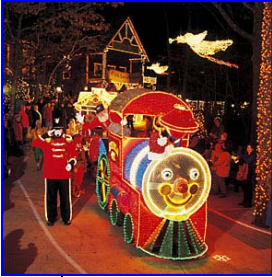


ELI Weekly

An Old Time Christmas

If you are going to be around Springfield for the holidays, and you'd like to experience a celebration that's fun and exciting, then you may want to consider going to Silver Dollar City for An Old Time Christmas. According to USA Today, Silver Dollar City is "one of the top 10 places in the U.S. to have a bright Christmas." CNN.com says S.D.C. is "one of the world's top holiday destinations." With reviews like that, it must be good! This special event runs until December 30th.

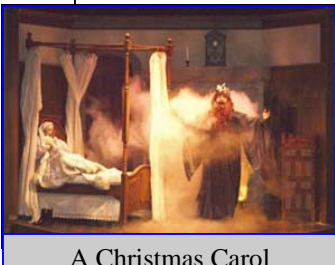


This year there will be a new light spectacular on Silver Dollar City's Main Street. There you will see a giant 5-story special effects Christmas Tree in the center of Main Street's city square. Over 450,000 lights adorn the tree and twinkle and dance for spectators. Buildings surrounding the tree add 750,000 lights, which help bring the square to life. At 5:30 PM each evening, the tree

will be lit and a medley of Christmas music will be played. Every 15 minutes, 2 songs will be played at the tree.



You will see a lot more lights during the Holiday Light Parade that travels through the streets of S.D.C. twice each evening. You can also meet Santa at "Kringle's Crossing." If you want to do some holiday shopping, you will have a chance to buy artisan crafts, as well. You might even have the chance to meet world famous visiting artists Ibrahim Giacaman from Israel, and Emanuel Fontanini from Italy. S.D.C. also has rides, but they will only be open if the temperature is not too cold.



A Christmas Carol

You will also have the chance to see Charles Dickens' classic, "A Christmas Carol" performed live. Silver Dollar City has put their own original musical numbers into the performance, which tells the story of a mean, selfish, wealthy man who is given a lesson one night in caring by 3 Christmas ghosts. The ghosts show him how miserable his life is and he must decide if he wants to change.

An Old Time Christmas sounds like a lot of fun! Tickets cost \$50.51 and the hours are Thurs., Fri., and Sun. 1:00-9:00 PM and Sat. 11:30 AM-11:00 PM.

Activities This Week

Monday, Dec. 3

Festival of Nations

5:30-8:30 PM at the PSU Food Court

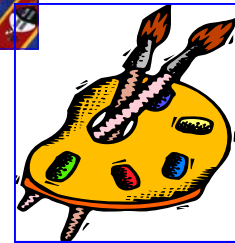
Celebration of different cultures--free food, gifts, and music.

Friday, Dec. 7

First Friday Art Walk, downtown

6:00-10:00 PM; Free

If you haven't been to the Art Walk yet, here is your chance!



For more events and activities, visit: <http://calendar.missouristate.edu/>
Also, ALWAYS check the Student Activities Board across from the 2nd floor Computer Lab

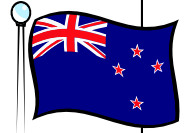
Announcements



- **Good luck on your finals!**
- **Don't forget!**
If you gave us your RSVP, we will see you at the ELI End of Semester Party on Wed., Dec. 5 from 6:00-9:00 PM at Incredible Pizza (2850 S. Campbell Ave.)
- **Have a truly wonderful holiday break! Be careful in your travels, wherever they take you. Happy New Year! We will see you in January!**

Did You Know....

A few interesting facts about New Zealand:



New Zealand native Sir Edmund Hillary, along with Nepali Tenzing Norgay, became the first mountaineers to reach the top of Mt. Everest.

Tourism supports more than 10% of New Zealand jobs.



New Zealand was the first western democracy to give women the right to vote.

Bungee jumping was invented in New Zealand

What's Showing at The Moxie?

The Moxie is downtown's independent cinema located at the corner of Walnut and Campbell.

This week:

- Lars and the Real Girl
- Sleuth
- Before the Devil Knows You're Dead
- Labyrinth



See Schedule on the Student Activities Board

Weather Forecast

Degrees: High/Low
Forecast for December 3-9

	<u>Fahrenheit</u>	<u>Celsius</u>
Monday:	48/34	09/01
Tuesday:	56/40	13/04
Wednesday:	49/27	09/-3
Thursday:	44/34	07/01
Friday:	50/33	10/01 — chance of rain
Saturday:	60/43	16/06 — chance of rain
Sunday:	60/42	16/06 — chance of rain



Weather forecasts are *always* changing, so for the most up-to-date forecast, go to: www.weather.com, or watch the local news or weather channel.