

ELI Weekly

Springfield Is About To Get Much Brighter

This weekend will be the kick-off to an annual Springfield Event—The Festival of Lights. This festival is actually a month and a half of events, leading up to New Year’s Eve. If you want to get into the holiday spirit—or at least see how Americans get ready for the upcoming celebrations, then there are many different events for you to attend.

This Saturday, Nov. 17, will be the first day of the festival. From 4:00-5:00pm, you can ice skate for free at Jordan Valley Ice Park (skate rental \$2.50). Then, at 5:00p.m., the City of Springfield will host a tree lighting celebration at Jordan Valley Park with the Mayor. At 6:45pm, Hammon’s Field and the Springfield Cardinals will hold a fireworks show. Santa will be there and so will Louie, the Cardinals’ team mascot.



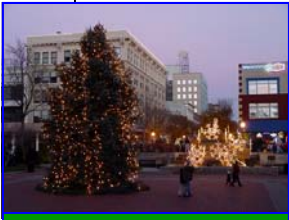
Horse Drawn Carriage Rides

Saturday is just the beginning of it all. There will be several other chances to ice skate for free if you can’t go on Saturday (or if you want to go more than once!) Dates and times vary, so check www.itsalldowntown.com for a list of times. You can also get more information about all festival events there.



Downtown Christmas Parade

If ice skating is not your thing, there are plenty of other activities that might interest you. Nov. 30-Dec. 2 will be Winter-Fest 2007, held at Hammons Hall, which is a shopping dream where you can buy unique gifts from regional artists in a variety of price ranges. It’s free to get in. On Saturday, Dec. 8, downtown will have a Christmas Parade at 1:00pm.



Christmas Tree in the Square

Another fun and different thing you may want to try is a horse drawn carriage ride. You can go with up to 4 people and the cost is \$40 for each ride (not per person). If you make a reservation, you get \$10.00 off. The carriage will take you on a nice tour of downtown. It’s a great idea for a date! Call Shires for Hire at 868-4648 to make a reservation.

In addition, there will be various live shows you can attend. Some of the shows will be “My Three Angels,” “Frosty, The Christmas Snowman Carol,” “Holiday Magic” Concert, and the classic Christmas ballet, “The Nutcracker.”

There are so many other events, there is not enough room to list them all. Check the schedule on the Student Activities Board!

Activities This Week

Friday, November 16

MSU Ice Bears Hockey Game

7:00 PM at Jordan Valley Ice Park

Admission—MSU students, faculty & staff: \$3

Go out and show your MSU Bear pride!

Wednesday, Nov. 14 & Sunday Nov. 18

Movie on Campus @ the PSU Theater

The Simpsons Movie

9:00 PM; 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



- ELI Picture**
 Time to take our semester photo! We will take it at 12:00 p.m. this Wed. (11/14) at Founders Park, just down the street. You will walk there with your class. If it rains, we will postpone the photo for an other time to be announced later.
- Pronunciation Class**
 Topics this week:
Check for flyers
- Academic Lectures This Week**
Tues. 11/13: Levels 3 & 4; room 401
Physics, Astronomy, and Materials Science
Wed. 11/14: Level 5 only; room 410
Accounting

Did You Know....



A few interesting facts about Costa Rica:

Costa Rica achieved independence from Spain in 1821.

Costa Rica (Rich Coast) got its name when Christopher Columbus landed there in 1502 and saw Indians carrying gold.



52 different species of hummingbirds inhabit Costa Rica.

4% of the world's known plant species can be found in Coast Rica.



The oldest city in Costa Rica is Cartago, founded in 1563. It was the capital until 1823, when San José was named capital.

What's Showing at The Moxie?

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

- The 11th Hour
- I Want Someone to Eat Cheese With
- The Last Winter
- Into the Wild
- Moxie Shorts 2007



See Schedule on the Student Activities Board

Weather Forecast

Degrees: High/Low

Forecast for November 12-18

	<u>Fahrenheit</u>	<u>Celsius</u>
Monday:	67/55	19/13—rain all day
Tuesday:	67/52	19/11
Wednesday:	60/34	16/01
Thursday:	56/39	13/04
Friday:	61/40	16/04—chance of rain
Saturday:	58/36	14/02
Sunday:	54/38	12/03



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.