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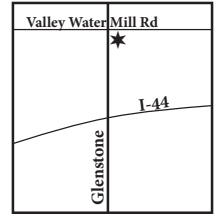
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Four Meat

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.

Luau

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, 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 Gilloz 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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The Queen City of the Ozarks

As the third largest city in the state, Springfield is a vibrant and vigorous regional center of activity for commerce, recreation, live entertainment and the arts in southwest Missouri.

It's little wonder, then, that this city of nearly 160,000 people boasts the nickname "Queen City of the Ozarks," a characterization found as early as 1876, in a December issue of the *Springfield-Patriot Advertiser*.

"Springfield sits quietly, peacefully, and prosperously on the summit of the Ozarks, as a royal diadem on the brow of a queen."

In a book titled "*Seeing the Middle West*," written in 1923, author John T. Faris observed, "Springfield, standing in all of the splendor of a queen amidst its spacious orchards of stately fruit trees, has been fittingly designated the Queen City."

Today, this city on historic Route 66 lives up to the name with a wealth of varied points of interest and activities for the enjoyment of our visitors from near and far.

The city was established near a spring in what is now the downtown. That point of origin is marked by Founders Park, also not far from Jordan Creek, an area that has been redeveloped into Jordan Valley Park, with landscaped green space and a water feature. In addition, it is the site of Mediacom Ice Park, an indoor facility for skating year around and the home of Missouri State University hockey team play.

Just east of the park is Hammons Field, where the Springfield Cardinals baseball team plays its Texas League opponents. It is the place where you can

enjoy watching players who hope to one day be in the big league ranks.

The city's several colleges give it a youthful feel, and are also a source of sports entertainment, led by Missouri State University, Drury University and Evangel University. The JQH Arena on the Missouri State campus is not only the home of basketball action, but a place to see major music shows (Elton John, Carrie Underwood and The Eagles, among them) and other events, such as professional bull riding.

Not far away is the Juanita K Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts where you can see concerts, touring Broadway shows and other acts. (Bob Dylan, the late George Carlin and Bonne Raitt have been on the stage there.)

Prominent venues in the downtown area are the historic Shrine Mosque (Dylan and Willie Nelson have performed there), and the historic Gillioz Theater (John Prine, Lyle Lovett and John Hiatt have played there.)

Other performing arts in the downtown area are based in the Landers Theatre. The Springfield Regional Opera House, the Springfield Symphony Orchestra and Springfield Ballet, also grace the city's performing arts choices.

Speaking of downtown, it is the hub of nightlife with its many restaurants, music clubs and a movie theatre complex. You'll find the place abuzz on weekend nights, and many nights in between. And in the daytime you can find some unique retail shops and merchandise that might pique your interest.

East of the downtown is the Walnut Street Historic District, where one can see many historic homes that have been

renovated, and get a bite to eat.

Uptown is the Commercial Street Historic District, where the locals advise doing the "C-Street Stroll" to "catch the vibe of this eclectic artisan, entertainment and shopping destination."

The most visible attraction is the historic Jefferson Avenue Footbridge, the longest railroad pedestrian bridge in the nation. It was built in 1902 and remodeled a few years ago. The bridge is a signature of the importance of the Frisco Railroad (now Burlington Northern Santa Fe) operations in the city's history. Dozens of trains a day still pass underneath the footbridge.

Another historic point of interest is Wilson's Creek National Battlefield about 10 miles southwest of the city. It is the site of the first major Civil War conflict west of the Mississippi River, and it took place Aug. 10, 1861.

Springfield is also home to the Pythian Castle, which was opened as an orphanage in 1913 by the Knights of Pythias and later owned by the government for more than 50 years. It is located at 1451 East Pythian Street.

The Queen City of the Ozarks is also near Fantastic Caverns, a comfortable place to be in winter and summer and see the wondrous, water-formed stalactites and stalagmites of many hues and shapes. Fantastic Caverns, an ancient underground river, is the only ride-through cave in the country.

If you like museums, there are the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame and Springfield Art Museum.

Other points of interest are the Discovery Center, Dickerson Park Zoo, Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World and the Battlefield Mall shopping center. ■

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Attractions

Dickerson Park Zoo	833-1570
History Museum on the Square	831-1976
Mizumoto Japanese Garden	891-1515
RT 66 Car Museum	861-8004
Sports Hall of Fame	889-3100
Springfield Art Museum	837-5700

Entertainment

1984 Arcade	831-3665
Meyer Communications	862-3751
Pythian Castle	865-1464
Rumors Cabaret	886-8284
Springfield Little Theatre	869-1334
Swing Right Golf	882-1222

Information

Springfield Convention & Visitors Bureau	800-678-8767
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Restaurants & More

Café Cusco	868-8088
Cielito Lindo Mexican	886-3320
.....	886-7676
Country Girl Espresso	887-7777
El Maguey Mexican	865-1453
Gailey's Breakfast Café	866-5500
Golden Corral	Primrose 883-6767
.....	Branson 336-6297
Leong's Asian Diner	887-7500
Neighborhood Pizza Café	833-4411
Niji Sushi Bar & Grill	851-1707
Pasta Express	890-1345
.....	885-0030
Pizza House	881-4073
Spring Creek Tea Room	582-1331
Taj Mahal Indian	719-4573
Van Gogh's Eeterie	344-0085
Wings, ETC	869-4425
Ziggy's Restaurant North	866-1377
.....	South 823-9972

Shopping/Services

Chabom Teas + Spices	719-4311
Finders Keepers	343-8557
Kearney Street Antiques	576-0795
Keller Williams/Trey Watson	773-4023
My Movers	882-6683
Patricia's Store	881-8444
Spring Creek Antiques	581-5914



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Afloat: Artists and Rivers

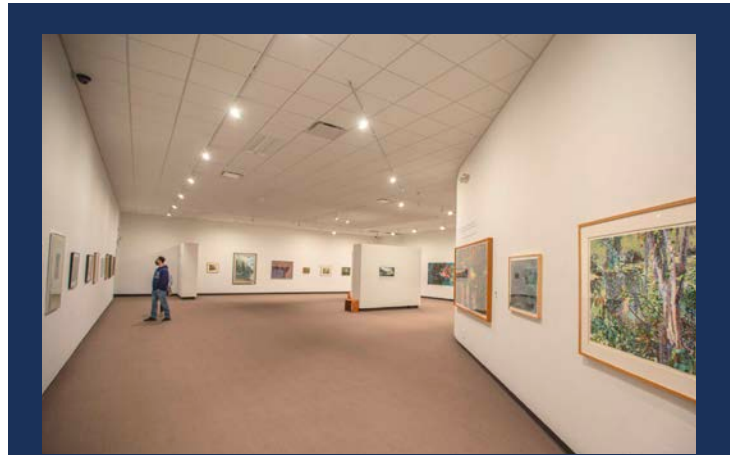
"I lost the rivers for part of my life. I took them up again after I came back again (to Missouri) in 1935." - Thomas Hart Benton

The Springfield Art Museum is pleased to present *Afloat: Artists and Rivers*, featuring 40 works pulled from the Museum's permanent collection including paintings, prints, and drawings, exploring a wide range of river-based work. This exhibition reflects upon the importance of Missouri's local waterways and beyond, as both a natural amenity and as a source of artistic inspiration.

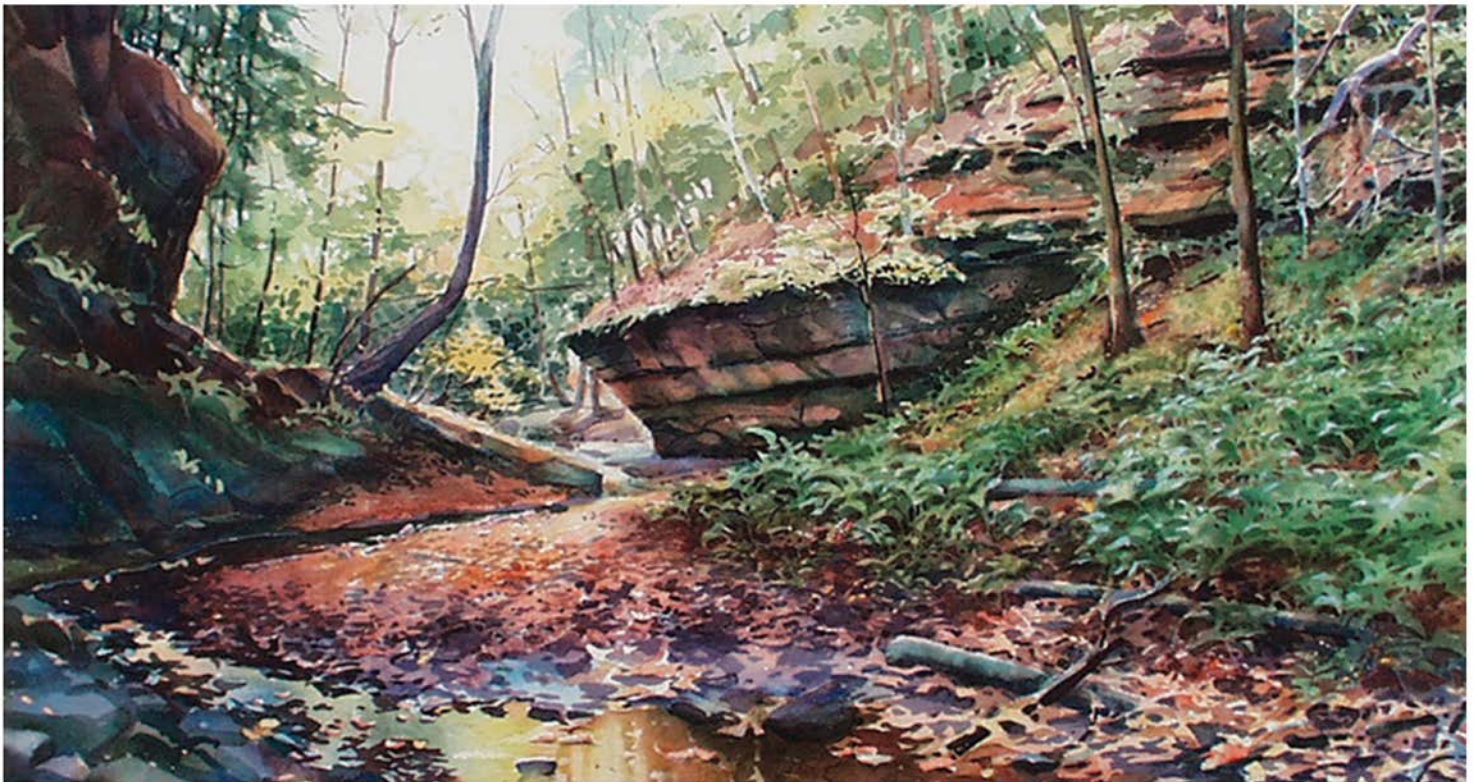
Southwest Missouri is home to numerous natural resources. Easy access to beautiful parks, trails, and waterways is an important draw for tourists and residents alike. But it may come as a surprise that the Ozarks, and the Current and Buffalo Rivers in particular, were at the forefront of the national effort to protect this country's natural rivers. The beauty of Ozark rivers attracted enough advocates to stop the building of a dam along the Current River in 1949, and to create America's first "explicitly protected river corridor" in 1964, with the development of the Ozark National Scenic Riverways, managed by the National Park Service.

One of these staunch advocates was none other than Missouri artist Thomas Hart Benton who voiced his support towards protecting his favorite rivers – the Current, the Buffalo, and the White; sites that he floated on a regular basis and that were featured extensively in his work. Ozark rivers continue to serve as inspiration and respite for our community, and for our artists. Local and regional artists include Thomas Hart Benton, Anne Austin Pearce, George Caleb Bingham, John Steuart Curry, Oliver Corbett, George Kieffer, Howard Garrison, Everett Coffelt, Ida Haldeman, and Louis Freund

See *Afloat: Artists and Rivers* in our Weisel Gallery through April 18, 2021. Admission to the Springfield Art Museum is free. Face masks are required to visit the Museum and social distancing is encouraged. This exhibition is generously underwritten by Bass Pro Shops/Cabela's. Additional financial assistance for this project has been provided by the Missouri Arts Council, a state agency. ■



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WELCOME to
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Welcome to Local Restaurants

Restaurant guide

The listings of restaurants and entertainment on these pages are recommended by this publication and include our advertisers. The information includes basic details about each location including address, phone number, hours and a brief description of the type of food. It is strongly suggested that you phone to confirm hours and make reservations.



234 E. Commercial, 868-8088. After hiking the Inca Trails with his best friend from Lima, Chef Joe Gidman decided to bring Peruvian cuisine to Springfield. Inside one of the city's oldest buildings on Historic Commercial Street, Café Cusco is a delight to the eyes and taste buds. Offering a wide variety including many gluten free, vegan/vegetarian options, Cusco has been heralded a "Gem of Springfield" and a favorite among locals. \$\$ Lunch/ Dinner, family friendly, and full service bar. Enjoy our happy hour, Sun-Thur 3-5:30pm and Friday & Sat in our lounge from 8-10pm. Buen Provecho! Discover Peru! www.cafecusco.com



2953 S National, 886-3320 and 3530 S Campbell, 886-7676. Cielito Lindo's claim to fame is that it's been feeding Springfield-ians for over 20 years. What makes the restaurant different from other, newer Mexican options? The food is more fresh, more authentic, customers feel more at home. Sure, you can get Mexican food anywhere, but a fresh, cheesy chile relleno and delicious made-in-house chorizo? Cielito Lindo, a Springfield favorite, has you covered. Don't forget the pico de gallo and white cheese dip. If you're looking for excellent customer service, you must visit Cielito Lindo today!



3650 E Sunshine St., 417-887-7777. Unique to Springfield. Country Girls Espresso is bringing together the flavor of Cuban Cuisine and the charm of southern hospitality. Our menu features traditional Cuban coffee drinks and authentic Cuban sandwiches, as well as house made breakfast items. Stop by for a uniquely local experience, and discover your new favorite coffee joint, sandwich shop and breakfast stop all wrapped up into one location. We are the only restaurant in town that offers AUTHENTIC Cuban sandwiches! Along with that, come enjoy our other signature sandwiches and coffees!! Mon-Sat 6am-7pm.



631 North Glenstone, corner of Chestnut Expressway & Glenstone, 865-1453. Very convenient to all hotels in the center of Springfield. Authentic Mexican cuisine, full service bar, fresh air patio, Happy Hour Margarita specials, very enjoyable combination dinners offered at "Springfield Visitor Special" prices. Open seven days a week from 11 a.m.; Monday-Saturday until 10 p.m.; Sunday until 9 p.m. Buenos Dias!



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.



2020 E Primrose in Springfield and 3551 Shepherd of the Hills Expwy. in Branson. Golden Corral's legendary, endless buffet features an abundant variety of delicious familiar favorites and continuous new menu offerings for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Golden Corral's legendary, endless dinner buffet features an enormous variety with 15 proteins including USDA, grilled to order sirloin steaks, pork, seafood, shrimp, and chicken. We are especially proud to serve USDA sirloin, aged and hand-cut daily by our in-restaurant butchers. The endless lunch buffet features a wide variety of home-style classics like our pot roast simmered for 12-hours, made-from-scratch meatloaf, crispy fried chicken, creamy mac and cheese, made-from-scratch mashed potatoes, beloved Bourbon Street Chicken, so many fresh salad choices and dozens of other items. Our endless breakfast buffet features made-to-order omelets, fluffy pancakes, hot-off-the-griddle sausage and bacon, fruit, French toast, pastries and much more. Our bakery and dessert buffet are filled with freshly baked breads, like our famous yeast rolls, homemade cakes and pies, delicious cookies, brownies, pastries, and ice cream.



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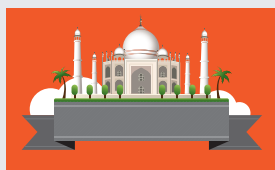
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1250 E. Republic Rd., 417-719-4573. Everything on the menu is made from scratch. They serve all dishes mild, but all entrées can be prepared with a range of spicy heat. You can ask for mild, medium or hot. People like the restaurant's buffet, because they're able to 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. In case you need further assistance, please ask our manager. We are delighted to assist. For the best dining experience, every dish is individually prepared to ensure freshness and quality. Now, please settle back, relax and enjoy a most pleasurable dining experience.



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2651 N. Glenstone, 417-869-4425. Wings Etc. is located just off Interstate 44. Our goal is good food, great times, amazing food, with no gimmick. Just a good ol', laid back, family-friendly sports bar. With our wide variety menu, everyone will fall in love with something, whether it be our bone-in wings, Homewrecker Monster Dog, or the Loaded Cowboy Burger. Known for our wings, we are also known for twenty beers on tap, our 100 oz tanker, and over twenty televisions playing your team's big game. Don't forget about our "Wall of Flame" Challenge. Eat sixteen of our hottest wings with "wall sauce" with no drink or other food and receive a t-shirt and your picture on the Wall of Flame.

Find good food and great times at Wings Etc.

by Meredith Tatum

Wings Etc., located off of Interstate 44 at 2651 N. Glenstone in Springfield, MO is the newest. Our goal is good food, great times, amazing food, with no gimmick. Just a good ol', laid back, family-friendly sports bar. With our wide variety menu, everyone will fall in love with something, whether it's our bone-in wings, Homewrecker Monster Dog, or the Loaded Cowboy Burger.

The world was foundering in an ocean of sports bar wannabes and overhyped, corporate-y, cookie-cutter bar-and-grill "systems." A thought leader named Jim Weaver ("The Weave") and some incredibly insightful partners believed the key to saving the world was building "Happiness Centers" filled with big TVs, great (but simple) food, friendly (but not "have-a-nice-day"-fake-y) service, and lots of cold beverages containing varying percentages of spirits.

The goal? Good Food. Great Times. Not average food and gimmicks. Not froo-froo-faux-fabulous-foodie-fare. Just a good ol', laid-back, family-friendly (and grownup-friendly—let's not lose that point) sports bar. Turns out this is exactly what the world needed. Jim and his partners were right. (Hooray for everyone.)

You're invited to visit our Happiness Centers whenever they're open (which is usually 7 days a week, about 12 hours a day). Feel free to vicariously connect with us through our VIP Email Birthday Club, through social media (a.k.a. "The Devil's Diabolical, Ego-Stroking, Silo-Building Produc-

tivity Sink Hole"), or through the goofy-but-informative videos you'll find at the Wings Etc. YouTube Channel.

By the way, our YouTube channel features videos presented in the form of sometimes-cussing chicken and buffalo puppets, but – if you watch enough of them – your cares will fade, and abject joy will fill your heart and mind. Or not. At the VERY least, if you watch a few videos, our social media engagement numbers will increase, and we will have a better understanding of what color socks you wear on Tuesdays. (In fact, we're probably watching you RIGHT NOW.) ■





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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.

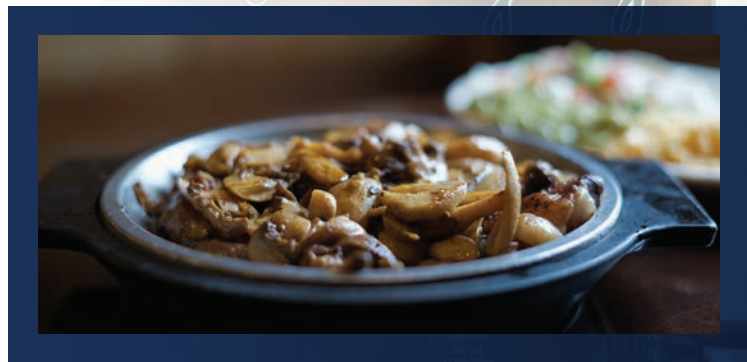
Before you even begin your meal, you will get a taste of what is so unique about El Maguey. They offer complimentary chips and two types of salsa, mild and hot, both of which are made fresh from scratch. Their mild sauce is delicious, but if you want to add a little extra “zing in your zanger,” then 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 spiciness, 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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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 "Downtownner" 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!

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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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.

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The sign might say "Country Girls Espresso" but the secret is the Cuban food

by Meredith Tatum

CM Mike, the owner, grew up in Tampa, Florida where Cubano Shots were the norm, and everyone had their favorite spot to get a Cuban Sandwich. After Mike made his way to Springfield, one thing stood out to him: there were no restaurants serving classic Cuban food and drinks. And so, Country Girls Espresso was born.

Although the name fits in with the town, visit and forget about the Midwest. Ask for a Cubano Shot. Mike sources his coffee beans from the same roasters who supply many of the Cuban coffee shops in Tampa. This specific bean is never bitter, and gives a bright, refreshing flavor. Sugar in the Raw is added to the hot espresso and melts in to give a slightly sweet flavoring to the already delicious beans. "You won't sleep for hours," Mike says as he hands me one. I sipped very slowly as he explained that in the Cuban communities in Florida, these shots are provided by business owners and passed around right after lunch, ensuring that employees never get sleepy in the afternoon (and maybe not even at bedtime), and continue productivity through the end of the work day.

But you should have some food with your dynamite, right? Try the classic Cuban Sandwich. The bread for all the sandwiches is sourced from the oldest Cuban bakery in Florida (well over 100 years old), and can be made as is, or hot-pressed. Tip: try it hot-pressed, it's the classic way. Mike marinates and slow cooks his own pork, in-house. That beautiful, juicy hand-pulled (by Mike) pork is put on the Cuban bread with ham, Swiss cheese, pickles and mustard, and since you ordered it hot-pressed, all that goodness is melted together, with a kiss of a toast on the top. And voila, there she is, in all her glory.

Wanting to branch out a bit? Try

the Country Girls Sandwich. It's the same delicious bread, with turkey, cream cheese, and a choice of either guava or raspberry. Ever had a Monte Cristo? Same concept of cream cheese and fruit, but better. This sandwich isn't fried, it's hot-pressed (of course!) and the fruit of choice is melted with the sharpness of the fresh cream cheese, giving a tangy-sweet combination that kind of beats comfort food at it's game.

Not into the idea of a shot of coffee? No worries, try a Cafe Con Leche, a large, even more delicious version of the tiny Cubano Shot. The Cafe Con Leche is also a Cuban classic. Made with the same beans as the Cubano Shot, plus steamed milk and Sugar in the Raw. It's just enough sweet and creamy to balance the espresso in an effortless way.

Need more flavoring? Mike has over thirty flavors for specialty lattes. For instance there's peanut butter, cinnamon, banana, amaretto, cherry, toasted marshmallow, Irish cream, and strawberry--just to give a hint at the selection.

Need something a little sweet to go with your coffee? The bakery selection is made from scratch every day. Yes, you did read "from scratch." The muffins and pastries change daily. Pro tip: ask for the "Oh My God." No, you don't see it on the menu, but Mike will have it out shortly. I won't give it away, but it's a treat that will literally elicit an "oh my God!" from you.

Ask about even more hidden menu items, and although those are hidden, the best kept secret in town, isn't so secret any more. Cheers!

Country Girls Espresso is open Monday through Saturday, 6:00am to 6:00pm. It's located at 3650 E Sunshine, and can be reached at 417-887-7777 and online at www.countrygirlsespresso.com. ■

Two Ziggies Cafes offer “anytime” breakfasts, unique menus with great lunch, dinner specials

by Mike Schilling

Two well-known cafe’s bearing the Ziggies name in Springfield have the reputation for serving breakfast any time for over 25 years. Their large number and variety of menu items also include lots of choices for lunch and dinner too.

The restaurants are located about 11 minutes from each other on Glenstone Avenue, the north one a short distance south of I-44, and the other 4.5 miles south at the northeast corner of Glenstone Avenue and Sunshine Street.

The first thing one notices after being seated at a booth or table is the attentive, friendly, personal customer service. That includes hands-on help from proprietor Ricardo Rodriquez at both locations.

“I go where the need is,” Rodriguez says. “I work the floor, kitchen and up front.”

One can expect food to be served in a timely way, and at competitive and reasonable prices compared with other casual dining establishments.

Let’s take a look at some of the choices on the extensive menus, starting with breakfast. In the omelette family there are many standouts, including the five international styles: American, Mexican, Veggie, Italian and Greek. Served with your choice of hash browns, American fries, fresh

fruit, grits, oatmeal or sliced tomatoes and choice of toast, biscuits and gravy or pancakes.

There are many other types of omelettes, breakfast skilletts, pancakes and waffles.

For lunch, you might want to try your choice in burgers, clubs, sandwiches, and quesadillas. A variety of fresh salads and hot soups are available as well.

The dinner menu features many entrees—pork tenderloin, pasta, chicken entrees, top sirloin steak, hand breaded country fried steak all served with two sides. If you’re in the mood for seafood, they have that too, breaded catfish filets, salmon, jumbo shrimp.

And if all that isn’t enough, look over the dessert offerings of pie, cake, and ice cream. A kids menu is available, too.

Ziggies north location is at 2515 N. Glenstone, a short distance south of I-44. It is open from 6am to 9pm everyday. The phone number is 417-866-1377.

Ziggies south is at 1772 S. Glenstone, and is attached to the Lamplighter Inn. The restaurant is open 6am to 9pm everyday. The phone number is 417-823-9972. ■



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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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Create your own celebration

by planning an afternoon shopping spree with friends or inviting the girls for an Airbnb weekend. Slow down and enjoy all that makes Historic Commercial Street so special. Called 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 photo ops you'll want to share with friends and family. Don't be surprised if you bump into a spontaneous musical performance or sidewalk chalk drawing in progress as this Bohemian community continues

to express and enrich itself through art, music, maker spaces and international culinary excellence. Eclectic shops highlight an array of international dining opportunities. Choose from Peruvian, Lebanese, Italian and Dutch to the best Regional and locally sourced coffee shop & tearoom fare in town. C-Street's palette of flavors has a taste for everyone, with Cuban on the way!

Love variety in shopping? C-Street delivers! Tasteful, one-of-a-kind, from new to used, arts, crafts and antiques to just plain quirky, it's a joy to explore the great shops and meet the creative new pioneers who have opened storefronts on Historic C-Street.



They have created a neighborhood with a slower pace, an area where personal services share the sidewalks with artisanal, maker spaces. It's easy to schedule a new hair cut, braids or a weave, a day-spa treatment, a massage, a tattoo, or enjoy a stretch in one of C-Street's Yoga Studios as you experience



the finest chocolate in the world or nibble on 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, or signing up

to learn to West Coast Swing? Find all these things and oh so much more right here on Historic C-Street! This sweet little neighborhood will charm you with its mom and pop shops, its friendly merchants and lofters enjoying their day.

Historic C-Street is alive with creative energy; it's brimming with charming character, calling you back to spend an Airbnb weekend or just to enjoy a leisurely "C-Street Stroll".



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Experience Chabom Teas & Spices on Commercial Street

by Meredith Tatum

Upon entrance, the senses are assaulted kindly with the deep smell of sage, cardamom, cinnamon, and other scents, ever changing as you move up and down the aisles.

These fragrances create a kind of warmth throughout the store; perfectly welcome as we enter the winter months. A hot cup of tea procured from the selection only adds to the comfort as you browse through the store.

"We wanted people to be able to experience high quality ingredients and experiment with them, without being bound to a massive quantity," Joe Gidman says.

Gidman and his mother Claire are the owners of the city-renowned Peruvian restaurant Cafe Cusco, and have recently opened a bulk tea and spice shop down the street, fondly named Chabom.

"Cha' means tea, and 'bom' means good in Portuguese. The whole word 'chabom' also means tea tray in Japanese," Gidman explains.

Aptly named, and completely true to its word, the shop has 86 different loose leaf teas, and hundreds of different cooking elements including spices, salts and sugars.

A great perk of coming in to choose from their teas is being able to taste before you buy.

"We wanted people to experience what they're considering buying, so customers can bring a jar of loose leaf tea to the front and we'll make them a hot or cold cup of it for two dollars. We have a variety of sweeteners and different kinds of cream, frothed to perfection, for you to choose from to add to your cup," Gidman says.

He recalls sitting as a child in his grandmother's kitchen as she cooked and cooked all day long for his large family, "she always had hot tea, always; usually chamomile. So I grew up drinking tea," Gidman says.

Cafe Cusco has now moved to solely using Chabom's spices, which gives us hope that maybe, with careful selection from the store, we too could create such great food.

An employee is there to aid in selection and point you in the right direction for the dish you're wanting to make.

An additional perk in the store is the "Spice Rack Refill." You simply bring the jars from your spice rack that are empty, and the store will fill the jars

for you with their stock. All you pay for is the weight of the spice in the jar; a low cost and tasty way to replenish your everyday kitchen stash.

Chabom also carries gift items like tea pots, tea accessories, gluten-free and vegan baked goods, boxed teas from England, China and Japan that aren't commonly seen, as well as tea cookies and shortbreads.

On another note, the store also works with a local herbalist who's created bath and body products that are "food grade," which means you could actually eat the products.

Gidman swears by them, saying that with dry skin in the winter, the best way to combat it is to use natural products that encourage the skin to re-moisture itself.

Chabom also offers candles that are scented with essential oils and are soy based so that they create a burn that doesn't offend anyone with allergies.

Chabom is the only store of its kind in Springfield, and is well worth the visit. Stop in for a cup of warmth this winter and see what delicious goodies you can cook up with the help of their vast spice collection, as well as pick up a few gifts on your way!

Chabom is located at 209 E Commercial St. and can be reached at 417-719-4311, and online at www.chabomteaspice.com. The store is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. ■



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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 Tuesday – Saturday, 8am-9pm, Sunday from 8am-2pm, and is closed Monday. 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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Patricia's, 1918 S. Glenstone, in the Plaza Shopping Center on the corner of Sunshine and Glenstone, where fun and fantasy meet. 881-8444. You are invited to "Flirt With Style" by visiting one of the most unique stores in Springfield. We offer lingerie, novelties, movies and toys to the discriminating visitor who is interested in successful intimate relationships and partnerships. We are open seven days a week, 9 am-10 pm Monday-Thursday, until midnight on Friday & Saturday nights, and noon to 10 pm on Sunday.

Spring Creek Antiques & Tea Room, 107 S 3rd St, Ozark, 417-581-5914. 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, repurposed, 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 lunch-time and shopping experience all under one roof! Please call or go online for hours. Their strawberry soup is amazing and the desserts are legendary!

Glenstone Cottage Antiques, 201 N. Glenstone, 417-576-0795. Located on the corner of Glenstone and St. Louis Street, right on Route 66. There are valuable things you can find at this antique store! If we've learned one thing, it's that antiques can play a starring role in any home. It doesn't matter whether you need a big piece — like a table or a desk — or if you find yourself looking for smaller accents for your home. Either way, Glenstone Cottage Antiques will excite that adventurous treasure hunt we all seek. If you are looking for that one-of-a-kind find, you need to take a stroll back in time here!

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Enjoy the Spring Creek Tea Room in Ozark

by Tom Ladd

A hundred years ago, having a cup of tea was an event. The Spring Creek Tea Room in Ozark would like to bring that back and make the facility a hot spot for women and their daughters while they are out shopping. But honestly, this facility is perfect for any occasion and it's due in large part to the great food and memorable desserts that are served from 10:30 am until 2 pm Tuesday through Saturday.

Spring Creek Tea Room may be remembered as a unique place to fill your belly, as they pride themselves with serving up stacked sandwiches, hearty soups, delectable salads and perhaps the best thing...the absolutely to-die-for desserts. We're talking cheesecakes like no other, pies with homemade crusts and cakes of all kinds.

Tearooms often get the rap that they cater to older women in colorful hats, but Spring Creek Tea Room serves the needs for just about every taste out there. As a matter of fact, each meal is served with a flavored iced tea, which is included in the meal price. The salads are made fresh daily and there is a soup special for each day. The bottom line is no one should leave hungry after a visit to Spring Creek Tea Room,

Spring Creek Tea Room is perfect for special events, and can be reserved for parties of five or more by calling 417-582-1331. Takeouts are available and cakes and desserts can be made for takeout with advance notice.

The building also houses an antique shop. So for a great meal, a great time with friends, and the best desserts in these parts, stop by Spring Creek Tea Room at 107 S. 3rd Street in Ozark Mo. ■

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C-Street Footbridge

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. 401 E Commercial St, Springfield, MO 65803



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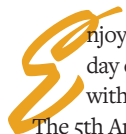
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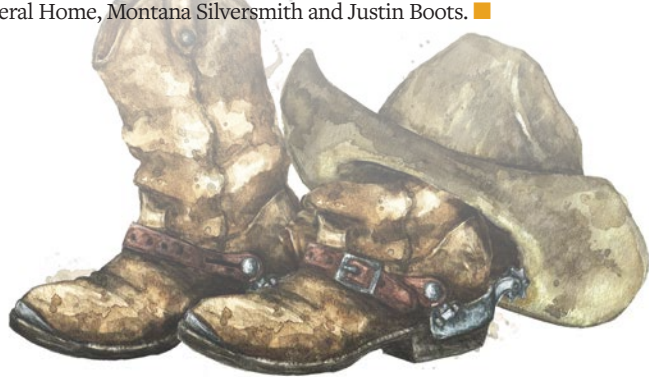
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The 5th Annual Ozark Spring Roundup — a free admission and free parking agriculture, equine and urban trade show is making its return to the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds on March 26-28, 2021. Nearly 100,000 square feet of climate-controlled trade show space, in addition to outdoor booth spaces will be available for visitors to shop for western wear, tack, farm equipment, trailers, vehicles, farm supplies, RVs, ATVs, livestock, animal feed, home furnishings, home remodeling, leather items, clothing and jewelry. Show hours: March 26 & 27: 10AM – 5PM and March 28: 10AM – 3PM.

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Immediately out the back doors is the driving range. There's a river just beyond a row of trees and hills become steep in the background, completing the beautiful Ozark scenery of this specific area.

The driving range has seven covered tees and seven uncovered tees, all with adequate lighting. The covered tees also have heat lamps for those colder days when customers are there making sure their game stays sharp in the winter months. There are multiple targets on the range, all with specific distances that are measured. There is also a sand trap for driving range participants to practice in, offering greenside and fairway bunker shots.

The mini golf course is beautifully kept, with natural plants growing around it, making a lively scene. The 18 holes were custom-designed and the front nine are wheelchair accessible. The course is well-lit for night time games as well, making an excellent date night spot.

Something new that the owners are trying out is a disc golf tournament with the latest one having been held on February 17th. Disc golf is a sport that is similar to golf, but instead of golf balls, discs are thrown at targets which are typically played on 9 or 18 hole courses like golf. This activity is gaining traction across the country and is just as complex of a sport as golf. Look to Swing Right Golf to be hosting more of these tournaments in the future!

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Local Sports Scene

by Tom Ladd

It's March Madness in the Ozarks and that means some exciting times for area hoop teams. Post season tournaments kick off for the area high school, College and Homeschool Christian teams. Basketball teams will be battling for Championships in March and a few will be decided right here in Springfield Mo.

JQH Arena is a fairly new 11,000 seat arena on the campus of Missouri State University and this month will be the site of the Missouri State High School Athletic Association Championship games for six different classifications. Games will be held at MSU the Weekends of March 12th and 13th and 19th and 20th for the State Basketball semi finals and finals.

Springfield will also be the site of the National Christian Homeschool Basketball Tournament March 14 - 20 and will bring hundreds of teams from across the country to the area for the event.

Drury University's O'Reilly Family Events Center will be the host of a Division 2 NCAA Midwest Regionals for women March 12 -15. The Drury women have been ranked a top five team in Division 2 for over two years and should have a chance to compete for a National Championship this year.

Both of the men's and women's teams at Missouri State will have a chance to play for both Missouri Valley Conference Championships and a berth in the NCAA tournament this month, but will not be played in this area. The Men's Valley Tournament is held in St. Louis and the Men's NCAA tournament will be in Indianapolis, while the women's league event will be held in Moline Ill. and the NCAA tournament will be in the San Antonio area. ■



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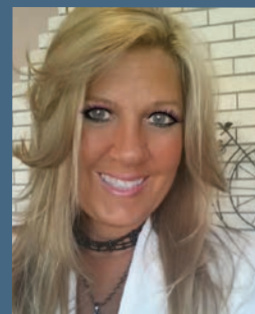
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Whether you are here on business, a family visit, or just touring this part of the country, we hope your stay is comfortable, profitable, and worthwhile. On

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



Sharon Ladd, publisher



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 Sequiota Park and the antique stores of Galloway Village stand today. Missouri became a state in 1821.

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. Springfield was incorporated in 1838.

Trail of Tears

In 1838, the Cherokee Native Americans were forcibly removed by the U.S. government from their homelands in Tennessee, Alabama, North Carolina and Georgia, then moved to the "Indian Territory." The move became known as the Trail of Tears due to the thousands of deaths on the journey.

The Trail of Tears traveled through the Springfield area via what is known today as the Old Wire Road. The Trail of Tears National Historic Trail auto tour route is along Interstate 44 westward to U.S. 160 (West Bypass in Springfield) and westward along U.S. 60.

Old Wire Road

The Old Wire Road, then known as the Military Road, served until the mid-1840s as a connection between Springfield and the garrison at Fort Smith, Arkansas. By 1858, the Butterfield Overland Stage began utilizing the road offering passage to California. Two years later, the region's first telegraph line was strung along the road and it was dubbed the Telegraph or Wire Road. The road proved vital during the Civil War. While portions of the road exist today, the most easily accessible is within Wilson's Creek National Battlefield.

The Battle of Wilson's Creek

On August 10, 1861, army units clashed near Wilson's Creek, the site of the first major battle west of the Mississippi River. The Battle of Wilson's Creek involved about 5,400 Union troops and 12,000 Confederates. The Confederates were victorious. Union troops fell back to Lebanon, then Rolla and regrouped. When they returned to Springfield, the Confederates had withdrawn. The battle led to increased military activity in Missouri and set the stage for the Battle of Pea Ridge in 1862.

The National Park Service designated Wilson's Creek National Battlefield in 1960. The 1,750-acre battlefield remains greatly unchanged and stands as one of the most historically pristine battle sites in the country.

Zagonyi's Charge

In an effort to run the Confederates out of the state, Maj. Gen. John C. Frémont headed toward Springfield in October 1861. Frémont became ill and turned his command over to Maj. Charles Zagonyi who led his troops into town, overcoming an ambush in the process and releasing Union prisoners in the first battle of Springfield. This engagement was the only Union victory in southwest Missouri. Zagonyi Park at Mount Vernon Street and Park Avenue includes a monument commemorating the battle.

The Battle of Springfield

For the two years following the Battle of Wilson's Creek, possession of the city seesawed. Then in January 1863, Confederate forces advanced toward the town square and battle ensued. As evening approached, the Confederates withdrew. The next morning, the Confederates left town. The city would stay under Union control until the end of the war. A series of markers throughout downtown Springfield highlight historic locations and details of the battle.

Springfield National Cemetery

Two years after the war ended, the Springfield National Cemetery was created. The dead of both the North and the South are interred there, though separated by a low stone wall.

"Wild Bill" Hickok Gunfight

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.

Arrival of the Railroad

On April 21, 1870, the St. Louis-San Francisco line rolled through Springfield, establishing a new city, North Springfield, with Commercial Street as its downtown. Commercial and industrial diversification came with the railroad and strengthened the City of Springfield when the two towns merged 17 years later in 1887. Today visitors can enjoy the view from the Jefferson Avenue Footbridge, peering below to the locomotive path still in use.

Birthplace of Route 66

Officially recognized as the birthplace of Route 66, it was in Springfield on April 30, 1926, that officials first proposed the name of the new Chicago to Los Angeles highway. In 1938, Route 66 became the first completely paved transcontinental highway in America – the "Mother Road" – stretching from the Great Lakes to the Pacific Coast.

Traces of the Mother Road are still visible in Springfield along Kearney Street, Glenstone Avenue, College and St. Louis streets and on Missouri 266 to Halltown.

When you're cruising the route, stop in at the Route 66 Tourist Information Center at 815 E. St. Louis St.

Bonnie & Clyde Kidnapping

In 1933, Springfield police officer Tom A. Persell was kidnapped by the infamous Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow and their gangster sidekick, W.D. Jones – and lived to tell the tale. Persell, on a motorcycle, pulled over a suspicious car and found himself facing a sawed-off shotgun. Bonnie and Clyde were on the lam and ordered Persell to get in the car and guide them out of town so they could dodge the cops. Six hours later, Persell was released unharmed near Joplin.

The Ozark Jubilee

The first national country music show on television was broadcast by ABC in Springfield from 1955 until 1960. The show is credited with popularizing country music and featured well-known performers, including Red Foley, Speedy Haworth, Brenda Lee, Porter Wagoner and Slim Wilson.

Welcome to your new home in the Ozarks

So, you're thinking about moving to a new city? Good for you! But first, take a deep breath, because it is a big deal. Whether you're moving for a job or just looking for a fresh start, uprooting your life to relocate somewhere new is very exciting. Once you've made the decision, you're sure to have many questions:

- Where do locals hang out?
- What's the best park to sight see?
- Which parts of town do I visit first?
- What's the best "hidden gem" in the city?
- What are the local's favorite dive bars, brunch spots and locally-owned boutiques?

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