

# ELI Weekly

## Places Not Too Far from Springfield—Destination #2: Kansas City



Our second stop in this series of cities close to Springfield is Kansas City, Missouri. You might consider going there for a weekend trip or if you want to go somewhere affordable for one of the upcoming breaks.

If you are in the mood for shopping, you will definitely want to hit up the Country Club Plaza. This shopping center has many popular stores and some great restaurants (including the Cheesecake Factory—YUM!) In total it encompasses 15 blocks and has over 150 stores. Don't spend too much money!

The Plaza during the holidays



On the north side of the city, near some of the upscale KC neighborhoods and close to the airport, you will find the Zona Rosa. This shopping district has a village feel and contains a big open plaza where you will sometimes catch performers. It is similar to the Plaza because it has many popular stores and restaurants, but each shopping district has its own personality. You can check out both, or just pick one.

Now that it's football season, you can go to KC and catch a Chief's game. Tickets are a little pricey, ranging from \$54 to \$103, but if you like the excitement of being part of an enthusiastic sports crowd—it's worth it!

If you go to Kansas City this month, you might want to check out Worlds of Fun Theme Park. They will be having their annual "Halloween Haunt." There you can experience "7 Extreme Haunts," including "Dominion of Doom" and "Fright Zone." Plus, all the thrill rides will be open and there will be many different shows. Sounds really scary! Admission is \$37.95 for a one-day pass and through Oct. 28th the park is open late on weekends. The hours are: Friday 6PM-1AM; Saturday 11AM- 12AM; Sunday 10:00AM-7:00PM.



Kansas City also has a zoo, where you can see over 900 animals from around the world. You can see animals shows, including elephant demonstrations and chimp feedings. There is train you can take around the park, a boat cruise, and you can even ride a camel. It's guaranteed to be a wild time! On weekends, the zoo is open 9:00AM-5:00PM Sat. and Sun., and admission is \$9.50.



Shopping in the Zona Rosa

Before you leave, you might want to stop by Union Station, if you find yourself in the downtown area. This former train station, built in 1914, is now home to museums, shops, and restaurants. It has an interesting history! Like St. Louis, Kansas City is FULL of great things to do. Give it a try!

For more info, go to: [www.visitkc.com](http://www.visitkc.com)

## Activities This Week



**Wed. Oct. 10 & Sun., Oct. 14**

**Movie on Campus**

The Bourne Ultimatum

9:00 PM at the PSU Theater

**Friday Oct. 12-Sun. Oct 14**

**Apple Butter Makin' Days in Mt. Vernon**



This annual festival is centered around traditionally made apple butter.

There will be entertainment, events, and lots of food. Go enjoy the celebration!

Mt. Vernon is located off I-44 West (about halfway to Joplin).

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!**

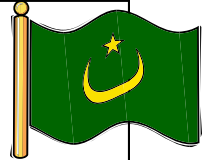
## Announcements



- **Attention Students:** Due to mid-term exams this week, the computer lab will be **CLOSED**. You **MUST** print anything you need for class before you come to the ELI.
- **Good luck on your mid-terms!**
- Pronunciation Class topics this week:  
Tues./Wed. – [tʃ], [dʒ], [ʃ] and [ʒ]  
Thurs./Fri. – **Word Stress**
- Hey, if you lose your copy of the ELI Weekly, it is available online through the ELI website. Check it out!

## Did You Know....

### A few interesting facts about Mauritania:



The ancient city of Chinguetti is home to a medieval library containing scientific and religious texts from the Middle Ages. Sadly, the small town has been abandoned, as the Sahara desert is getting larger and has nearly taken it over. However, it is still a tourist attraction.



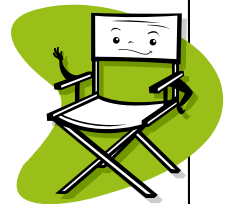
Near Chinguetti is the Amoghar Pass, which features rock painting of giraffes, cows, and people in a green landscape, which is much different than it looks today!

The train known as the longest in the world travels from Nouadhibou to Zouerat (a 12 hour trip). The train carries thousands of tons of iron ore and occasionally passengers in a chain of wagons up to 3 km long.

### What's Showing at The Moxie?

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

- Death at a Funeral
- In the Shadow of the Moon
- Highway Pirates
- The King of Kong: A Fistful of Quarters
- For the Bible Tells Me So
- Sand and Sorrow

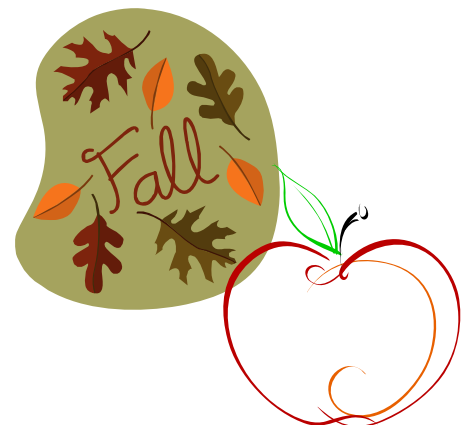


**See Schedule on the Student Activities Board**

## Weather Forecast

### Degrees: High/Low Forecast for October 8-14

	<u>Fahrenheit</u>	<u>Celsius</u>
Monday:	76/54	24/12—chance of rain
Tuesday:	81/51	27/11
Wednesday:	73/45	23/07
Thursday:	66/44	19/07
Friday:	68/45	20/07
Saturday:	69/50	21/10
Sunday:	72/52	24/11



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 the weather channel.