meadows, and unique bridges with stunning views. Frisco Highline is perfect for training for long runs or simple, relaxing strolls.

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by Meredith Tatum

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ass Pro Shops Outdoor World in Springfield has taken an entirely original approach to being a retail store. This has not only won the company awards but also attracted 4 million visitors last year more than double the number of visitors who saw Missouri's second largest tourist attraction, the St. Louis Arch. Fortunately for visitors, Outdoor World in Springfield has well over 300,000 square feet of retail space. Combine that with the indoor Tracker boat showroom, an on-site fish and wildlife museum, and three restaurants, and you have an attraction that can easily hold this amount of tourist traffic.

It might be hard for Springfield guests to believe that a store this large began as an eight-foot section in a Brown Derby liquor store. Bass Pro owner, John L. Morris gained permission from his father, who owned the store, to stock the shelves with equipment that could be found being used in angling tournaments across the country. In 1974 Bass Pro Shops began mailing its first catalog aimed at the serious bass fisherman. Now, the company is the nation's leading retailer of outdoor gear, not only for fishermen but for hunters as well.

Bass Pro Shops' innovative approach to retail does not end with shelves

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filled with quality products. Not everything the company does has the bottom line in mind. This is apparent upon entering the Outdoor World, which has an atmosphere unlike any other. Instead of being bombarded with sale signs and retail displays, you actually have to look for the retail section, because the Grand Entrance is set up as if you were entering an outdoor paradise.

Even people who do not hunt and fish will enjoy spending a day at Outdoor World, which is as much an attraction or museum as it is a retail store. Small animal footprints lead children and adults alike through the Nature Trail that passes several educational displays about the animals featured. The Nature Trail passes by exhibits such as the turtle pond, full of live species of turtles and complete with an activity to help visitors recognize each different species, and the trout exhibit, which is home to several large trout and ducks that swim above them.

Over 30% of the store is dedicated to more than just retail. Outdoor World also contains an indoor waterfall and stream, countless animals on display throughout the retail section of the store, a fish and wildlife museum that shows animals from around the world in their native habitats and two restaurants. The displays are constantly changing, guaranteeing that each visit will be a unique experience for return visitors.

Bass Pro Shops hosts several outdoor events annually that bring huge numbers of sportsmen from around the country to Springfield. The Spring Fishing and Fall Hunting Classics bring in hundreds of thousands of visitors. These are major sports shows complete with vendor booths, demonstrations, special sales, and much more.

Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World is located at Campbell Avenue and Sunshine Street and is open from 7am until 10pm Monday through Saturday and 9am to 6pm on Sunday. All major credit cards are accepted as well as checks. To check on other events at Bass Pro shops, visit their website at www.basspro.com, or call the Springfield Outdoor World at 417-887-7334. Admission is free, so make sure not to miss this amazing outdoor experience inside at Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World.

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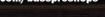




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417 Taphouse, a quirky bar and restaurant in DowntownSpringfield

by Meredith Tatum

¹⁷ 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



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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 inhouse 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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