

# ELI Weekly

## Springfield Has Sisters!

Did you know that the city of Springfield has international sisters? Two sisters to be exact—Isesaki, Japan, and Tlaquepaque, Mexico. The organization dedicated to these sister cities is called the Springfield Sister Cities Association (SSCA).

You might be wondering how cities can be “sisters.” Well, Springfield formed a partnership with each city due to many similarities found between them. Springfield and Isesaki have many things in common which include similar industrial bases, similar conditions of harmony between tradition and modernization, and similar cultural and park-oriented environments. Springfield and Tlaquepaque share a mutual interest in tourism, culture, the arts, education, and commercial growth and development. As part of the SSCA, visits are scheduled for citizens of Springfield to each city and vice versa. Guests from Isesaki come to Springfield for the Japanese Fall Festival (this past weekend) and a group from Tlaquepaque always comes in May for ArtsFest.

The SSCA is a non-profit organization which is dedicated to helping people in Springfield and in the sister cities to understand each other as individuals, as members of a community, and as part of the global society. The goals of SSCA are: to encourage peace through understanding, to welcome and embrace unity within diversity, to facilitate cultural, economic, technological, and informational exchanges, and to transform distant locations into person to person relationships.

Interested in becoming an SSCA member? For \$25 a year, you can become an individual member (\$50 for a family) which includes an annual pass to the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden (featured in the ELI Weekly last week), free admission to 3 annual Sister Cities festivals, advance notice of SSCA activities and exchanges, a quarterly SSCA newsletter, and invitations to annual meetings and special programs. If you are interested call (417) 864-1191 or e-mail [sistercity@ci.springfield.mo.us](mailto:sistercity@ci.springfield.mo.us).



## Activities This Week

**Saturday and Sunday, September 15 & 16**  
**Cider Days on Walnut Street**

This annual event is a fall celebration and features artists, crafters, food, entertainment, a historic homes tour, and The Scarecrow Village. Check it out!

**Where:** Historic Walnut Street (behind Sunvilla)

**What time:** 10:00 AM—5:00 PM (both days)

**How much:** \$3.00 (the Historic Homes Tour is \$10, which includes entrance to Cider Days)

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



- **REMINDER:**  
**New ELI computer lab hours:**  
 8:00-8:50 AM, 12:00-12:50 PM,  
 and 3:00-5:00 PM. During class  
 time, the lab will be closed and  
 locked.
- If you have a **new address** or  
**social security number**, please  
 come to the office to let us know.

## Did You Know....

### A few interesting facts about Thailand:

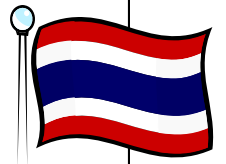


The tallest Buddhist monument in the world, Phra Pathom Chedi, is located in the city of Nakhon Pathom.

Fresh produce, flowers, and other items can be bought from vendors in boats at floating markets. Though supermarkets are replacing these traditional markets, a few still survive.

Thailand was formerly named Siam.

The elephant is a national symbol for Thailand. Unfortunately, the elephant's habitat is disappearing and many are dying as a result.



### What's Showing at The Moxie?

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

This week:

- The Ten
- No End in Sight
- My Best Friend (France)
- Black Sheep



**See Schedule on the Student Activities Board**

## Weather Forecast

### Degrees: High/Low

#### Forecast for September 10-16

	<u>Fahrenheit</u>	<u>Celsius</u>
Monday:	81/61	27/16
Tuesday:	72/57	22/14
Wednesday:	77/58	25/14
Thursday:	79/58	26/14
Friday:	68/47	20/8 — chance of rain
Saturday:	70/55	21/13
Sunday:	76/60	24/16



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.