

# ELI Weekly

## A Castle—In Springfield!



Did you know Springfield is home to a castle? Well, it's not a castle in the sense that it has ever been occupied by royalty, but it is a historic building that resembles the traditional castle structure. The Pythian Castle, located on the north side of Springfield, has over 55 rooms, which include dungeons, ballrooms, and a theatre. You can tour the castle as well as participate in frequent special events held there. It is also a popular spot for weddings.



The Pythian Castle was originally built as an orphanage in 1913 by the Knights of Pythias, a fraternal organization founded in 1864. Later, the building was owned and occupied by the U.S. military for over 50 years.

The Pythian Castle is certified as being haunted, according to the Ozarks Paranormal Society. They say that many ghosts inhabit the castle all the way back from the days of the orphanage through the time when the military occupied the building. Supposedly, it is not uncommon to hear voices or to hear doors shutting or boxes moving without anyone being around. Visitors have also reported seeing images. Sounds creepy!



One popular event that is held most months at the castle is the Murder Mystery Dinner. At the castle, you will eat dinner and watch a show about a murder. At the end, you will try to figure out who is the killer. The next one will be on Nov. 16th at 7:00 PM. Reservations are required and it costs \$40.00 per person. It's a little expensive, but seems like a very unique experience!

Do you want to tour the castle? There are tours Mon.-Sat. at 3:30 PM with additional tours on Tues. and Thurs. at 5:30 PM. It costs \$7.50/person and the tour is 1 hour long. No reservations are required. To get there, take Glenstone Ave. north to Pythian St. and take a left. Then, turn right into the castle driveway. For more information or to make a reservation for the Murder Mystery Dinner, visit the web site:

[www.pythiancastle.com](http://www.pythiancastle.com)

## Activities This Week

**Saturday, Sept. 29**

### **Natural Healing Arts Fair**

Attend a day filled with information about natural healing. Over 70 natural healing providers will be there to show you what they offer, and there will be 24 presentations on natural healing options. Examples include: acupuncture, health counseling, Tai Chi, reflexology, therapeutic massage, and many, many more!

**9:00 AM-3:00 PM at the Clarion Hotel—3333 S. Glenstone Ave.**

**\$3.00 to enter**

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



- **Pronunciation Class**  
Topics this week:  
 Tues./Wed. — "s-clusters"  
 Thurs./Fri. — "word endings (-es, -s, ed)"
- **Don't forget:** 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 Japan:

The cherry blossom is a celebrated and beloved bloom in Japan. Its season depends on the weather each year (anytime between Jan. and May), but the blossoms are only open for a very short time.

Rice is a very important staple food in Japan and is commonly eaten with breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Some of the oldest pottery in the world (and possibly the first) comes from Japan's Jomon period (14,000-3,000 BC).



Mt Fuji is the highest mountain in Japan. It is a volcano that last erupted in 1708. It is commonly shown in art and is viewed as sacred.

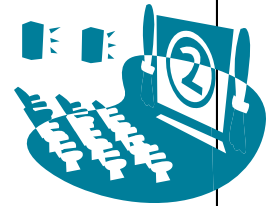


## What's Showing at The Moxie?

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

This week:

- Rocket Science
- Interview
- Death at a Funeral



See Schedule on the Student Activities Board

## Weather Forecast

**Degrees: High/Low**  
**Forecast for September 24-30**

	<u>Fahrenheit</u>	<u>Celsius</u>
Monday:	84/67	29/19—chance of rain
Tuesday:	79/62	26/17—chance of rain
Wednesday:	69/60	21/16
Thursday:	76/54	24/12
Friday:	73/54	23/12
Saturday:	75/59	24/15
Sunday:	73/58	23/14—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 the weather channel.