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## Signature Pizzas

1. Start by Choosing your Crust:  
Crispy, Thin or Traditional Thick
2. 8" Single 12" Med 16" Lrg  
\$11.99 \$19.99 \$28.99  
**Additional Toppings**  
\$.99 ea. \$1.99 ea. \$3.49 ea.

### Neighborhood Pie

Alfredo Sauce Base, Fresh Leafy Spinach, Chopped Grilled Garlic Chicken, Bacon Crumbles, Five Cheese Mozzarella Blend, Sliced Fresh Mushrooms, & Diced Tomatoes.

### Supreme

Our Signature Pizza Sauce, Pepperoni Slices, Crumbled Pork Sausage, Five Cheese Mozzarella Blend, Canadian Bacon, Sliced Red Onions, Sliced Fresh Mushrooms, Sliced Black Olives, & Diced Green Bell Peppers.

### Four Meat

Our Signature Pizza Sauce, Five Cheese Mozzarella Blend, Pepperoni Slices, Crumbled Pork Sausage, Canadian Bacon, & Ground Beef Crumbles.

### Chicken Bacon Ranch

Ranch Base, Chopped Grilled Garlic Chicken, Bacon Crumbles, Five Cheese Mozzarella Blend. Try adding Jalapenos!

### Buffalo Chicken Ranch

Frank's Red Hot mixed with our Ranch Base, Five Cheese Mozzarella Blend, Our Chopped Grilled Garlic Chicken.

### Taco Pizza

Refried Beans Base, Seasoned Ground Taco Meat, Five Cheese Mozzarella Blend, Sliced Red Onions, Sliced Black Olives, Baked and then Topped with Cold Ingredients: Salsa, Chopped Lettuce, Diced Tomatoes, Sour Cream & Shredded Taco Cheese.

### BBQ Chicken Pizza

Barbecue Sauce Base, Chopped Garlic Chicken, Five Cheese Mozzarella Blend, Red Onions, with a BBQ Sauce drizzle on top.

### Luau

Barbecue Sauce Base, Chopped Garlic Chicken, Bacon Crumbles, Canadian Bacon, Five Cheese Mozzarella Blend, Pineapple Chunks, & Sliced Mandarin Oranges, with a BBQ Sauce drizzle on top.

### Garden

Our Signature Pizza Sauce, Fresh Leafy Spinach, Five Cheese Mozzarella Blend, Diced Roma Tomatoes, Sliced Red Onions, Sliced Fresh Mushrooms, Sliced Black Olives, & Diced Red & Green Bell Peppers, with a sprinkle of basil.

## BYO Pizzas

Build Your Own Pizzas start with our Signature Pizza Sauce and Five Cheese Mozzarella Blend as your base, then add your choice of toppings from the list.

1. Start by Choosing your Crust:  
Crispy, Thin or Traditional Thick

2. 8" Single 12" Med 16" Lrg  
\$8.99 \$13.99 \$18.99  
**Each Topping**  
\$.99 ea. \$1.99 ea. \$3.49 ea.

Pepperoni	Mushrooms
Sausage	Red Onions
Italian Sausage	Diced Tomatoes
Beef	Black Olives
Canadian Bacon	Fresh Spinach
Chopped Garlic Chicken	Pineapple Chunks
Bacon Crumbles	Mandarin Oranges
Green Bell Peppers	Sliced Jalapenos
Red Bell Peppers	

Any BYO Pizzas with a Sauce Base different than our Signature Pizza Sauce will be counted as a topping choice:

Alfredo Sauce	BBQ Sauce
Ranch Base	Spicy Ranch Sauce
Buffalo Sauce	Spicy Garlic Sauce
Garlic Butter	

## Signature Salads

### Neighborhood Side Salad \$3.99

Fresh Salad Mix, Shredded Cheese Blend, Diced Tomatoes, Sliced Cucumber, Red Onions, one Bread Stick & choice of one dressing.

### Neighborhood Entrée Salad \$7.99

Same as above just entrée size with 2 Breadsticks, and 2 dressings.

### Chicken Bacon Salad \$14.99

Fresh Salad Mix, Shredded Cheese Blend, Diced Tomatoes, Sliced Cucumber, Red Onions, Grilled Garlic Chicken, Bacon Crumbles, 2 Breadsticks & choice of dressing.

### Asian Chicken Salad \$13.99

Fresh Salad Mix, Grilled Garlic Chicken, Pineapple Chunks, Slices of Mandarin Oranges, Cashew Pieces, Sunflower Seeds, Chow Mein Noodles, 2 Breadsticks & choice of dressing.

### Chef Salad \$14.99

Fresh Salad Mix, Sliced All-Natural Deli Ham and Turkey, Shredded Cheese Blend, Diced Tomatoes, Sliced Cucumbers, Red Onions,

Sliced Boiled Egg, 2 Breadsticks & choice of dressing.

### Spinach Salad \$11.99

Fresh Leafy Spinach, Bacon Crumbles, Sliced Boiled Egg, Shredded Cheese Blend, Red Onions, Sliced Mushrooms, 2 Breadsticks & choice of dressing.

### Spinach Salad W/ Chicken \$14.99

Italian Salad \$13.99  
 Fresh Salad Mix, Sliced Pepperoni, Canadian Bacon, Diced Tomatoes, Black Olives, Banana Peppers, Red Onions, Mozzarella Blend, Grated Parmesan Cheese, 2 Breadsticks & choice of dressing.

### Taco Salad \$14.99

Fresh Salad Mix, Seasoned Ground Taco Meat, Shredded Cheese Blend, Red Onions, Black Olives, Diced Tomatoes, Sour Cream & Salsa, Served with Tortilla Chips.  
**Extra Salsa or Sour Cream \$5.99**

## Salad Dressing Choices

Additional Dressings \$.59 ea.

House Sweet French	1000 Island
Neighborhood Creamy Italian	Bleu Cheese
Zesty Italian	Caesar
Ranch	Honey Mustard
Raspberry Vinaigrette	Low Fat Ranch

## Pastas

### Neighborhood Casserole \$12.99

Our version of Lasagna made with shells, Our Signature Meat Sauce, 8 different Cheeses, & 2 Garlic Breadsticks

### Pasta Supreme \$13.99

Spaghetti Noodles, Creamy Alfredo Sauce, Chopped Grilled Garlic Chicken, Bacon Crumbles, Sliced Mushrooms, Red Onions, Diced Tomatoes, Chopped Broccoli Florets, & 2 Garlic Breadsticks

### Pasta Alfredo \$7.99

Spaghetti Noodles with Alfredo Sauce, & 2 Garlic Breadsticks.  
 Pasta Alfredo W/ Broccoli \$8.49  
 Pasta Alfredo W/ Chicken \$9.99  
 Pasta Alfredo W/ Chicken & Broccoli \$10.49

### Spaghetti Marinara \$7.99

Spaghetti Noodles served with our Signature Marinara & 2 Garlic Breadsticks.  
 Spaghetti Marinara + Meatballs \$11.99  
 Spaghetti Marinara + Meat Sauce \$10.99

### 12 oz Bowl of Mac N Cheese \$9.99

## Sandwiches

### Build your own:

1. Choose your Sandwich Base:  
**Club** (Ham, Turkey, and Bacon) \$10.99  
**Chicken & Bacon** \$10.99  
**BBQ Chicken** \$10.99  
**Buffalo Chicken** \$10.99

### 2. Choose your bread or Wrap:

White Bread, Wheat Bread, Sourdough Bread, Hoagie Roll, or White Wrap, WheatWrap, Tomato Basil Wrap.

### 3. Choose your Cheese:

American, Swiss, Provolone, Pepper Jack, Shredded Cheddar/Jack, Grated Parmesan, Shredded Mozzarella.

### 4. Choose Your Toppings:

Lettuce, Diced Tomatoes, Onions, Cucumbers, Black Olives, Green Bell Peppers, Red Bell Peppers, Banana Peppers, Spinach, Jalapenos.

### 5. Choose Your Dressing:

Mayonnaise, Mustard, Miracle Whip, Creamy Italian, Zesty Italian, Oil & Vinegar, Spicy Mustard, Ranch, Honey Mustard, Sweet French, Pizza Sauce, Buffalo Sauce, BBQ Sauce.

### 6. Choose your Side Choice:

Bag of Chips, Sweet Pepper Slaw or Potato Salad

### Meatball Sub \$9.99

4 oz of Meatballs on a toasted Hoagie with Pizza Sauce, Mozzarella & Parmesan Cheeses served with your side choice.

### Italian Deli \$10.99

Ham and Pepperoni on a toasted Hoagie with Provolone Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Onions, Banana Peppers, and Black Olives, Creamy Italian Dressing served with your side choice.

### Classic BLT \$10.99

Bacon, Lettuce, Tomato. Just choose your Bread, Dressing, and Side Choice.

### Grilled Cheese \$6.99

Our Grilled Cheese is made with American and Shredded Cheddar/Jack on White Bread unless otherwise specified.

## Others

### Quesadilla \$12.99

12" Flour Tortilla stuffed with Shredded Cheese Blend and your choice of one meat and up to 3 other toppings from our pizza topping list and baked in the oven.

### Nachos \$12.99

Corn Tortilla Chips topped with Shredded Cheese Blend and your choice of one meat and up to 3 other toppings from our pizza topping list and baked in the oven.

### Boneless Chicken Tenders Buffalo \$10.49

### Boneless Chicken Tenders Original \$9.99

Along with a dipping sauce from our Dressing list.

### Toasted Raviolis \$8.99

Choose Cheese or Beef, served with Marinara for dipping.

## Calzones

### Neighborhood Calzone \$12.49

Our Signature Pizza Sauce mixed with Alfredo Sauce Base, Fresh Leafy Spinach, Chopped Garlic Chicken, Canadian Bacon, & Five Cheese Mozzarella Blend, wrapped in our small crust, baked to perfection, and buttered.

### BYO Calzone \$11.99

Our Signature Pizza Sauce, Five Cheese Mozzarella Blend, & your choice of up to 3 toppings from our Pizza Toppings list.

## Sides

### Bosco \$2.29

7" Breadstick stuffed with Mozzarella Cheese

### Three Garlic Breadsticks \$2.29

### Dozen Garlic Breadsticks \$7.29

### Garlic Crust Pie 8" \$9.99

### Garlic Crust Pie 12" \$14.99

### Potato Salad \$2.29

### Cottage Cheese \$2.29

### Bag of Chips \$1.49

### 4oz Garlic Butter Sauce \$2.29

### 4oz Pizza Sauce \$1.19

### Side Dressing \$.59

### Pint Sweet French \$4.99

## Kids Menu

This menu is for kids 12 years and under only

Kids Meals include a 12oz fountain beverage.

### Kids Cheese Pizza \$6.99

Add Toppings \$9.99 ea

### Kids Spaghetti Marinara \$6.99

Spaghetti Noodles served with our Signature Marinara & 1 Garlic Breadstick.

### Kids Mac n Cheese \$6.99

### Kids Grilled Cheese Served with Chips \$5.99

## Beverages

### Coca Cola Fountain Beverages \$2.59

### Fresh Brewed Iced Tea \$2.59

### Bottled Beverages starting @ \$2.99

### 2 Liter Bottles \$3.99

# Welcome



Greetings!

On behalf of the City of Springfield it is my honor and distinct pleasure to welcome you to our city. Springfield is situated in the heart of Ozark Mountain Country and is one of the fastest growing cities in the Midwest. It is a region blessed with much natural beauty, offering large lakes and beautiful streams with a wide variety of water recreation activities.

We are confident that your visit to Springfield will be rewarding. We urge you to take advantage of the many opportunities available, such as:

**Birthplace of Route 66.** Springfield is officially recognized as the birthplace of what became known as the iconic "Mother Road." It was on April 30, 1926 at Park Central Square where officials first proposed U.S. 66 as the name to St. Louis Street, through Park Central Square to Olive and College Streets, then headed west along what is now Chestnut Expressway. The Birthplace of Route 66 Roadside Park is located near the intersection of College Street and Fort Avenue. Stop in at the Route 66 Springfield Visitor Center at 815 E. St. Louis Street to learn about other Birthplace of Route 66 Festival, featuring a car and motorcycle show, parade, drive-in movie and concert, is a great event for any Route 66 enthusiast or lover of Americana.

**Jordan Valley Park,** features the Jordan Valley Ice Park, a multi-purpose facility featuring two NHL-size ice sheets and an adjacent 12-acre park with a fountain and water feature designed to evoke an Ozarks stream. In addition, the Springfield Cardinals, the Double A affiliate of the St. Louis Cardinals, play at nearby Hammons Field. A short walk on the new Jordan Creek Greenway or a drive on new Streetscapes links the Jordan Valley development to our traditional downtown area.

**Downtown.** Our downtown area features a variety of restaurants in all price and taste ranges, art galleries, the historic Landers Theatre, built in 1909 and renovated in its baroque Renaissance/Napoleon architecture and décor, and the renovated historic Gillioz Theater. Downtown and Jordan Valley also are close to several of the City's most popular venues, such as the hands-on Discovery Center, a children's science museum, the Walnut Street Historic District and the Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts at Missouri State University.

**Other attractions.** Springfield is home to many area attractions such as the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame, Wilson's Creek National Battlefield (Civil War), Dickerson Park Zoo, and nine public and private golf courses. You might also enjoy visiting our Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden, complete with a traditional tea hut. Springfield is the headquarters of Bass Pro Shops' Outdoor World, billed as the "World's Most Spectacular Sporting Goods Store," with its four-story waterfall, giant aquariums, nature center and taxidermy studio.

We are truly proud of our City and the many opportunities available to our visitors. On behalf of the City of Springfield, we welcome you and look forward to sharing with you the hospitality of the "Queen City of the Ozarks".

Sincerely,

Ken McClure  
Mayor, City of Springfield



## ABOUT SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

Springfield sits atop a plateau of the oldest mountain range in the country - the Ozark Mountains. Surrounded by rolling hills, the city offers the best in metropolitan and outdoor adventure, making it a perfect family destination. Springfield is rich with interesting and entertaining attractions, approximately 7,000 hotel rooms, more than 1,100 dining options and a variety of shopping and cultural activities.

**Population:** Springfield is the third-largest city in Missouri and the largest Springfield in the nation. The U.S. Census Bureau estimates the population within city limits is about 170,000. The estimated Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) is more than 440,000.

**Weather:** The average annual precipitation in Springfield is 43 inches including 20 inches of snow. The average low and high temperatures for each season are: Spring: 44-67o F; Summer: 65-88o F; Fall: 46-69o F; Winter: 24-45o F.

## Phone Booth

All numbers are area code 417-

### ATTRACTIONS

Allison Sports Town.....	530-1600
Dickerson Park Zoo.....	833-1570
Missouri Institute of	
Natural Science.....	883-0594
Sports Hall of Fame.....	889-3100
Springfield Art Museum.....	837-5700
Wild Animal Safari.....	232-0723

### ENTERTAINMENT

1984 Arcade.....	831-3665
417 Pedal Tours.....	350-8484
Gillioz Theatre.....	863-9491
Hour House.....	771-5702
Ozark Empire Fairgrounds.....	833-2660
Ozark Mountain Sports Complex.....	470-2255
Pythian Castle.....	865-1464
Rumors Cabaret.....	886-8284
Springfield Little Theatre.....	869-1334

### INFORMATION

Springfield Convention	
& Visitors Bureau.....	800-678-8767

### RESTAURANTS & MORE

417 Taphouse.....	942-0958
7th on Walnut.....	865-1775
Big Biscuit.....	360-1298
.....	360-1294
Café Cusco.....	868-8088
Cielito Lindo Mexican.....	886-7676
Colton's Steakhouse.....	823-9909
Discount Snacks.....	831-2305
Galley's Breakfast Café.....	866-5500
Habanero's Mexican	
Restaurant & Cantina.....	771-5766
.....	237-9335
Ichiban Buffet.....	866-2770
Jimmy's Egg.....	720-4436
.....	368-0125
Kai After Dark.....	832-0077
Korean Kitchen.....	890-1016
La Cabana Mexican Grill & Bar.....	507-1130
.....	485-2285
La Habana vieja.....	771-5723
Leong's Asian Diner.....	887-7500

Leslie's Mexican Supermarket.....	501-1017
Los Michoacano's Garcias.....	218-8549
.....	884-1266
Mexican Villa.....	887-1010
.....	883-1040
.....	869-4459
.....	866-7292
.....	831-6196
.....	582-0600
Mud Lounge.....	865-6964
Neighborhood Pizza Café.....	833-4411
Niji Sushi Bar & Grill.....	851-1707
Palm & Paddle Grille.....	605-7500
Pizza House.....	881-4073
Red Robin Gourmet Burgers & Brews.....	883-9363
Rerico Grill.....	881-8882
Rice & Dumpling Restaurant.....	771-5617
Schultz Pizza & Pub.....	885-0060
Shot Shack.....	425-1992
Spring Creek Tea Room.....	582-1331
Storming Crab Seafood.....	771-5882
Stusquatch Rockstar BBQ &	
Breakfast.....	788-6328
Sushi Village.....	890-1016

Tacos El Gordo.....	402-9307
.....	883-5305
Taj Mahal Indian.....	719-4573
Tapas 65 Restaurant & Bar.....	827-2777
That Lebanese Place.....	459-8894
The Vault Bar & Grill.....	421-1281
The Hill Italian Restaurant.....	920-8850
Van Gogh's Eeterie.....	344-0085
Village Inn.....	881-0774
.....	887-4774
.....	581-8815
.....	647-2200
West Side Sports Bar.....	351-8311
Where House Cocktail Bar &	
Beer Garden.....	597-4040
Ziggy's Restaurant.....	866-1377
.....	823-9972

### SHOPPING/SERVICES

Bricks & Minifigs.....	771-5255
Chabom Teas + Spices.....	719-4311
My Movers.....	882-6683
Patria's.....	881-8444
Spring Creek Antiques.....	581-5914



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We are very proud to be the destination of your trip. And, while you are visiting the home of "The Mother Road", historic Route 66, we are providing this informational magazine that we hope gives you some helpful suggestions of things to do, places to eat great food, and other insights or ideas to further enjoy your stay.

Whether you are here on business, a family visit, or just touring this part of the country, we hope your stay is comfortable, profitable, and worthwhile. On behalf of the thousands of Springfield area folks in the hospitality industry, we hope you find your stay here something special and that you will look forward to coming back.

Please contact this magazine, our friends at the Convention & Visitors Bureau, or the Springfield Hotel Lodging Association if you have any challenges or questions. We can't wait for you to come back.



Sharon Ladd, publisher

Welcome to the beautiful Ozarks, southwest Missouri, the Springfield area, and Welcome to Springfield magazine.



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## Moving to the "Queen City"

As the third largest city in the state, Springfield is a vibrant and vigorous regional center of activity for commerce, recreation, live entertainment and the arts in southwest Missouri.

It's little wonder, then, that this city of nearly 170,000 people boasts the nickname "Queen City of the Ozarks," a characterization found as early as 1876, in a December issue of the Springfield-Patriot Advertiser.

"Springfield sits quietly, peacefully, and prosperously on the summit of the Ozarks, as a royal diadem on the brow of a queen."

In a book titled "Seeing the Middle West," written in 1923, author John T. Paris observed, "Springfield, standing in all of the splendor of a queen amidst its spacious orchards of stately fruit trees, has been fittingly designated the Queen City."

Today, this city on historic Route 66 lives up to the name with a wealth of varied points of interest and activities for the enjoyment of our visitors from near and far. The city's several colleges give it a youthful feel, and are also a source of sports entertainment, led by Missouri State University, Drury University and Evangel University. The Great Southern Bank Arena on the Missouri State campus is not only the home of basketball action, but a place to see major music shows (Elton John, Carrie Underwood and The Eagles, among them) and other events, such as professional bull riding.

Not far away is the Juanita K Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts where you can see concerts, touring Broadway shows and other acts. (Bob Dylan, the late George Carlin

and Bonne Raitt have been on the stage there.)

Prominent venues in the downtown area are the historic Shrine Mosque (Dylan and Willie Nelson have performed there), and the historic Gillioz Theater (John Prine, Lyle Lovett and John Hiatt have played there.)

Other performing arts in the downtown area are based in the Landers Theatre. The Springfield Regional Opera House, the Springfield Symphony Orchestra and Springfield Ballet, also grace the city's performing arts choices.

Speaking of downtown, it is the hub of nightlife with its many restaurants, music clubs, comedy clubs and a movie theatre complex. You'll find the place abuzz on weekend nights, and many nights in between. And in the daytime you can find some unique retail shops and merchandise that might pique your interest. ■

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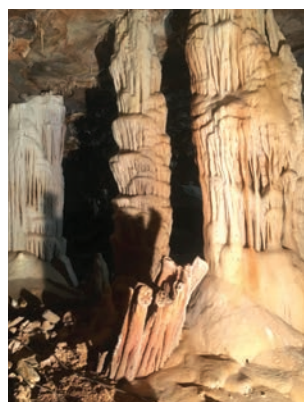


# Exploring the Wonders of Nature:

## The Missouri Institute of Natural Science in Springfield, MO

Nestled in the heart of Springfield, Missouri, the Missouri Institute of Natural Science (MINS) stands as a beacon for nature enthusiasts and curious minds alike. This hidden gem is a testament to the region's rich biodiversity and commitment to scientific education.

Founded in 2001, MINS has grown to become a prominent institution dedicated to the exploration, preservation, and dissemination of knowledge about the natural world. The institute houses an extensive collection of fossils, minerals, and artifacts that span millions of years, providing visitors with a captivating journey through Earth's evolutionary history.



One of the institute's main attractions is the Hall of Ancient Life, a mesmerizing exhibit that transports visitors back in time. Filled with carefully curated fossils, this hall showcases the diverse flora and fauna that once roamed the region.

Come see artifacts from the oldest fossil cave in North America and Henry, the world's largest triceratops, 66 million years old. From the towering skeletons of dinosaurs to the intricate details of ancient plant life, the exhibit offers a comprehensive look at Missouri's prehistoric past.

MINS is not just a repository of fossils; it actively engages the community through educational programs and outreach. The institute hosts interactive workshops and educational events for visitors of all ages. These initiatives aim to foster a deeper appreciation for the natural world and inspire the next generation of scientists.

For those with a passion for paleontology, MINS provides a unique opportunity to participate in fossil digs. Under the guidance of experienced researchers, participants can unearth fossils and contribute to ongoing scientific discoveries. This hands-on experience allows individuals to connect with the Earth's history in a tangible and meaningful way.



In addition to its educational mission, MINS is committed to conservation efforts and environmental stewardship. The institute collaborates with local organizations and researchers to study and protect the region's ecosystems. By promoting awareness and understanding of the delicate balance of nature, MINS strives to instill a sense of responsibility for the environment in its visitors.

The Missouri Institute of Natural Science is not just a museum; it's a living testament to the wonders of our planet's past and a gateway to a deeper understanding of the natural world. Whether you're a seasoned naturalist, a student eager to learn, or a family looking for an educational adventure, MINS offers a captivating experience that leaves a lasting impression on all who enter its doors. Step inside and embark on a journey through time, where the mysteries of nature unfold before your eyes. Join us for a tour of the museum and a fossil collection hike. [www.monatsci.org](http://www.monatsci.org) 417-883-0594 We are located at 2327 W. Farm Rd 190 Contact us for planning birthday parties and field trips! ■



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# Go for a run while visiting Springfield

by Forest Swisher



As the weather begins to cool and fall arrives in the Ozarks, it is the perfect time to enjoy some of the many scenic and enjoyable running trails here in town. Springfield boasts over 100 miles of trail maintained and operated by Ozark Greenways, a non-profit organization dedicated to building community through connectivity since 1991. Whether you are a seasoned runner, new to the hobby, or just looking for a fun day of light exercise, Springfield and the surrounding area have you covered.

In the Downtown area, Jordan Creek offers an easy path through not one but three parks. Beginning at beautiful Jordan Valley Park, which features artwork that is a part of Sculpture Walk and daily fountains, the trail runs north to historic Silver Springs Park, home of the cultural landmark Timmons Hall, before ending at Smith Park in Midtown.

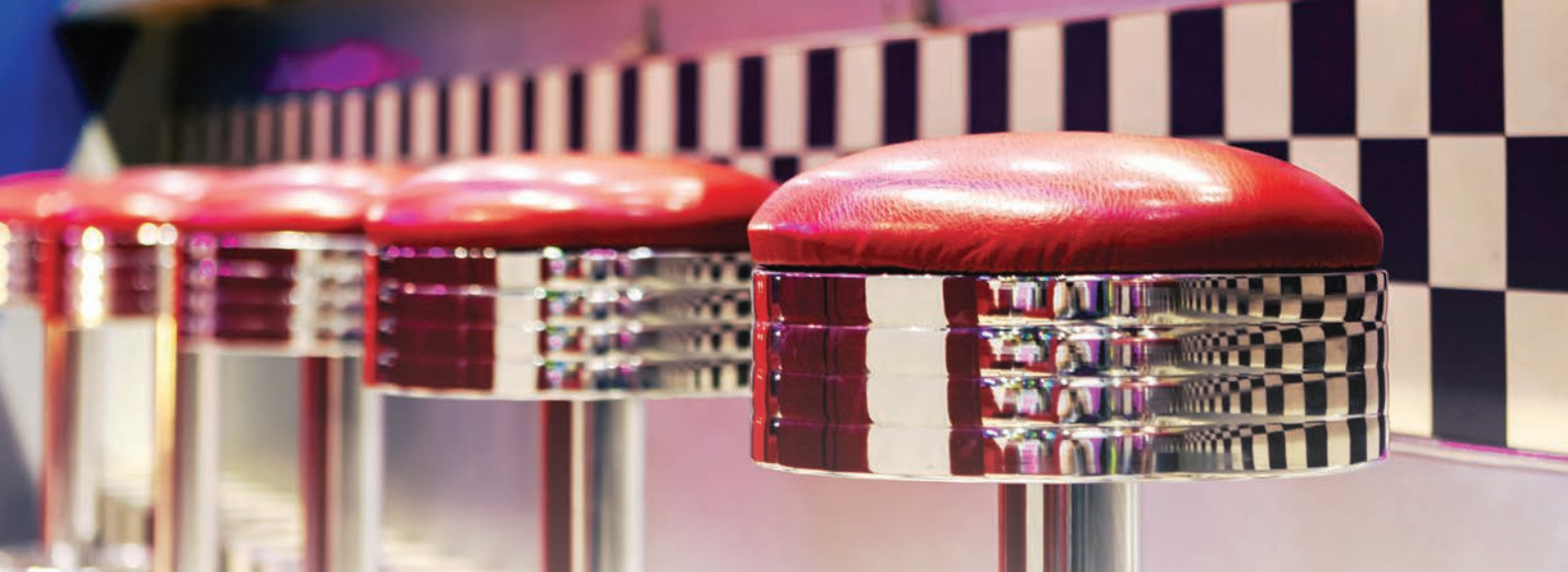
If you are looking for a longer run, check out Galloway Creek in southeast Springfield. This scenic route takes you through some of the most beautiful spots in town, running through Sequiota Park and past the popular Pet Cemetery, many

sculptures, and the many charming restaurants and shops of Galloway Village. The trail, which was the first in Missouri to be designated a National Recreation Trail by the National Park Service in 2003, also connects to the more rugged Nature Center trails and James River Water Trail, an ideal spot for canoeing, kayaking, and fishing.



Runners and bikers alike also enjoy the 35-mile Frisco Highline Trail, which connects Springfield and Bolivar. Built on the old Frisco railroad line, the wheels of locomotives have been replaced by bicycle wheels along this historic path. Kiosks tell the story of two bank robbers escaping along the railroad in 1908 six miles in, where you can also find delis, pizzerias, and cafes to relax. Continue on, and runners will enjoy more historic spots, gorgeous meadows, and unique bridges with stunning views. Frisco Highline is perfect for training for long runs or simple, relaxing strolls. ■





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# Cheers to 50+ Years!

by Meredith Tatum

Springfield has a rich history in food culture and in this issue, we'd like to celebrate the restaurants that have been in business 50+ years and tell part of their stories!

Gailey's opened in 1942 when married couple Joe and Beulah Gailey created a fountain drugstore close to Route 66 in downtown Springfield. Joe ran the pharmacy and Beulah cooked burgers and served chili and shakes. Gailey's still inhabits the original drugstore and diner.

Mexican Villa began in a BBQ restaurant that Garin and Betty Ferguson bought in 1951. Garin, an army pilot, fell in love with tex-mex food while training with the army in San Antonio. The BBQ restaurant was later leased to a restaurant called "Italian Villa." When the owner retired, the Ferguson's replaced "Italian" with "Mexican" on the storefront and "Mexican Villa" was born.

In 1958, Dorothy and Pat began Pizza House. Their menu was simply pizza, salad and drinks. The dough and sauce are made fresh every day and the cheese is ground fresh daily. Pizza House moved to Commercial Street 13 years ago but otherwise remains the same.

In 1963 David Leong opened Leong's Tea House, a 350-seat white-tablecloth restaurant. Leong created "Springfield-style cashew chicken," something that hundreds of Chinese restaurants in town have tried to duplicate.

Springfield's original Village Inn locations opened in 1965 and are still operated by the Greene family. Brothers Bob and Bill Greene run the front of house and the kitchen respectively and are a large part of the charity fundraising community in town.

*Cheers to 50+ years!* ■



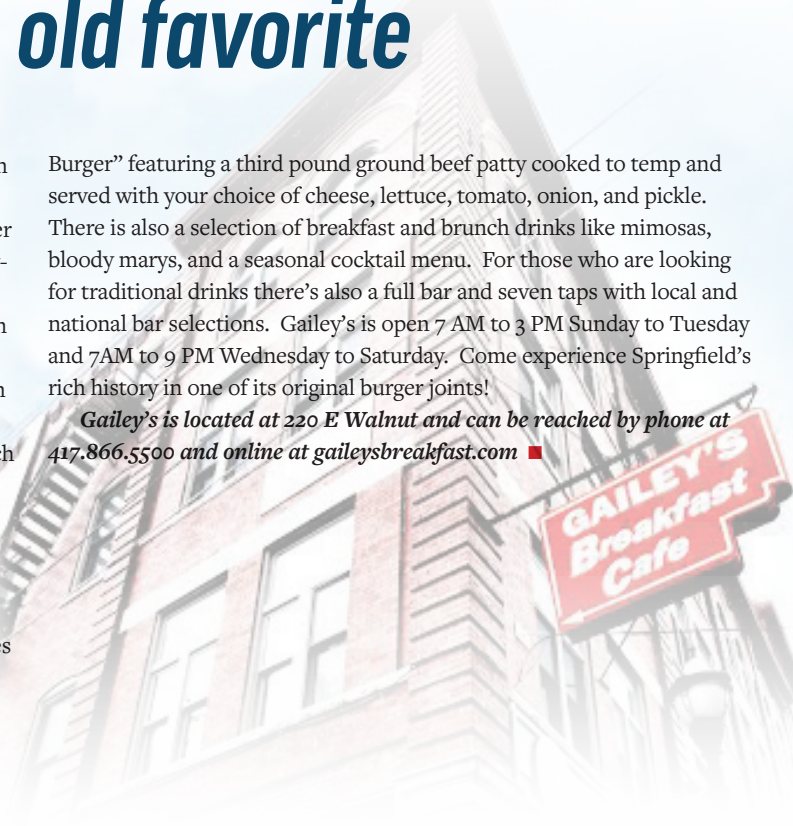
# Visit Gailey's Breakfast Cafe for a new twist on an old favorite

by Meredith Tatum

It all started with love at a fountain drugstore, Joe and Beulah Gailey met and fell in love in one of America's beautiful past-time establishments where patrons could get their medicine and other household items while also stopping to eat lunch or dinner. After marrying, Joe and Beulah Gailey decided they would open their own fountain drugstore in downtown Springfield in 1942, close to Route 66. Joe was in charge of the pharmacy and Beulah would fix burgers, chili, and milkshakes. Now, long after those fountain store days, the tradition has been kept alive- and expanded. Gailey's currently inhabits its original corner location and also the next two spaces over, one being Hotel Seville, which sat beside the original Gailey's. There are a few modern updates, but the history all stands the way it used to. The original diner stools as well as Beulah's original burger flipping "station" remain right where they were. Additions have been added to the expansive menu over the years including a large selection of omelets, breakfast dishes, skillet, burgers, and even a large bar menu. Order the famous "Downtowner" that comes with two eggs any style, with choice of potato, pork, and toast. The "El Jefe" skillet is also another go-to for many locals featuring two eggs any style on a bed of home fry potatoes and stacked with chorizo, jalapenos, tomato, onion, avocado, cilantro, and queso. Or enjoy the "Drugstore

Burger" featuring a third pound ground beef patty cooked to temp and served with your choice of cheese, lettuce, tomato, onion, and pickle. There is also a selection of breakfast and brunch drinks like mimosas, bloody marys, and a seasonal cocktail menu. For those who are looking for traditional drinks there's also a full bar and seven taps with local and national bar selections. Gailey's is open 7 AM to 3 PM Sunday to Tuesday and 7AM to 9 PM Wednesday to Saturday. Come experience Springfield's rich history in one of its original burger joints!

Gailey's is located at 220 E Walnut and can be reached by phone at 417.866.5500 and online at [gaileysbreakfast.com](http://gaileysbreakfast.com) ■



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# Mexican Villa Restaurants— a Springfield original

by Garin Ferguson

In 1943, our country was at war and millions of young men left home to “join up”. Garin Hargrave Ferguson left Springfield, his girl-Betty Hall, and a job at Heer’s Department Store to join the Army Air Corp. First stop was Aloe Field in Victoria, Texas. Missing Betty, he sent a telegram proposing marriage. She said yes and they married on his first leave home.

While flying P-40’s, B-24’s and B-29’s at Randolph Field in San Antonio, Garin fell in love again... with Tex-Mex food. This passion for Mexican food would follow him home to the Ozarks.

After the war, the Fergusons returned to Springfield. Garin started Ferguson Crop Dusting Service, dusting and seeding from here to Tunica, Mississippi. His career would span 17 years, 11 pilots, 9 Stearman biplanes and one run-in with a power line!

Garin and Betty bought the Pig-N-Bun in 1951, a longtime barbeque restaurant at National & Bennett. There, Garin gave Springfield its first taste of Mexican food! Working from Texas memories and with the help of his good friend Mike, the same recipes that you enjoy today, made their debut.

In the late 50’s, the Fergusons moved to Glenstone (across from the Cat & Fiddle) to open “Old Mexico”, the city’s first carry-out restaurant. They leased the Pig-N-Bun to Tommy Lafino for his Italian Villa. Betty worked in the restaurant while Garin cropdusted. He would “buzz” the restaurant on his way to the Downtown Airport, so she would know to go pick him up.

When Tommy Lafino retired, the Fergusons moved back to National, replaced Italian with Mexican on the neon sign and

Mexican Villa was born. The El Taco on Kearney opened in the early 60’s followed by the Villa East, Comida, Villa West, Villa South and El Taco in Ozark.

Mexican Villa is proud to grow with the Ozarks - sharing your special moments, watching your families grow. Many of you stopped in to work and some of you stayed. We could not have done it without all of you. As our story goes on, (three generations now), we look forward to serving you the Mexican food you grew up with.

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## Leong's Asian Diner, home of the original Springfield style cashew chicken

by Meredith Tatum

Springfield may not make it into the headlines often, but it is famous for one thing both nationally and globally: Cashew Chicken—Springfield style.

At Leong's Asian Diner, on West Republic, the legacy continues as Springfield's original cashew chicken is served daily, and the tradition lives on.

Most Springfieldians embrace the Leong story as a Springfield classic, heralding it as one of those "American dream" tales we all love.

In 1940 David Leong, who passed away in July 2020 at the age of 99, emigrated from Guangdong, China. He served in World War II, and afterwards cooked his way through Philadelphia, New Orleans, Pensacola, and finally made one last move to Springfield, where, little did he know, he'd strike gold. Leong worked the kitchen at a couple of different supper clubs after arriving in Springfield. One of them, The Grove, was where Leong started serving Chinese-inspired dishes, and began to experiment with the dish that would become cashew chicken.

Deciding to open his own restaurant was the next step, and in 1963 Leong's Tea House was born. The 350-seat white tablecloth restaurant, did exceedingly well, serving cashew chicken and Leong's famous egg rolls. With the success of the Tea House, other restaurants followed suit, trying to hold their own while the taste took off around the city for Leong's creation.

The Tea House was more than a 30-year success. It ensured that cashew chicken became a staple in Springfield cuisine. Cashew chicken is a mix of here and there,

of two cultures. At its base is the American Midwestern and Southern affinity for fried chicken, but infused with Chinese flavors. The chicken is served on a bed of fried rice with Chinese oyster sauce and cashews.

Today there are more than 70 Chinese restaurants in a town of 157,000, serving cashew chicken. It's the norm; it's a staple; and one Leong is at it again.

From 1997 to 2010, Springfield went without a Leong-owned restaurant. Locals missed their original Chinese restaurateurs. In 2010, Leong's Asian Diner opened its doors, and since then, the restaurant has experienced great success!

The "diner" stars Leong's son, Chef Wing Yee, and features lunch, dinner, and take-out menus offering the regulars: cashew chicken, along with its variants; sweet and sour chicken, and general chicken. There are other Chinese dishes as well, but the menu also has other items to please the masses, including: Caesar salad, Angus beef and Swiss sandwiches, fries, mac and cheese, and even pizza for the kids. A full service bar is available, with a four-page wine and beer list, including seven different kinds of sake. All the offerings any great restaurant could need, making business boom—Leong style.

Leong's Asian Diner is located at 1540 W. Republic Street and is open from 11 am-8:30 pm Mon- Thurs, 11 am-9:30 pm Fri-Sat and 11 am-5:00 pm Sunday. To check on other events at Leong's Asian Diner, visit their website at [leongsasiandiner.com](http://leongsasiandiner.com), or call 887-7500.

Make sure to complete your Springfield experience with tradition, at Leong's Asian Diner. ■



# Welcome to Village Inn Family Restaurant with classic favorites

by Bob Greene

It was the year 1965 when Jack and Jane Greene opened the first Springfield Village Inn. Son Bob at 16 years old worked full time with his family, later to be joined by his future wife Susan. A few years later younger brother Bill started at the ripe age of just 14, and in following his brothers' footsteps his wife had also later joined the family. The first few years were extremely hard with long hours of work and such, however the family along with a very dedicated staff made it a phenomenal successful family restaurant. Today the iconic restaurants are owned and operated by the 3rd generation of the Greene family, Chip and Billy. With their dedication and perseverance, the restaurants are still holding strong today. Our food is prepared and served to order, made from several long-standing scratch recipes. Throughout several years we have won several National as well as local awards for our iconic food, coffee, and pies. We have also won many awards for our exceptionally dedicated service. If you live in the area or are just visiting the Ozarks, please stop in to enjoy a meal at one of the Midwest Famous Family Restaurants, Village Inn. For 56 wonderous years we are still as strong as ever and will continue our iconic presence in the Ozarks. We have three locations to serve you, two in Springfield and one in Republic. So if you are ready for the best breakfast in the Ozarks, so are we - all day every day. At Village Inn we serve and stand by our Best Pie in

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# Enjoy great food and historic decor at Springfield's Pizza House

by Meredith Tatum

The story of Pizza House begins as one of empowerment—two women created and ran their business for decades and now another woman owns and operates the business. There have been trials, but all pushing toward the greater good of where they are now; still a constant pillar of the community and a place that many call home.

In 1958, Dorothy and Pat began a simple little pizza joint in a shopping center at Bennett and Glenstone.

Their menu was straight forward; pizza, salad and drinks—something that has remained to this day. In the early 80s, the now-owner, Stacey, used to come in with her parents and decided she would work at the Pizza House part time while in high school. She continued working with the two original owners much past high school, always keeping a connection to the restaurant even after taking a more than a decade-long job with Kinkos. After a while Stacey decided to move on from Kinkos and fell back on her kind of “second home” at the Pizza House. It became her full-time job and she began taking on a managerial role. In 2004 Tanya, a friend that Stacey met at Kinkos, came on in an administrative role, and the two women lead the team, much like how the business began.

In 2008, an angry tenant that owned the space next to the Pizza House in the shopping center bought the lease out from under them and got them evicted. The news flew across town and patrons—some of which had been coming to the restaurant for 50 years—held a rally. Stacey found a new location on Commercial Street and now looks back on the memory with

the resolute statement that “it truly was a blessing in disguise.”

“I wouldn’t change a thing if I could go back in time because we wouldn’t be where we are now, and we’re doing better than ever.” The business has grown three times since it’s move to Commercial Street. The staff grew from four people to 21 people. The move also marked the moment when Stacey took over as the official “owner” and she continued

to take care of Dorothy until her passing a few years later.

The menu has remained “basic” with pizza, salads and drinks and every pizza made to order. The dough is made fresh every day, as well as the sauce and the cheese is ground fresh for the pizzas every day as well. Four years ago, beer and wine were added as drink options, with local beers being the star of the show.

“The thing is, our customers are like family. Some of them started coming in as kids like I did, and they’re still coming in,” said

Stacey. “Some of them come through once or twice a year on their annual vacations and make sure they stop every time. This really is a place that people can come home to.”

Come check out the magic of the Pizza House for yourself today.

The Pizza House is open Tuesday through Thursday, 11am to 9pm, and Friday and Saturday, 11am to 10pm. Closed Sunday and Monday.

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# Experience a taste of Europe at Van Gogh's Eeterie

by Meredith Tatum

Artistic and modern yet cozy, Van Gogh's Eeterie is the Dutch-inspired brainchild of Joe and Claire Gidman, co-owners of the much-applauded Cafe Cusco. Gidman is tackling another of his favorite regions, this time one that's in Europe instead of South America.

"There were three exchange students from Rotterdam at my university and we became very good friends," said Gidman, "and then I actually went to their university in Holland and studied for a year."

Gidman explained that Rotterdam, a city of South Holland, is a very modern, contemporary and international, and this is what the decor in Van Gogh's is reflective of. This contemporary style is airy, light, happy; and so is the food!

"One of the things that I loved about being in the Netherlands was of course the Dutch pancake. It's very, very different from an American pancake," said Gidman. "I really loved more of the savory options and they were kind of taken aback by these fluffy, sweet breakfast things that we have. In Holland, the pancake is something that you would eat for lunch or dinner."

Lucky for us, Van Gogh has an extensive Dutch pancake list, available all day. The savory menu includes options like "Sunflowers" made with scrambled eggs, sunflower pesto, bacon, skillet chips and cheese, and the "Rotterdam" made with shwarma beef, lettuce, tomato, cucumber, creamy garlic dill and curry ketchup. On the sweet side are options like the "Pirates of the Caribbean," made with brandy-fired raisins, banana, cinnamon and caramel.

Breakfast options include the "Brexit," a traditional English breakfast, complete with all of the components: eggs, bacon, ham, smoked sausage, skillet chips, fried tomato, sauteed mushroom, baked beans and toast. They also serve a "Breakfast Board" that includes: assorted fruits, cheese, ham, Greek yogurt with blueberry compote, bread, and orange juice.

Lunch items include appetizers like "Dutch Fries - Pataje," which are crispy, gold potatoes served with pickled onions, frites sauce, curry ketchup and peanut sauce, "Edam Brandy and Cheese Dip Kaasdoop," which is a blend of cheeses melted with heavy cream and brandy, served with bread and vegetables.

Dinner entree options include delicious treats like "Braised Beef Hutspot," a traditional Dutch dish of slow cooked tender roast beef over potatoes mashed with carrot, garlic, onion, covered in a brandy and brown sugar gravy with side of sautéed asparagus, and "Vincent's Ear," made with Cavatappi Cellentani pasta, broccoli, smoked sausage, tossed in lemon garlic and anchovy sauce tossed in a lemon and dill béchamel.

The drink menu includes the first kombucha bar in a restaurant in Springfield and is accompanied by optional flavorful syrups that can be added to make your kombucha really "pop." A selection of European wines are available, as well as Dutch & Belgian beers. Plus many local breweries are represented including; KC Bier Co., Logboat Brewing Co., & 4x4 Brewing Co.

Van Gogh's Eeterie is open Mon-Fri, 9am-8pm, Sat 8am-8pm; and Sunday from 8am-2pm. The restaurant can be reached online at [www.vangoghseeterie.com](http://www.vangoghseeterie.com), by phone at 417.344.0085 and is located at 334 E Commercial St. ■



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# Enjoy exotic cuisine at Cafe Cusco

by Meredith Tatum

“We never said goodbye, we always said, ‘One day, Cafe Cusco.’” Joe Gidman sat relaxed in his chair but an eagerness couldn’t help but come out, “it was a running joke, but here we are.” The atmosphere is warm, teeming with oranges, yellows, and reds. Soft colored woods tie it together, with little alcoves that house dining tables every other spot. There are pops of freshness with pearl-like shell strings, white feather ceiling lamps, and a blue door hung straight on the wall. Tapestries with South American influence bring the last touch, pulling it all back around to the origin; the start of it all.



Cafe Cusco, a Peruvian restaurant in Springfield, is run by someone who is undeniably qualified. After traveling through 30 countries, owner Joe finally settled on a cuisine that was worth the trouble and dedication it takes to start a restaurant. “My best friend in college was from Lima, Peru. He had a picture of Machu Picchu in his dorm, and I always said ‘One day, we’re gonna go

there.” And just a few months after graduating, they did. “I just ate, traveled, drank and danced,” Gidman says, laughing.

Coming back to the Ozarks after his travels, Gidman went into restaurant management in the Branson area for a few years. But the idea of a cafe was never far away, and a little research led to the push over of the first domino. “I was consulting for another restaurant here in town, and I was reading what the food trends would be for the year. Everything kept saying that high-end Latin food was on the rise, with Peruvian food being the fastest growing.” Gidman says smiling, “I thought, hmm, maybe it’s time for Cafe Cusco.”

Over ten years in business later, and the restaurant has consistently been a finalist in 417’s Best, with dotting mentioned on the fish tacos. “It’s all fresh,” Gidman says of his ingredients, “we don’t fry the fish, we use our ceviche.” Ceviche is one of the traditional dishes of South America and was used as a way to preserve fish using fruit juices. The citric acid in the juice cooks the fish in a way, without taking away its natural taste.

Gidman also made sure to cater to those who are vegetarian and vegan. “I was actually a vegetarian for eight years,” Gidman says. Dishes like these include the Andean Tamal, Sweet Potato Noodle Stir fry and the Jackfruit Jungle Bowl! Along with this many dishes are also gluten free to cater to those who struggle with allergies.



As for alcoholic beverages, Gidman made sure to bring in national favorites like the pisco sour, Peru’s national drink, and the caipir-

inha, Brazil’s national drink. The pisco sour tastes a lot like a margarita, but with an interesting twist, cinnamon and egg white are added. Alongside those drinks are the fan favorite Sangria and the Cubano which features a unique cinnamon coated rim. Cafe Cusco also has an extensive exotic wine collection, but never forgetting to keep it local the restaurant features beer from Springfield Brew Co..

Gidman admits that they’re not alone in the building. He believes that three ghosts inhabit the upstairs and downstairs and he’s got stories to prove it. But it’s a peaceful existence Gidman says. “We know they’re there and they know we’re here. We get along.”

They probably don’t mind the great smelling food either! Cafe Cusco is open Tues-Sat, 11am-9pm and Sunday 11am-8pm; plus a happy hour Mon-Fri from 3pm-9pm. The restaurant can be reached online at [www.cafecusco.com](http://www.cafecusco.com), by phone at 417.868.8088 and is located at 234 E Commercial St. ■



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**234 E. Commercial, (417) 868-8088** | After hiking the Inca Trails with his best friend from Lima, Chef Joe Gidman decided to bring Peruvian cuisine to Springfield. Inside one of the city's oldest buildings on Historic Commercial Street, Café Cusco is a delight to the eyes and taste buds. Offering a wide variety including many gluten free, vegan/vegetarian options, Cusco has been heralded a "Gem of Springfield" and a favorite among locals. \$\$ Lunch/ Dinner, family friendly, and full service bar. Enjoy our happy hour, Sun-Thur 3-5:30pm and Friday & Sat in our lounge from 8-10pm. Buen Provecho! Discover Peru! [www.cafecusco.com](http://www.cafecusco.com). [See ad on page 15.](#)



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**220 E Walnut St, (417) 866-5500** | Gailey's Breakfast Café is a quaint diner full of history in downtown Springfield just south of the square. A favorite among locals and tourists alike, Gailey's has been serving patrons since original owners Joe and Buelah opened the corner fountain drugstore in 1942. Today Gailey's is known for their #1 Breakfast but also offers a wide variety of dinner options, as well as a full bar with drafts and a great selection of cocktails. Open 7 days a week with late hours Wed-Sat until 10pm and live music on weekends. [See ad on page 8.](#)



**4406 S. Campbell Ave, Springfield, (417) 771-5766 | 4221 S. Wilson Creek Rd., Republic, (417) 647-6099 and 100 Lincoln St, Carthage, (417) 237-9335** | From sizzling fajitas to mouthwatering tacos, our Mexican culinary creations are here to make your day exceptional. They offer a full bar, and daily specials. This amazing Authentic Mexican Restaurant started in Carthage, MO in 2014 with a second location right here in the "Queen City of the Ozarks". Get ready to experience the irresistible allure of Habaneros! Springfield & Republic location hours are Sun - Thurs 11AM - 9:30PM, Fri and Sat 11AM - 10:30PM, Carthage location hours are Sun - Wed 11AM - 9 PM and Thurs, Fri, Sat 11AM - 10PM [habanerosmexicanrestaurant.com](http://habanerosmexicanrestaurant.com). [See ad on page 25.](#)



**625 N. Glenstone, (417) 866-2770** | Ichiban ALL YOU CAN EAT Buffet features over 100 different items daily like fresh sushi, fried chicken, hibachi grill items and more. Springfield cashew chicken, sizzling and stir fried dishes in addition to appetizers like egg rolls, crab rangoon, chicken wings and bar-b-que spareribs. At Ichiban Buffet you can order on-line for pickup. Sun-Thurs 11am-9pm; Fri-Sat 11am-10pm. [See ad on page 21.](#)



**3315 E. Battlefield Road | 3837 S. Campbell Avenue | 1611 S. Range Line Road, Joplin, MO** | Jimmy's Egg is your local breakfast spot where family and friends gather to enjoy a delicious meal. Our menu offers a variety of classic and unique breakfast and lunch dishes with so many choices there is something for everyone to love. Stop in and enjoy a fresh, made-to-order dish served just the way you like with a hot cup of coffee or a delicious mimosa or blood mary. We are open 6 am - 2 pm daily, serving breakfast and lunch all day at three locations in the Ozarks. Come see us! [See ad on page 23.](#)







**306 S. Campbell Ave, (417) 832-0077** | Kai After Dark in Springfield offers an exquisite dining experience, blending the best of Japanese cuisine with Korean influences. This stylish restaurant features a tantalizing menu, including Korean-style BBQ short ribs, pan-seared organic Japanese vegetable dumplings, and spicy seafood soup brimming with shrimp, muscles, and squid. Guests can savor the delicate flavors of Hamachi sashimi, indulge in crispy Kai calamari, or treat themselves to luxurious lobster spring rolls. Kai After Dark is the perfect destination for those seeking a unique and flavorful culinary adventure. Two private meeting rooms available. Lunch Mon-Sat 11am-2pm, dinner Mon-Thurs 5-11pm, dinner Fri-Sat 5-11:30pm, closed on Sunday. *See ad on page 46.*



**1440 W. Republic Rd, (417) 890-1016** | Experience the fusion of flavors at Korean Kitchen, where we proudly serve an authentic menu featuring the best of Japanese, Korean, and Chinese delicacies. Located in Springfield, our restaurant offers a culinary adventure like no other. Indulge in the tantalizing tastes of traditional Korean dishes alongside Japanese favorites and Chinese specialties. From sizzling bulgogi to savory sushi rolls and flavorful stir-fries, our diverse menu caters to every palate. At Korean Kitchen, we're committed to delivering a memorable dining experience that celebrates the rich tapestry of Asian cuisine. See ad for lunch & dinner hours. *See ad on page 28.*



**LA CABAÑA MEXICAN GRILL & BAR**

**631 S. Kimbrough Ave, (417) 507-1130 | 1100 Lynn St, Lebanon (417) 485-2285** | La Cabana Mexican Grill & Bar 631 S. Kimbrough Ave Spfld 417-507-1130 and 1100 Lynn St in Lebanon 417-485-2285 is your go-to spot for authentic Mexican flavors with convenient options for lunch, dinner, carry-out, and delivery. Enjoy a full bar featuring margaritas, wine, and beer, alongside a delicious menu of pork, beef, shrimp, and chicken dishes. With two locations to serve you, La Cabana combines great taste with excellent service. Spfld Hours Mon-Thurs 11am to 9pm, Fri-Sat 11am to 10pm and Sun 11am to 8:30 pm / Lebanon Hours Mon-Thurs 11am to 9pm, Fri-Sat 11am to 10pm and Sun 11am to 8pm *See ad on page 42.*



**220 E Commercial St, (417) 771-5723** | La Habana Vieja is a Cuban restaurant, Latin cuisine has just found it's new home in the downtown Missouri area. This cozy establishment highlights our passion for market-fresh ingredients, honest cooking, and an enjoyable atmosphere. Our menu features a selection of dishes, all made in-house by our team of talented chefs. With some of the most delicious combinations of ingredients, there is something for everyone to enjoy. Loved by locals and traveling foodies alike, now is the perfect time for you to join us today at La Habana Vieja. ! La Habana Vieja is open Tuesday through Saturday, lunch 11am to 1:30pm and dinner 5pm to 9pm. Closed Sunday and Monday. *See ad on page 14.*



**1540 W Republic Rd, (417) 887-7500** | Welcome to Leong's Asian Diner, the place where east meets west! Our mission is to offer favorites from the original Leong's Tea House alongside new interpretations of hearty dishes from traditional continental cuisine. Area natives love Springfield-style cashew chicken and have long recognized Mr. David Leong as the originator. By the 1970s, the Leong family's famous dish had become such a part of the Springfield culinary scene that there were literally hundreds of Chinese restaurants serving their version of cashew chicken, and many still do today. *See ad on page 10.*



**218 S. Glenstone Ave, (417) 501-1017** | Leslie's Mexican Supermarket in Springfield offers a vast selection of authentic Mexican groceries. Discover fresh produce, including fruits and vegetables, alongside a Butcher Shop with high-quality beef, pork, and chicken. Enjoy homemade tortillas and delectable desserts from their Mexican Bakery that bring the flavors of Mexico to your table. With its wide variety of products and friendly service, Leslie's Mexican Supermarket is your one-stop destination for all your Mexican culinary needs. Experience the best of Mexican cuisine right in Springfield. Open Mon-Sun 9am - 9pm *See ad on page 30.*



**1779 S. Glenstone, (417) 218-8549 and 1402 W. Sunshine St, (417) 884-1266** | Real authentic Mexican food. Everyone says they're authentic, but do they make their own hand made, homemade corn tortillas? We do! You can't have Mexican food without trying our margaritas or our micheladas. We have daily specials so don't wait to try real authentic food, and come feel like part of the family here with us! West Sunshine location is open Mon, Tues and Thurs 11am-9pm, closed Wed, open Fri & Sat 11am-10pm and Sun 10am-8pm. The Glenstone location is open Mon, Tues, Wed and Thurs 11am-9pm, open Fri & Sat 11am-10pm and Sun 11am-8pm. *See ad on page 26.*



**2755 S Campbell, (417) 883-1040 | 1337 E Sunshine, (417) 887-1010 | 1408 S National, (417) 869-4459 | 1100 W Sunshine, (417) 866-7292 | 434 Glenstone Ave, (417) 831-6196 | 1595 W Jackson St, Ozark, MO, (417) 582-0600** | We've built our reputation on consistently serving you the best - in taste and quality. We believe in using only the finest and freshest quality ingredients for our recipes because we believe you deserve no less than the best! As we mark 68 years in service to Springfield and the Ozarks, we would like to express our appreciation to our many loyal friends, customers and employees. We're a family business and the most important part of this family has always been you. We dedicate this milestone to the people of the Ozarks. *See ad on page 9.*



**3550 N Glenstone Ave Ste L, (417) 833-4411** | Neighborhood Pizza Café (NPC) was established in 2004 and has gained popularity throughout the community for its tradition of serving fresh hot pizza loaded with toppings. Here you do not have to ask for extra cheese, there is plenty on our pizzas already. Our town has a Pizza & Pasta Bowl every year in which all the pizza places in town can compete. We have won various categories each time we entered including people's choice ten times. That makes us 100% winners. 10 times entered; 10 times won. We also serve a variety of other things including salads, pastas, & sandwiches. Neighborhood-PizzaCafeMO.com. *See ad on page 2.*



**3938 S Lone Pine Ave Suite 100-B, (417) 851-1707** | Offering an ample variety of fresh authentic Japanese cuisine, which includes hibachi meals, ramen bowls, sushi rolls, sashimi and much more. Niji Sushi Bar & Grill is located in the ever-so-comfy neighborhood of Galloway where you'll find scores of people walking, running, and biking on scenic trails. The best way to describe how you feel as you enter is deeply comfortable and in the lap of luxury. The outdoor patio is an oasis and a perfect atmosphere to escape, enjoy the fresh air and unwind. Mon-Thurs 11am to 9pm, Fri and Sat 11am to 9:30pm. nijisushigrill.com. *See ad on page 30.*





**2515 S. Campbell Ave., Suite 400 (417) 605-7500** | Located just south of Bass Pro Shops, Palm & Paddle Grille invites you to experience the vibrant flavors of the Caribbean, transporting guests straight to the islands. With a lively ambiance and a menu brimming with fresh, flavorful dishes, diners can indulge in signature tropical cocktails and refreshing mocktails, all complemented by friendly service. This delightful escape is perfect for families, special occasions, or casual lunch meetings, making it a must-visit destination for anyone craving a taste of island paradise. [See ad on page 29.](#)



**312 E. Commercial St. (417) 881-4073** | Serving Fresh Pizza Pie's for OVER 60 years! Open since 1958, this low-key pie shop with a vintage vibe boasts thin-crust pizzas & lunch deals. Their hand rolled cracker thin pizza crust, with delightfully burnt ends, will drive your taste buds crazy. Pizza House is historically known to many generations. After you experience the "eclectic" atmosphere, and amazing customer service you will be part of the family. They offer pizza, salad, local craft beer and soft drinks as well as the best service in town. Enjoy a part of Springfield history at Pizza House. [See ad on page 12.](#)



## Red Robin.

**3720 S. Glenstone Ave, (417) 883-9363** | Red Robin Gourmet Burgers and Brews in Springfield is your go-to spot for delicious, customizable gourmet burgers and bottomless steak fries. Pair your meal with refreshing salads or a creamy milkshake. Red Robin also offers a selection of craft beers and cocktails to enhance your dining experience. Known for its family-friendly atmosphere, the restaurant provides something for everyone with an extensive menu of flavors and options. Whether you're celebrating with friends or enjoying a casual family meal, Red Robin has you covered! Open Sunday - Thursday 11am to 10pm, Fri and Sat 11am to 11pm. [See ad on page 21.](#)



**3371 E. Monclair St., (417) 881-8882** | Springfield offers a culinary journey through the vibrant flavors of Brazil. With its unique churrascaria-style dining, ReRico invites guests to savor an array of succulent meats, expertly grilled and carved tableside by skilled gauchos. The restaurant's diverse menu also features an impressive salad bar with fresh, seasonal offerings. Guests can indulge in the rich and authentic Brazilian cuisine while enjoying a warm and inviting atmosphere. Whether you're a meat enthusiast or seeking a taste of Brazilian culture, ReRico Brazilian Grill promises a delightful experience that transports your taste buds to the heart of South America. Mon-Fri 4:00 pm - 8:15 pm, Sat 12:00 - 3:00 pm & 4:00 pm - 8:20 pm Closed on Sunday [See ad on page 22.](#)

## RICE & DUMPLING RESTAURANT

**431 S. Jefferson Ave, Unit 100-104, (417) 771-5617** | "Indulge in the flavors of authentic Chinese cuisine at Rice & Dumpling in Downtown Springfield. Our culinary haven brings the essence of traditional Chinese cooking to your plate, offering a tantalizing array of rice and dumpling dishes crafted with passion and precision. From classic favorites to innovative creations, each bite is a journey through the rich tapestry of Chinese culinary heritage. Experience the first "Smart Chinese Restaurant" with cutting edge AI cooking Equipment! Open daily 10:30am - 9:30pm, Closed Sundays. [See ad on page 45.](#)



**2210 W. Chesterfield Blvd, (417) 885-0060** | Schultz Pizza & Pub located in Springfield offers a little something for everyone! Enjoy delicious Neapolitan Style Pizzas, Specialty Pizzas, or Build your Own. Their menu also features Smash Burgers, Pastrami Ruebens, French Dips, Turkey Clubs and rotating freshly made Pastas. Don't miss out on their starters, like Artichoke Spinach Dip, fried Goat Cheese Balls, and hand breaded Fried Pickles, plus Soups, Salad's award winning Wings and much more. A Kids menu is available with weekly specials posted on FB. Schultz Pizza & Pub is the perfect spot for fantastic food, cold brews, and fun! Featuring pool tables, darts and karaoke Fri and Sat night from 9pm-close. Open Sun- Thurs 11am- Midnight, Fri- Sat 11am-1:00am. Come on in and see us! Mention the ad for 10% Off Food & Drinks. [See ad on page 26.](#)



**2815 S. Glenstone Ave, Located at Battlefield Mall Main Entrance, (417) 771-5882** | Storming Crab Boil Cajun Seafood Bar & Grill invites you to a seafood extravaganza like no other. Dive into a culinary adventure where flavors collide, and seafood takes center stage. Our vibrant and welcoming establishment offers a unique dining experience, combining the freshest catches with bold spices and creative dishes. From succulent crab legs to mouthwatering shrimp, every bite is a celebration of taste and texture. Join us at Storming Crab for a feast that storms the senses and leaves you craving more. Discover the joy of indulging in seafood done right, right here in Springfield. Sunday -Thursday 11AM - 9PM and Fri, Sat 11AM - 9:30PM [See ad on page 47.](#)



**1440 W. Republic Rd, (417) 890-1016** | Embark on a culinary journey at Sushi Village, your destination for exquisite sushi delights in Springfield. Experience the artistry of sushi boats laden with an array of fresh sashimi, vegetarian rolls, and traditional favorites. Whether it's lunch or dinner, our menu caters to every palate with a symphony of flavors. Indulge in the delicate balance of textures and tastes meticulously crafted by our expert chefs. Join us and discover the essence of Japanese cuisine in every bite at Sushi Village, where every meal is a celebration of taste and tradition." Delivery also available. Open Lunch Mon-Fri 11am to 2pm, Dinner 4pm to 9pm, Sat 11am to 9pm, Closed on Sun. [See ad on page 28.](#)



## Spring Creek Antiques & Tea Room

**107 S 3rd St, Ozark, (417) 582-1331** | Open with the same owners since 1998! What a delightful tea room nestled in an antique mall wonderland. Browse the many booths of antiques, shabby chic, re-purposed, vintage, retro and much more as you wait for your table. Spring Creek Tea Room offers a creation of unique food choices of soups, sandwiches, salads, quiche (Friday only), decadent desserts, teas and coffees! Elegant lunchtime and shopping experience all under one roof! Please call or go online for hours. Their strawberry soup is amazing and the desserts are legendary! [See ad on page 33.](#)





**1510 N. National Ave (Tacos El Gordo #1), (417) 402-9307 and 5360 S. Campbell Ave (Tacos El Gordo #2 La Dona Mexican Bar & Grill), (417)883-5305** | Tacos El Gordo Mexican Bar & Grill in Springfield offers authentic Mexican cuisine with two convenient locations. Enjoy dine-in or carry-out options for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Indulge in tacos de Trompo, carne asada, beef, chicken, pork, shrimp, fish, and seafood. Their menu features fajitas, burritos, and more. Fresh tortillas made daily. Pair your meal with a selection of beers, cocktails, and margaritas for a complete dining experience. Visit Tacos El Gordo for a flavorful and festive atmosphere. Hours Mon – Thurs 7am to 9pm, Fri and Sat 7am to 10pm and Closed Sunday. [See ad on page 20.](#)



**1250 E. Republic Rd., (417) 719-4573** | Everything on the menu is made from scratch. They serve all dishes mild, but all entrées can be prepared with a range of spicy heat. You can ask for mild, medium or hot. People like the restaurant's buffet because they can sample different dishes. The most popular dish, the chicken tikka masala, starts with chicken breast marinated in spices and yogurt. Like a lot of Indian food, the popular dish is cooked in a clay oven called a tandoor. For those of you unfamiliar with Indian cuisine, all items are described in simple English terms. Every dish is individually prepared to ensure freshness and quality. [See ad on page 30.](#)



**3371 E. Montclair St, 417-827-2777** | We believe that dining out should be a memorable experience, which is why we go above and beyond to provide exceptional service and create a welcoming atmosphere. Our knowledgeable and friendly staff are always on hand to answer any questions you may have and to help you choose the perfect dishes and drinks to suit your tastes. Whether you're a seasoned tapas aficionado or new to the world of Spanish cuisine, we invite you to join us at Tapa 65 Restaurant and experience the flavors of Spain like never before. We look forward to seeing you soon! Tues-Sat 3:30pm to 9:30 pm [See ad on page 22.](#)



**338 E Commercial Street, (417) 459-8894** | They serve up fresh, healthy, traditional Lebanese food and create an inviting atmosphere for you to experience and enjoy. Passion, love, and customer service are the three things owner Elie Ghanem has brought to the Springfield Community through delicious, Middle Eastern cuisine. Everything from labneh, falafel, tabouleh, split lentil soup, lamb kebab, shish tawouk, Lebanese burger, lamb burger, baklava, kanefe, and much more. They also serve Lebanese Beer and have a large array of wine. [See ad on page 13.](#)



**600 E. Battlefield Rd, 417-920-8850** is an all you can eat Italian dining experience, inspired by "The Hill" neighborhood in South St. Louis. Our market style dining allows guests to eat as much or as little as they would like, all for one price! Our stations offer a large variety of Italian favorites, such as fettuccine alfredo, eggplant parmesan, chicken cacciatore, and more. Mon-Fri 11:30 am – 2:30 pm & 4:30 pm-8:00 pm, Sat 11:30 am-8:00 pm, Sun 11:30 am- 8:00 pm [See ad on page 22.](#)



**400 South Ave Ste 100, (417) 412-1281** | The Vault Bar and Grill in Springfield serves up mouthwatering barbecue and classic comfort foods with a twist. Offering lunch, dinner, and carry-out, The Vault features Q66 Food by Fire and SGF Barbecue, with everything smoked right and smoked local. Indulge in pulled pork, quesadillas, cheesesteak burgers, brisket, smoked sausage, wings, and tenders. With a full bar, live music on weekends, and Wednesday College Night boasting killer drink specials, The Vault is the perfect spot for great eats, drinks, and entertainment. Hours are Wed-Sat 11am to 11pm, Mon-Tues Closed and Sun- Kitchen-11am to 8pm and Bar 11am to 10pm [See ad on page 43.](#)



**VanGogh's**

**334 E Commercial Street, (417) 344-0085** | Van Gogh's Eeterie is Springfield's only restaurant specializing in Dutch cuisine and traditional dishes from the Netherlands. Offering breakfast and lunch throughout the week and dinner on the weekends. A contemporary Western European atmosphere inspired by Dutch Artists. Handmade stroop wafels, large crepe-like pancakes and many other treats will bring you instantly from Springfield to Amsterdam. This charming eeterie is located in Springfield's Historic District in the heart of Commercial Street. Hours are Tues-Thur 10am-9pm; Fri-Sat 8am-9pm; and Sun 8am-2pm. Follow us on facebook/ VanGoghsEeterie! [See ad on page 14.](#)



**2036 S. Glenstone (417) 881-0774 & 4222 S. Campbell (417) 887-4774 | Republic 533 E. Elm St. (417) 647-2200 | Ozark 850 N. 17th St. (417) 581-8815** | For 56 years Springfield's Premier Family Restaurants serving breakfast, lunch and dinner all day, anytime. All meals are priced family friendly. Today in keeping with tradition, the restaurants are owned and operated by the 3rd generation of the Greene family, Chip and Billy. To be business for 56 great and successful years, ya gotta be pretty darn good! Call ahead for hours of operation. [See ad on page 11.](#)



**513 N. West Bypass Hwy 13, (417) 315-8311** | West Side Sports Bar in Springfield, MO is the perfect spot to catch the big game, with plenty of TVs and a pool table for added fun. Enjoy a wide range of delicious options, including sandwiches, burgers, pizza, pasta, fish, chicken wings, and unique offerings like Tandoori chicken, kabobs, gyros, and toasted ravioli. Plus, take advantage of their special offer—\$5.00 off a \$30 purchase when you mention their ad. Whether you're watching sports or just grabbing a bite, West Side Sports Bar has something for everyone! Outdoor seating available. [See ad on page 21.](#)



**1772 South Glenstone, Lamplighter Inn & Suites South, corner of Sunshine & Glenstone, (417) 823-9904; 2515 North Glenstone, Coach House Best Western, between Kearney & Interstate 44, (417) 866-1377 and 2129 W Republic Road, (417) 720-1628** | We invite your appetite to a long-time favorite, award winning, great variety of food with a complete menu. South location open 24 hours, North serving from 6 am-9 pm. Republic Road location is open from 6am-10pm. Outstanding breakfast specials, senior discounts and special menu. 10 minute Lunch Express Monday-Friday guarantee; Dinner Specials from \$5.99. [See ad on page 24.](#)





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Springfield, MO a city known for its rich history and vibrant culture, is also a haven for food enthusiasts. Among the myriad of dining options, three restaurants stand out, each offering a unique culinary journey for the discerning palate.



Tapas 65 Restaurant & Bar, nestled in the heart of Springfield, is a gem that brings the flavors of Spain to the Midwest. With its warm and inviting ambiance, Tapas 65 invites diners to indulge in the art of sharing small plates. The menu boasts a delightful

array of tapas, from classic Patatas Bravas to innovative dishes like Chorizo-stuffed Dates. The carefully curated selection of wines and signature cocktails complements the experience, making Tapas 65 a perfect spot for those seeking a taste of the Iberian Peninsula in the heart of Missouri.

For a taste of South America, ReRico Brazilian Grill offers an authentic and vibrant dining experience. Known for its churrasco-style dining, ReRico Brazilian Grill takes inspiration from the traditional Brazilian rodizio, where succulent skewers of meat are carved tableside. The continuous parade of grilled meats, from juicy picanha to tender lamb, ensures a carnivorous feast for patrons. The vibrant atmosphere, coupled with a salad bar featuring fresh and colorful ingredients, makes ReRico Brazilian Grill a destination where the spirit of Brazil comes alive in every bite.



For lovers of Italian cuisine, The Hill Italian Buffet is a must-visit establishment. Located in the historic district of Springfield, this restaurant pays homage to the flavors of Italy with an extensive buffet spread. From classic pasta dishes to artisanal pizzas, The Hill Italian Buffet offers a diverse selection that caters to every Italian craving. The cozy and family-friendly atmosphere, coupled with a selection of delectable desserts, makes The Hill Italian Restaurant a favorite spot for those seeking a taste of Italy without leaving the heartland.

Springfield is a culinary haven, and these three restaurants - Tapas 65, ReRico Brazilian Grill, and The Hill Italian Buffet - exemplify the city's diverse and exciting food scene. Whether you crave the bold flavors of Spain, the carnivorous delights of Brazil, or the comforting taste of Italy, these establishments offer an amazing adventure that will leave you craving more. See their ads for more information on hours of operation and phone numbers. ■



# Springfield's Go-To Breakfast Spot

For over a decade, Jimmy's Egg has been Springfield's go-to breakfast spot where friends and families gather to enjoy a delicious meal. With two convenient locations, Campbell Avenue at Primrose Street and East Battlefield at S. Moulder Avenue—our guests enjoy a warm and inviting dining experience, whether they prefer cozy booths, tables, or counter seating with a full view of our open kitchen.

At Jimmy's Egg, we take pride in crafting fresh, made-to-order breakfast, brunch, and lunch dishes. From unique and classic options to lighter fare for the health-conscious, there's something for everyone to love. Fan favorites include Biscuits Gone Wild, two fluffy buttermilk biscuits topped with crumbled sausage, ham, sausage gravy, cheddar cheese, and two eggs or our decadent Cinnamon Roll Pancakes. Other standout dishes include Classic Eggs Benedict, Avocado Toast, Chorizo Breakfast Tacos, Chicken Quesadillas, and



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Upon stepping into Cielito Lindo, patrons are greeted by a festive atmosphere that transports them to the lively streets of Mexico. The restaurant's colorful decor and welcoming staff create an inviting space, setting the stage for an unforgettable dining experience. The menu, carefully curated to showcase the diversity of Mexican flavors, reflects the passion and dedication of the chefs behind each dish.

One cannot talk about Cielito Lindo without highlighting its signature dishes that have earned the restaurant its stellar reputation. From sizzling fajitas to mouthwatering enchiladas, each plate is a work of art that tells a story of Mexican culinary heritage. The use of fresh, locally sourced ingredients ensures an authentic taste that captivates the palate and leaves a lasting impression.

Cielito Lindo takes pride in its commitment to providing a memorable dining experience for everyone. Vegetarian and Gluten Free options are thoughtfully incorporated into the menu, allowing guests with diverse dietary preferences to indulge in the flavors of Mexico. The restaurant also boasts an impressive selection of handcrafted cocktails and traditional beverages, elevating the overall dining experience.

Cielito Lindo in Springfield, MO, is more than just a place to enjoy a delicious meal – it is a culinary journey that transports diners to the heart of Mexico. With its authentic flavors, welcoming ambiance, and community-driven approach, Cielito Lindo has become a cherished establishment, leaving an indelible mark on the local culinary scene. Whether you're a food enthusiast or someone seeking a taste of Mexico in the Midwest, Cielito Lindo promises an unforgettable experience that satisfies the senses and nourishes the soul. Located at 3530 S. Campbell Ave Open Mon-Thurs 11AM – 9 PM, Fri and Sat 11 AM- 10 PM and Sunday 11 AM-9 PM. ■



# Breakfast Anytime at Ziggies

by Mike Schilling

Two well-known cafés bearing the Ziggies name in Springfield have the reputation for serving breakfast any time, and their large number and variety of menu items that also include lots of choices for lunch and dinner, too.

The restaurants are located about 11 minutes from each other on Glenstone Avenue, the north one a short distance south of I-44, and the other 4.5 miles south at the northeast corner of Glenstone Avenue and Sunshine Street.

The first thing one notices after being seated at a booth or table is the attentive, friendly, personal customer service. That includes hands-on help from proprietors Ricardo Rodriguez at the north location and Luis Bolanos at the south location.

“I go where the need is,” Rodriguez says. “I work the floor, kitchen and up front.

“They like to see the owner around and working,” Bolanos says of the customers.

One can expect food to be served in a timely way, and at competitive and reasonable prices compared with other casual dining establishments.

Let’s take a look at some of the choices on the extensive menus, starting with breakfast. In the omelette family there are many stand-outs, including the five international styles: American, French, Greek, Italian and Mexican. Served with potatoes and choice of toast, muffin, biscuit and gravy or pancakes.

There are many other types of omelettes, including Missouri, Denver and Veggie, plus skilletts, breakfast specialties, traditional combinations of eggs, meat, potatoes and toast. And, there are pancakes, waffles, blintzes and fruit, as well.

For lunch, you might want to try a Gyros or Monte Cristo, or one of many other kinds of sandwiches and burgers. Or croissant and soup perhaps? A variety of salads are available, too.

The dinner menu features four entrees – stuffed chicken breast, beef steak (ribeye, K.C. strip or top sirloin), pork tenderloin or grilled fish (salmon or tilapia) – served with roasted vegetables, grilled asparagus and choice of one side. And you get to choose one of three or more sauces for the meat and fish.

And if all that isn’t enough, look over the dessert offerings of pie, cake and ice cream.

A kids menu is available, too.

Ziggies north location is at 2515 N. Glenstone, a short distance south of I-44 and part of the Coach House Best Western complex. It is open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day. The phone number is 417-866-1377

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Have you tried the 3-Car Pile-Up? A plate-sized pancake covered with three hand-cracked eggs scrambled with bacon, sausage, cheddar, and breakfast potatoes, topped with hash browns,



two buttermilk biscuits, and sausage gravy. If you have a sweet tooth, order a Bonut - a buttermilk biscuit dipped in French toast batter, fried to golden perfection, and tossed in powdered sugar. Or a Sticky Biscuit - biscuit dough baked in house-made cinnamon filling and drizzled with creamy vanilla icing. With over 60 menu items, there's something for everyone here!

Not only is the food mouthwatering, but The Big Biscuit just launched their Bigger, Better Beverage menu! They've added specialty drinks, including strawberry lemonade, iced teas, palmers, and cold brew with a creamy vanilla cold foam. Feeling adventurous? Dive into their five new Western Sodas, each blending coconut cream and lime for a refreshing summer twist. With so many options, The Big Biscuit's Bigger, Better Beverage menu offers a delightful, thirst-quenching experience for everyone.

So whether you're craving a classic breakfast feast or eager to try something new this summer, swing by The Big Biscuit for a meal that's as satisfying as it is memorable.

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# A slice of Springfield's *Best Kept* secret

by Tom Ladd

Nestled in the heart of Springfield, Missouri, Neighborhood Pizza Café has earned its reputation as the local gem that provides more than just great pizza. With its commitment to being the cherished “third place” for the community, this unassuming pizzeria has become a home away from home for residents and a sought-after destination for tourists.

What sets Neighborhood Pizza Café apart, besides its mouthwatering pies, is the warmth of its local patrons. In an industry often dominated by impersonal chain restaurants, this pizzeria boasts the best patrons who make the dining experience truly exceptional.

Neighborhood Pizza Café's secret ingredient is its exceptional product. The pizza's edge-to-edge toppings, a signature feature, create a flavor explosion that's second to none. These high-quality, loaded pizzas cater to a niche audience, the connoisseurs of pizza, who appreciate and seek out the difference between a gourmet pie and mass-produced options from national chains.

Neighborhood Pizza Café has proudly taken home the “People's Choice” award, 10 times at the local pizza bowl,



a testament to its delicious offerings and enduring popularity. This recognition has further solidified its reputation as a local treasure.

With the aim of sharing their culinary excellence with a wider audience, Neighborhood Pizza Café is gearing up to franchise its unique concept. By the end of the year, they hope to have the capability to expand their brand beyond Springfield, promising a taste of local excellence to pizza lovers nationwide.

Despite the national potential, Neighborhood Pizza Café remains deeply rooted in its community. Founded in 2004 by Leesia Parent and currently owned and operated by Larry Grace since 2018, the pizzeria exemplifies a sense of trust and unity. Larry Grace, who moved his family from California on faith, was welcomed by Leesia's unwavering commitment to their deal. This dedication not only preserved the pizzeria's legacy but also nurtured long-lasting relationships with loyal customers.

Beyond its exceptional pizza, Neighborhood Pizza Café is known for its exceptional customer service and a welcoming atmosphere that makes patrons feel at home. The humble, small local shop thrives on the support of the community but also attracts tourists from neighboring hotels thanks to its glowing reviews on Google.

As the pizzeria strives to maintain its original recipes while streamlining the menu for simplicity, it remains committed to its roots. Neighborhood Pizza Café in Springfield, Missouri, is not just a place for great pizza; it's the embodiment of community, quality, and the promise of exceptional dining experiences that are destined to go far beyond its local borders. ■

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At Palm & Paddle Grille, the dining experience is crafted with care and creativity. The menu boasts an array of delicious, fresh dishes that capture the essence of the islands. Each bite delivers unexpected flavors, making it hard to choose just one! Signature tropical cocktails and colorful



mocktails are crafted to delight, ensuring every guest, young and old, feels rejuvenated and inspired.

The warmth of the staff enhances this joyful atmosphere. Patrons rave about the attentive service, describing servers as friendly and genuinely happy to help, making you feel like a VIP. Whether you're reminiscing about family vacations or celebrating a special occasion, the welcoming environment fosters connection and community.

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Bricks & Minifigs in Springfield is the ultimate destination for LEGO enthusiasts of all ages. Locally owned by Phil and Tiffany Vice, this store specializes in buying, selling, and trading new and used LEGO sets, pieces, and minifigures, breathing new life into old bricks. Opened in February 2023, the store has already doubled in size, becoming the largest Bricks & Minifigs location. Featuring a large event space for birthday parties, classes, and clubs, it's a hub for creativity and connection. Explore, create, and trade at Bricks & Minifigs! Open Mon 10am – 6pm, Tues 10am – 3pm, Wed Closed, Thurs 10am – 6pm, Fri 10am – 6pm, Sat 10 am – 7pm and Sun 12 – 5pm.

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## A Must Visit for *Lego* Fans

**B**ricks & Minifigs, locally owned and operated by Phil and Tiffany Vice, has quickly become a favorite destination for LEGO enthusiasts since opening in February 2023. More than just a toy store, this Springfield gem offers a unique buy-sell-trade model that brings new life to old LEGO sets and pieces. Customers can trade in LEGO sets or minifigures they no longer need for something new, making it a treasure trove for kids and adult fans alike.

Bricks & Minifigs taps into Springfield's growing community of LEGO lovers, offering more than just 5,000 square feet of LEGO products—it's a space for connection and creativity. Whether you're a collector searching for rare pieces, a builder looking for inspiration, or a family wanting to engage in screen-free fun, there's something for everyone.

Phil and Tiffany designed their store with community at its heart. Their large event space is a hub for birthday parties, where kids (and adults!) can celebrate surrounded by their favorite bricks. The store also hosts a variety of classes and clubs throughout the year, fostering an environment where creativity flourishes and friendships form. From hands-on workshops to themed build challenges, there's always a reason to gather, build, and unleash your inner architect or artist.

One of the key goals of Bricks & Minifigs is to encourage families to spend less time in front of screens and more time building memories together. The joy of sorting, designing, and creating with LEGO offers a timeless appeal that spans generations. It's a reminder that imagination is one of the most powerful tools we possess.

While the Bricks & Minifigs franchise has been around for over 13 years and is growing rapidly—adding more than 100 stores in the last three years—the Springfield location stands out. Phil and Tiffany recently expanded their store, doubling its size and officially becoming the largest Bricks & Minifigs location to date. This milestone reflects their dedication to serving the local LEGO community while solidifying their place as a hub for creativity, fun, and connection.

Stop by Bricks & Minifigs and discover why LEGO fans of all ages are calling this vibrant space a must-visit. Whether you're trading, buying, or simply building, inspiration is always just a brick away. ■

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# Enjoy the Spring Creek

# Tea Room

by Tom Ladd

A hundred years ago, having a cup of tea was an event. The Spring Creek Tea Room in Ozark would like to bring that back and make the facility a hot spot for women and their daughters while they are out shopping. But honestly, this facility is perfect for any occasion and it's due in large part to the great food and memorable desserts that are served from 10:30 am until 2 pm Tuesday through Saturday.



Spring Creek Tea Room may be remembered as a unique place to fill your belly, as they pride themselves with serving up stacked sandwiches, hearty soups, delectable salads and perhaps the best thing...the absolutely to-die-for desserts. We're talking cheesecakes like no other,



pies with homemade crusts and cakes of all kinds.

Tearooms often get the rap that they cater to older women in colorful hats, but Spring Creek Tea Room serves the needs for just about every taste out there. As a matter of fact, each meal is served with a flavored iced tea, which is included in the meal price. The salads are made fresh daily and there is a soup special for each day. The bottom line is no one

should leave hungry after a visit to Spring Creek Tea Room,

Spring Creek Tea Room is perfect for special events, and can be reserved for parties of five or more by calling 417-582-1331. Takeouts are available and cakes and desserts can be made for takeout with advance notice.

The building also houses an antique shop. So for a great meal, a great time with friends, and the best desserts in these parts, stop by Spring Creek Tea Room at 107 S. 3rd Street in Ozark Mo. ■

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### The Historical Gillioz Theatre

325 Park Central East, (417) 863-9491 | In its early years, the Gillioz was Springfield's premier entertainment venue, hosting a number of movie premiers and vaudeville shows. Both the lobby and auditorium have been restored to their original 1926 condition. With a seating capacity of 595 on Orchestra level and 420 in the Balcony, The Gillioz offers Springfield a perfectly sized venue for many events. The Gillioz Theatre in conjunction with the Jim D. Morris Building serves a plethora of functions including: Broadway productions, theatre, movies, religious gatherings, arts education, dining, rehearsals, school programs, banquets, receptions, concerts, film festivals, weddings, seminars/conventions, and television broadcasts.



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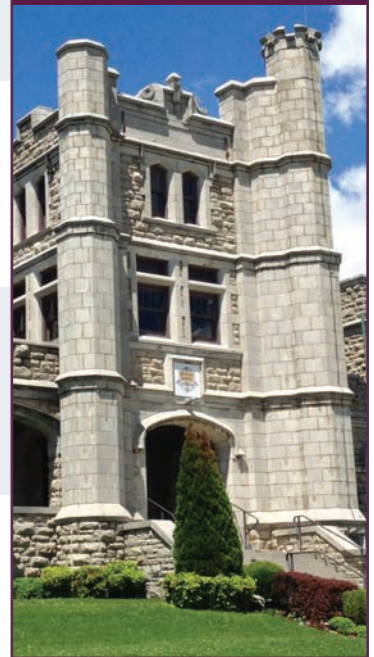
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# Storming Crab Boil Cajun Seafood & Bar



Located in the Battlefield Malls Main Entrance, 2815 S. Glenstone Ave. Storming Crab stands as a beacon of culinary delight for seafood enthusiasts. This vibrant restaurant offers a unique dining experience, combining the zest of Cajun flavors with the freshness of the finest seafood. From the moment you step inside, Storming Crab welcomes you to a world where the sea meets the heartland, creating an unforgettable fusion of taste and atmosphere.

The ambiance at Storming Crab is a lively blend of coastal charm and Midwestern warmth. The rustic decor, adorned with maritime accents, instantly transports patrons to the seaside, while the friendly staff ensures a hospitable dining experience. The restaurant's commitment to creating a welcoming environment is evident in every detail, from the nautical-themed wall art to the soothing sounds of ocean waves playing in the background.

What truly sets Storming Crab apart is its innovative approach to seafood. The menu features an array of dishes that showcase the restaurant's dedication to culinary excellence. Signature dishes like the Cajun Seafood Boil bring the essence of Louisiana to the heart of Missouri. Packed with succulent crab, plump shrimp, and flavorful crawfish, the boil is a symphony of spices and textures that leave taste buds tingling with delight.

For those seeking a more customized experience, Storming Crab allows patrons to create their own seafood specialty with multiple combinations available. Choose your preferred seafood, spice level, and add-ons, and watch as the skilled chefs transform your preferences into a delectable masterpiece.

Storming Crab's commitment to quality extends to its sourcing practices. The restaurant prides itself on using only the freshest ingredients, sourced sustainably to support both local producers and the environment. Each bite at Storming Crab tells a story of dedication to excellence and a passion for delivering a top-notch dining experience.

In addition to its culinary offerings, Storming Crab hosts events and celebrations, making it a popular choice for gatherings and special occasions. Whether you're enjoying a casual meal with friends or celebrating a milestone, Storming Crab provides the perfect backdrop for creating lasting memories.

Storming Crab is not just a restaurant; it's an experience. With its inviting ambiance, innovative seafood creations, and commitment to quality, it stands as a beacon of culinary delight, inviting patrons to embark on a seafood journey that is nothing short of extraordinary. Call for Reservations. Over 20 locations Nationwide! ■

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- Green Mussels
- Shrimp Head-off
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- Dungeness Crab Legs
- White Clams
- Crawfish
- King Crab Legs
- Black Mussels
- Lobster
- Lobster Tail
- Scallops
- Snow Crab Legs

**KIDS MENU AVAILABLE**

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2825 S. Glenstone Ave #G13

Located Battlefield Mall Main Entrance

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