

# ELI Weekly

## Springfield Has an Interesting History: Part 2

Last week you read about some historic buildings in Springfield. Those were just a very few of the places that have been around since the early years of Springfield. You may have heard of Kickapoo High School or Kickapoo Street, but did you know the Kickapoo were a tribe of Indians? There is a building at the corner of South Avenue and Madison Street where a Kickapoo Indian Village stood from about 1812-1832. In the area was a spring surrounded by 100 wigwams.



Site of old Kickapoo Indian village



Landers Theater

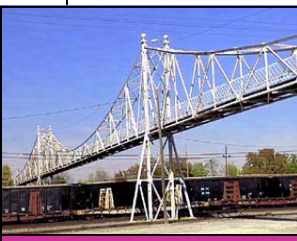
Another historic building downtown is the Landers Theater. This building, located on Walnut Street, was built in 1909. It has been the host to many live shows since opening, as well as a movie theater which was one of the first in the country to show movies with sound. The theater is still open and is currently home to the Springfield Little Theater. With such a long history, there is no surprise that it is rumored to be haunted.

You may have noticed some of the old houses located along Walnut Street. If it is a big house, and looks like it has been around for awhile, it is probably a historic home. For example, you may have passed by the Heer/Lohmeyer Funeral Home on your way to your ELI classes. This house was not always a funeral home. It was originally built in 1884 by a family named Griffith, who partly owned the Little Acorn Mill that once stood



Heer/Lohmeyer House

at the corner of Mt. Vernon and Campbell. Then, in 1905, it was bought by Francis Xavier Heer, the president of Heers Department Store (which used to be on the square--the Heers Building still stands),. He lived there until 1921. In 1940, the Herman Lohmeyer Funeral Home bought the house, and still owns it.



Jefferson Ave. Footbridge

Not all historic places in Springfield are buildings, however. Have you been to the Jefferson Avenue Footbridge? The bridge, completed in 1907, is at the corner of Commercial and Jefferson Streets. It was constructed for a grand total of \$8,200 (though that was over 100 years ago!) It was intended to give safe passage to pedestrians that lived north of the railway yard to shop-

ping on Commercial Street. Go walk across it!

There are so many historic places in Springfield! For a list of historic buildings, check out:

[http://richgros.com/Springfield\\_History/sites.html](http://richgros.com/Springfield_History/sites.html)

## Activities This Week

**Saturday, June 28**

**Firefall!**

This is a very popular annual event that will feature live music, food, and **fireworks!** Don't miss it! For more information visit: <http://www.springfieldfirefall.com/index.html>

**When:** 12:00pm-10:00pm

**Where:** 3400 W. Lester Jones Ave., Springfield, 65803 (near the airport)

**Cost:** parking \$10; or you can take a shuttle from the fair grounds for about \$4.00



For more events and activities, visit: <http://calendar.missouristate.edu/>

**Also, ALWAYS check the Student Activities Board across from the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Computer Lab**

## Announcements



- **Academic Lecture THIS week:**  
Thurs. June 26: *U.S. Judicial System*  
Circuit Court  
Levels 4, & 5
- **Conversation Night is this week!**  
**Thursday, June 26th; 8-10pm**  
Want to practice your speaking and listening skills with native English speakers? You will have the chance this Thursday! Come to the Belmonte, located at 428 W. Commercial Street. Some snack, drinks, music, and games will be provided, but bring anything you want to share. If you need a map, ask Phil.  
**\*\*Carpooling is a great idea, so get a group together to ride together!\*\***

## Did You Know....



### **A few interesting facts about Venezuela:**

Lake Maracaibo, in Venezuela, is the largest lake in South America.

Venezuela was one of the founding members of OPEC in 1960.



The world's largest rodent, the capybara, lives in the grasslands of Venezuela.

Venezuela means "little Venice." Houses built on stilts in a lake reminded explorers of Venice in Italy.



The most popular food in Venezuela is the arepa, which is a patty made from ground cornmeal. Arepas are typically filled with meat, cheese, or eggs.

### What's Showing at The Moxie?

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

#### **This week:**

- Son of Rambow
- Where in the World Is Osama Bin Laden?
- The Visitor
- Nothing Rhymes With Orange
- Standard Operating Procedure



**See Schedule on the Student Activities Board**

## Weather Forecast

### **Degrees: High/Low**

### **Forecast for June 23-29**

	<u>Fahrenheit</u>	<u>Celsius</u>
Monday:	80/64	27/18—rain
Tuesday:	85/68	29/20
Wednesday:	85/69	29/21—chance of rain
Thursday:	84/69	29/21—chance of rain
Friday:	86/69	30/21—chance of rain
Saturday:	86/70	30/21—chance of rain
Sunday:	88/69	31/21—chance of rain



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