

ELI Weekly

Time for America to Celebrate!

Friday is Independence Day for the United States, otherwise known as the 4th of July. Many Americans celebrate this day with friends and family by having a barbeque or picnic during the day and watching fireworks that night. Others may go to large events, such as parades, fairs, or baseball games to celebrate the occasion.



Here in the U.S., as in many other countries that observe an Independence Day, patriotism is a major part of the celebration. Some of the common patriotic symbols for the 4th of July are the American flag, the Bald Eagle, the Liberty Bell, the Statue of Liberty, Uncle Sam, and the Declaration of Independence.



The Declaration of Independence is the document in which the American colonies declared their independence from Great Britain. It was adopted on July 4, 1776. That means this year the "U.S. of A" turns 232! Don't worry America...you are still young! The original Declaration of Independence can still be seen today, right alongside the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, in the National Archives Building in Washington D.C.

Many celebrations take place all across the country. In Philadelphia, one part of the celebration occurs at the Liberty Bell Center, where descendants of the signers of the Declaration of Independence ceremonially tap the bell, which signals a nation-wide bell ringing. In Manhattan, Macy's sponsors fireworks to be set off at 3 different locations in the city. Boston always hosts Harborfest, which features historic tours, Revolutionary era reenactments, and concerts. Down in Florida, Disney always has huge celebrations at its theme parks. And of course, Washington D.C. has a huge parade and festival every year.



Can't make it to a far off city for the big day? St. Louis is only a 3 1/2 hour drive and there you can go to Fair St. Louis, an annual event that's been going on for over 130 years! Fair St. Louis takes place downtown and has a parade, free concerts (this year Drake Bell and Joss Stone will sing), games, food, and much more! It's a blast! And if you can't get to St. Louis, you can enjoy the 4th of July right here in Springfield. James River Assembly hosts a huge celebration every year called "I Love America." They will have a great fireworks display and a concert too! Check out the details below! No matter what you do, relax and have FUN!

Activities This Week

Friday, July 4

I Love America

Last week was Firefall. This week is "I Love America," another popular yearly event which will feature live music, games, food, air shows, fireworks, and more. For more information visit: <http://www.iloveamerica.ws/>

When: Starts at 11:00 AM and ends after a concert which begins at 10:30 PM

Where: Springfield Underground (HWY 65 and Division)

Cost: FREE

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

Also, ALWAYS check the Student Activities Board across from the 2nd floor Computer Lab

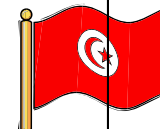


Announcements



- There will be NO Academic Lecture this week.
- Enjoy the 4th of July (Friday). Classes will not meet!
- **Spelling students:** Don't forget, your mid-term is Wed. (7/2) from 8-8:50 am in room 410. Spelling class will NOT meet Tues. (7/1) or Thurs. (7/3).
- **Good luck on your mid-term exams!**

Did You Know....



A few interesting facts about Tunisia:



Tunisia's national dish is couscous cooked with vegetables, meat, or fish.

Tunisia gained its independence from France in 1956.

Modern day Tunisia is the location of the ancient Phoenician empire, centered around the city of Carthage, which is located in ruins just outside Tunisia's capital, Tunis.



The official language in Tunisia is Arabic, but French is widely spoken.



Tunisia has only had 2 presidents in its history as a country.

What's Showing at The Moxie?

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

This week:

- The Visitor
- Standard Operating Procedure
- Priceless
- The Fall



See Schedule on the Student Activities Board

Weather Forecast

Degrees: High/Low

Forecast for June 30-July 6

	<u>Fahrenheit</u>	<u>Celsius</u>
Monday:	78/60	26/16
Tuesday:	86/65	30/18
Wednesday:	90/69	32/21
Thursday:	79/67	26/19—chance of rain
Friday:	74/63	23/17—chance of rain
Saturday:	83/67	28/19—chance of rain
Sunday:	87/68	31/20



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.