

ELI Weekly

The sister cities of Springfield, Missouri

Did you know that the city of Springfield has two international sister cities? The two cities are **Iseaki, Japan**, and **Tlaquepaque, Mexico**. The organization dedicated to these sister cities is called the Springfield Sister Cities Association (SSCA). The SSCA is a non-profit organization that has been helping people of the City of Springfield and people of similar cities in foreign nations acquire a consciousness of each other and to understand one another as individuals, as members of their community, and as part of global community.



Iseaki has a population of about 209,000 as compared to Springfield's 156,000. Iseaki's population has been increasing each year, and the City is now the fifth largest in the Gunma Prefecture (Gunma Prefecture is a prefecture of Japan located in the northwest corner of the Kantō region on Honshū island). The City is located in a flat area at the center of the Japanese island, about 60 miles from Tokyo. There are seven ponds as well as numerous branches of three rivers, the Hirose River, the Kasu River, and the Tone River. In Winter, the seasonal wind called "Karakkaze" blows, but the weather is otherwise comparatively mild throughout the year.

The Sister City relationship between Springfield and **Tlaquepaque**, Jalisco, Mexico was formalized on June 27, 2003. Both cities work with the International Sister Cities Association. Based on an earlier fact-finding visit to Tlaquepaque, The SSCA found a number of compatibilities with that city such as mutual interest in tourism, culture, the arts, education, and commercial growth and development. The SSCA has sought this relationship with a Spanish-speaking community because of the growth of the Hispanic population in the Ozarks region and for the opportunities for business and cultural development. For More information, visit to: <http://www.springfieldmo.gov/sistercities/index.html>



Activities This Week

Star Gazing

All students are invited to join the Astronomy Club for some star gazing. The club members will have telescopes available for students to view different objects in the sky and club members will be available to answer any astronomy related questions.



- **Where:** In front of the PSU by the bear statue
- **When:** Thursday, September 11, 9:00 PM-10:30 PM
- **How much:** 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!

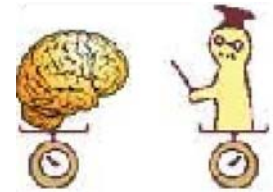
Announcements



- If you have a **new address** or **social security number**, please come to the office to let us know.
- Talk to each other in **ENGLISH !!!**

Fun Facts...

- Sunlight takes 8 minutes to reach the Earth.
- "Go." is the shortest complete sentence in the English language.
- The Human brain weighs approximately eight pounds.



THE MOXIE

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

This week

- **Brideshead Revisited**
- **American Teen**

See Schedule on the Student Activities Board

Weather Forecast

Forecast for September. 8—September. 14

		Fahrenheit (High/Low)
Monday:	Scattered T-Storms	76/56
Tuesday:	Partly Cloudy	72/56
Wednesday:	Isolated T-Storms	77/63
Thursday:	Scattered T-Storm	81/64
Friday:	Partly Cloudy	77/58
Saturday:	Showers	76/61
Sunday:	Showers	77/59



Weather forecasts are **always** changing, so for the most up-to-date forecast, go to: www.weather.com, or watch the local news or the weather channel.