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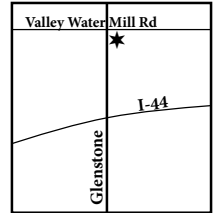
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Frank's Red Hot mixed with our Ranch Base, Five Cheese Mozzarella Blend, Our Chopped Grilled Garlic Chicken.

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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.

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

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

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

### 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 Entree Salad ..... \$7.99

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

Chicken Bacon Salad ..... \$14.99

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

Asian Chicken Salad ..... \$13.99

Fresh Salad Mix, Chopped 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 \$.59ea

### Salad Dressing Choices

Additional Dressings \$.59 ea.

- House Sweet French
- Neighborhood Creamy Italian
- Zesty Italian
- Ranch
- Raspberry Vinaigrette
- 1000 Island
- Blue Cheese
- Caesar
- Honey Mustard
- 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

Pasta Alfredo w/ Broccoli ..... \$7.49

Pasta Alfredo w/ Chicken ..... \$7.99

Pasta Alfredo w/ Chicken & Broccoli ..... \$8.59

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

All Sandwiches are Toasted unless otherwise specified. Sliced Pickles included on side

#### 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

Chicken Salad \$10.99

2. Choose your Bread or Wrap:

White Bread, Wheat Bread, Sourdough Bread, Hoagie Roll, or White Wrap, Wheat Wrap, 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

Choose Toppings

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 \$4.99

Kids Grilled Cheese ..... \$5.99

Served with Chips

### Beverages

Coca Cola Fountain Beverages ... \$2.59

Fresh Brewed Iced Tea ..... \$2.59

Bottled Beverages starting at ..... \$2.99

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# 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 of the new Chicago-to-Los Angeles highway. Route 66 meandered across Springfield from Kearney to Glenstone 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 stops in town that will give you a glimpse of Route 66's heyday. If you happen to be in town in August, the annual 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

# Springfield has it all!

## SPORTS



## SHOPPING



## ATTRACTIONS



## EVENTS



## DINING



## NIGHTLIFE



### 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 5,800 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 160,000. 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: 44-67° F; Summer: 65-88° F; Fall: 46-69° F; Winter: 24-45° F.

# Large churches in Springfield

(all below are in Springfield, unless otherwise noted)

**Second Baptist Church**  
3111 E. Battlefield Rd.

**First Baptist Church**  
525 South Ave.

**Ridgecrest Baptist Church**  
2210 W. Republic Rd.

**Crossway Baptist Church**  
2900 N. Barnes

**James River Assembly**  
6100 N. 19th St. Ozark, MO

**Central Assembly of God Church**  
1301 N. Boonville Ave.

**North Point Church**  
3402 W Norton Rd.

**Schweitzer Church**  
2747 E. Sunshine

**Wesley United Methodist Church**  
922 Republic Rd.

**First & Calvary Presbyterian Church**  
820 E. Cherry

**Immaculate Conception Catholic Church**  
3555 S. Fremont Ave.

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic**  
2200 W. Republic Rd

**Messiah Lutheran Church**  
925 E Seminole

**Christ Episcopal Church**  
601 E Walnut St.

**Hope Church**  
2121 S Blackman Rd.

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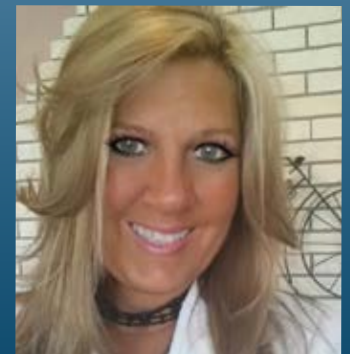
We are very proud to be the destination of your trip. And, while you are visiting the home of "The Mother Road", historic Route 66, we are providing this informational magazine that we hope gives you some helpful suggestions of things to do, places to eat great food, and other insights or ideas to further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



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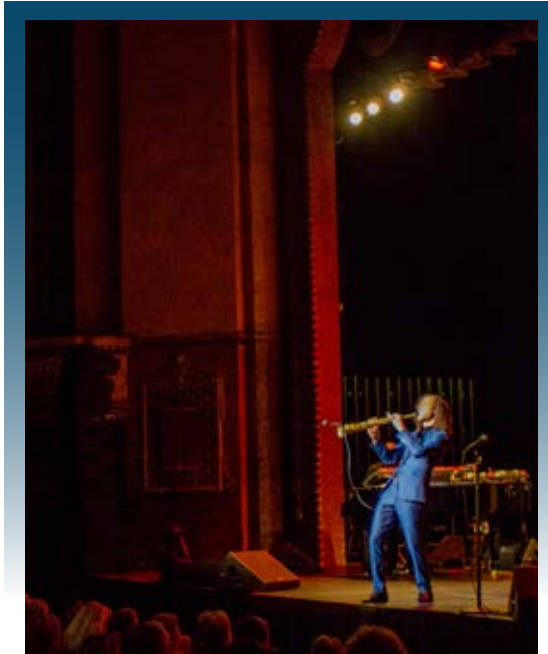


# Come experience the arts in the historic Gillioz Theater

Enter the historic Gillioz Theatre, and you become a time traveler. You're transported back to 1926 and the birth of Route 66, the highway that snakes across the United States from Chicago to the Pacific Ocean and captured the imagination of travelers worldwide. It also captured the imagination of an entrepreneurial M.E. Gillioz.

Gillioz was a bridge builder living in Monett, Missouri when the opportunity came for him to build what was dubbed "theatre beautiful" by the press at its' opening in October, 1926. Committed to having his theatre on Route 66, Gillioz secured a 100-year lease to convert a laundromat to the Spanish-Moroccan entry that would connect to his newly constructed 1000+ seat theatre to the North.

The exotic architecture was a way to take patrons on a journey that culminated on the big screen with the new silent-film technology or a live vaudeville show, depending on your tastes. This is when people received their news and entertainment largely from radios in their homes. There was no television and certainly no internet,



most recently a global pandemic that shuttered the live entertainment industry for nearly twenty months.

Theatre serves a variety of roles in a community. It does more than entertain, it educates and inspires and brings people together from across race, religion, gender, or political spectrums. The Gillioz, with the exotic and intimacy of the room, contributes to that experience for patron and performer alike.

The mission of the 501c-3 non-profit Gillioz is to preserve the past, celebrate community and make memories. When you attend a function, regardless if it is a national comedian or musical act, a film screening or taking a history or haunted tour, you are doing all those things. You not only see history, you become a part of history.

The historic Gillioz has hosted a veritable "who's who" in entertainment. It has also been home to a thousand first dates, a thousand first kisses, and generations of memories for visitors and residents of the Ozarks. Nearly a century since opening the doors, the Gillioz continues to make memories - one show at a time. ■



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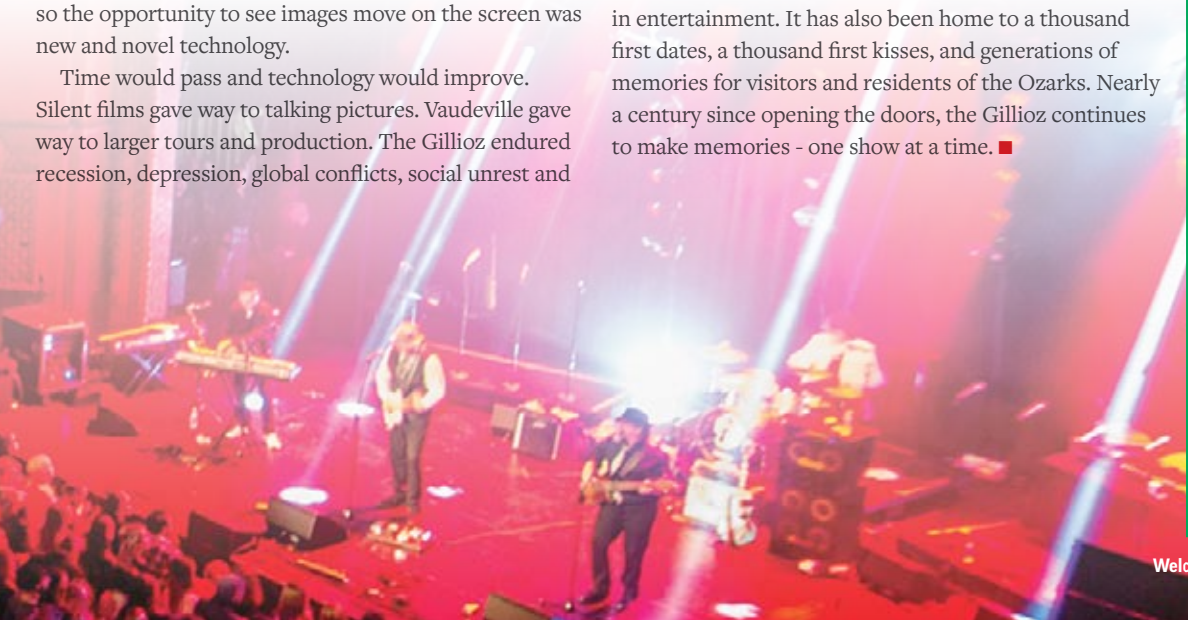
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so the opportunity to see images move on the screen was new and novel technology.

Time would pass and technology would improve. Silent films gave way to talking pictures. Vaudeville gave way to larger tours and production. The Gillioz endured recession, depression, global conflicts, social unrest and



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## ATTRACTIONS

Dickerson Park Zoo .....	833-1570
History Museum on the Square .....	831-1976
Sports Hall of Fame .....	889-3100
Springfield Art Museum .....	837-5700

## ENTERTAINMENT

1984 Arcade .....	831-3665
Ernie Biggs .....	865-4782
The Historic Gillioz Theatre .....	863-9491
Ozark Empire Fairgrounds .....	833-2660
Pythian Castle .....	865-1464
Rumors Cabaret .....	886-8284
Showtime Joe's .....	864-5637
Springfield Centerfold .....	889-4475
Springfield Little Theatre .....	869-1334
Swing Right Golf .....	882-1222

## INFORMATION

Springfield Convention & Visitors Bureau .....	800-678-8767
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## RESTAURANTS & MORE

Archies Italian Eatery .....	448-0737
Beef A Roo .....	771-5351
Bellacino's Pizza & Grinders .....	881-8556
.....	720-4414
Café Cusco .....	868-8088
Chicken Salad Chick .....	450-4816
Ci Ci's Pizza .....	886-9696
Cielito Lindo Mexican .....	886-3320
.....	886-7676
Colton's Steakhouse .....	823-9909
Culture Counter .....	695-0632
El Maguey Mexican .....	865-1453
El Poblano Mexican Restaurant .....	862-3400
Gailey's Breakfast Café .....	866-5500
La Habana Vieja .....	771-5723
Leong's Asian Diner .....	887-7500
Mexican Villa .....	887-1010
.....	883-1040
.....	869-4459
.....	866-7292
.....	831-6196
.....	582-0600
Nawab's Indian Cuisine .....	844-5050
Neighborhood Pizza Café .....	833-4411
Niji Sushi Bar & Grill .....	851-1707
Pizza House .....	881-4073
Spring Creek Tea Room .....	582-1331
Springfield Acai Bowl .....	419-1147
Taj Mahal Indian .....	719-4573
Tea Bar & Bites .....	866-7500
That Lebanese Place .....	536-6677
Van Gogh's Etererie .....	344-0085
Village Inn .....	881-0774
.....	887-4774
.....	581-8815
.....	647-2200
Ziggy's Restaurant North .....	866-1377
..... South .....	823-9972

## SHOPPING/SERVICES

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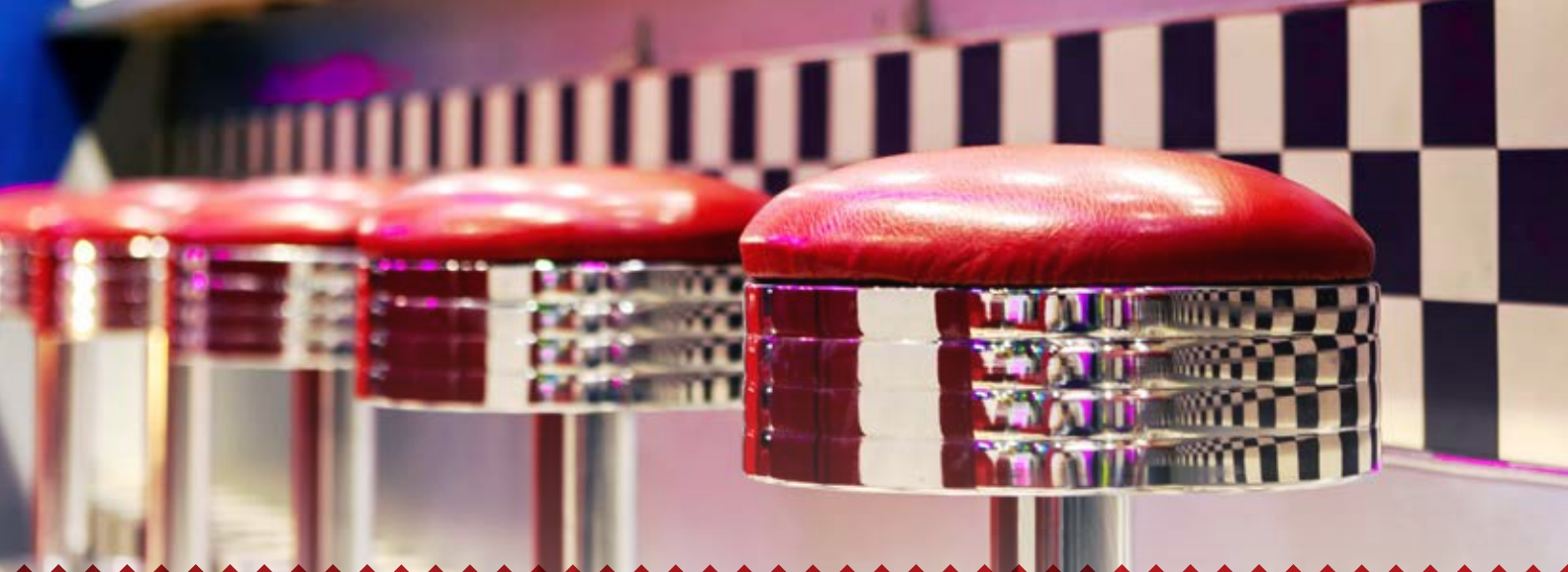
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## TAKE A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE...

# 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!

Pappy's Place, built in 1903, is the oldest continuously operating restaurant in Springfield. The restaurant began as a grocery store, but in 1926, became a cafe. In 1933, when prohibition ended, the owners purchased Springfield's first beer-by-the-drink license. The restaurant became known as Pappy's Place in 1971 and has been a BBQ staple ever since.

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.

Taylor's Drive-In has been serving customers since 1947 with daily ground hamburgers, fries, onion rings and maybe the only soda fountain left in town. Taylor's used to be the local hang out for students on the weekend. Darlene, who's been the owner for 40+ years can be found in the corner booth with the cash-only cash register every day.

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.

St George's Donuts was created by Katy and Charles St George. Katy had owned a donut shop in California before the family decided to move back to her hometown to raise their kids. They opened up St George's Donuts in Springfield in 1971 and have been a long standing member of the community since.

*Cheers to 50+ years!* ■

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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 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-10 pm Mon-Sat, and 11 am-8 pm Sun. 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. ■



# 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.

The Pizza House can be reached at 417-881-4073 and is located at 312 E Commercial St. ■





# 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.

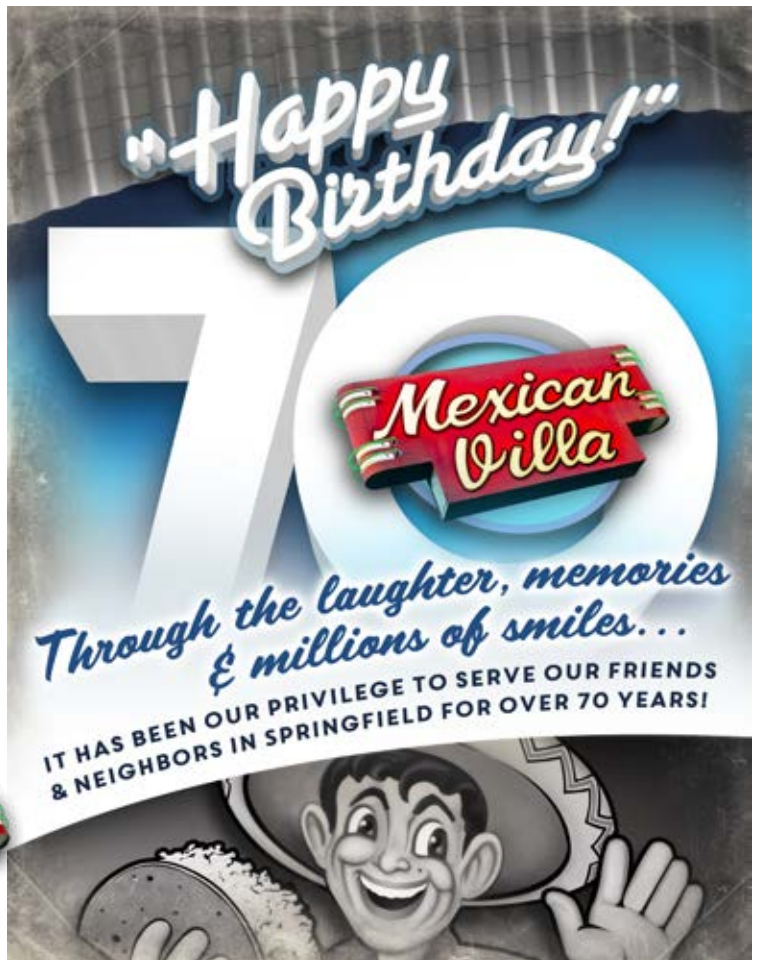
Mexican Villa is proud to grow with the Ozarks - sharing your special moments, watching your families grow. Many of you stopped in to work and some of you stayed. We could not have done it without all of you. As our story goes on, (three generations now), we look forward to serving you the Mexican food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

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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.

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# 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 phe-nomenally 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 America. Having the Best Pie in America isn't just a promise, it's a commitment. Please call ahead for hours of operation. ■



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# 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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# Your Guide to C-Street

Commercial Street's origins dovetail with the coming of the railroad to Springfield in 1870 when the first engine, The Cuba, steamed in on fresh-laid tracks nearby. The newly constructed passenger depot at Benton and the Freight depot at Boonville welcomed thousands of pioneers heading west or settling in the bustling new Boomtown of North Springfield with Commercial Street as its main street. The stoves, dry goods, tools, farm supplies, building materials and the hospitality and entertainment industries followed by the trainload.

By 1900, there were 13 sets of tracks and the City and Railroad partnered to build the Jefferson Avenue Footbridge for safe pedestrian foot traffic and the underpasses at Lyon and Washington for vehicular traffic to safely cross under them. The Jefferson Avenue Footbridge was completed in 1902 and has served the

multitude of railroad workers and their families since that date as well as train watchers and sightseers from all over the world in more recent times. While it is currently closed, a complete restoration is slated to begin this year to restore Springfield's Eiffel Tower to its original glory, adding the modern need for handicapped access at both ends.

The bustling railroad boomtown, lovingly called C-Street, is enjoying a renaissance driven by local pioneers who dared to dream of a 21st century revival, a dream driven by entrepreneurs with a vision of a family-oriented, beautiful, walkable neighborhood, a sweet street on a mission to capture the hearts of visitors both homegrown and from far away exotic places.

*They probably don't mind the food either.* ■

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by planning an afternoon shopping spree with friends or inviting your besties for an Airbnb weekend. Slow down and enjoy all that makes Historic Commercial Street so special. Called C-Street by locals, explore this exciting neighborhood dotted with public art amidst spring blooms, all along this 6-block local and federal historic district. Intact turn of the century architecture and a delightful array of sculptures, murals and mosaics create "selfie shot spots" to share with friends and family. Don't be surprised if you bump into a spontaneous musical performance or sidewalk chalk drawing in progress as this Bohemian community continues



to express and enrich itself through art, music, maker spaces and international culinary excellence. Eclectic shops are sprinkled among an array of international dining cuisines. Choose from Peruvian, Lebanese, Italian, Dutch, Cuban or fresh baked treats. The district's coffee shops and a tea-room, right nextdoor to a popular tea and spice shop, all promise an array of flavors...something for everyone.

Love variety in shopping? C-Street delivers! Tasteful, one-of-a-kind, from new to used, arts, crafts and antiques to just plain quirky, it's a joy to explore the great shops and meet the diverse, local pioneers with storefronts on Historic C-Street. They have created a neighborhood with a slower pace, an area where personal services share the sidewalks with artisanal, maker spaces. It's easy to dream up a new hair style, braids or a weave, enjoy a day-spa treatment, a massage, a tattoo, or stretch at "BeerYoga" at C-Street's micro brewery. Experience the finest chocolate in the world or nibble on a freshly baked sourdough sandwich. Restock your spice cabinet on your way to pick up those couch cushions you finally had redone in the local upholstery shop. Always



wanted to learn ballroom dancing? Sign up for one of many dance classes. All these things and more await right here on Historic C-Street, the sweet little neighborhood that charms with its friendly, locally-owned shops and services. Conjure up a plan to spend a friends and family Airbnb weekend to continue your C-Street adventure!



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# Enjoy healthy cuisine at Cafe Cusco

by Meredith Tatum

Whenever 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, the newest Peruvian restaurant in Springfield, is run by someone who, undeniably, is qualified. After traveling through 30 countries, 34 year-old Gidman finally settled on a cuisine that was worth the trouble and dedication it takes to start a restaurant.

Eventually, the family made it to the Southwest area and Gidman ended up at College of the Ozarks, working on an art degree. “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.’”

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

Coming back to the Ozarks, Gidman went into restaurant management in the Branson area for a few years. But the idea of the 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.”

A year and a half in business later, and the restaurant has already 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.

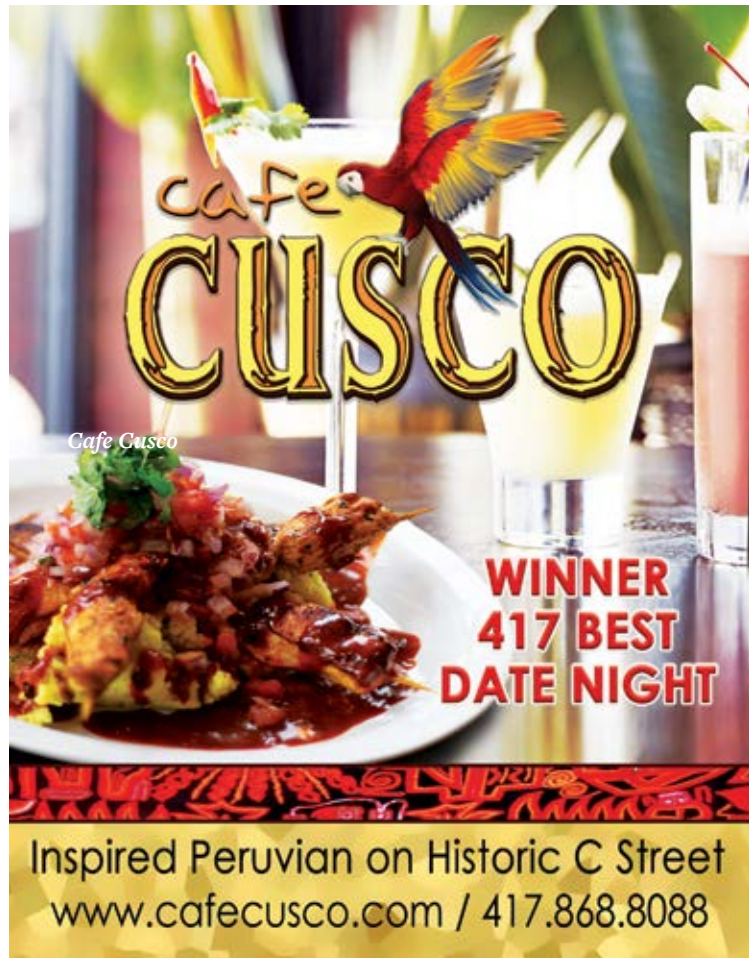
The ceviche is only the beginning of the regionally inspired, and innovative cuisines that Gidman has chosen to feature. “Our kitchen is entirely gluten free,” Gidman says with pride. Bread is served with some dishes but is completely outsourced from local bakeries, and the flours used to fry certain food items are made up of corn flour, rice flour, and gluten free bean flours.

Gidman also made sure to cater to those who are vegetarian and vegan. “I was actually a vegetarian for eight years,” Gidman says. Many meat dishes are on the menu though, and the restaurant can actually boast to be the only one in Springfield that features goat. “We get it from New Zealand,” Gidman says. “Which is great because we don’t have to worry about any GMOs, most other countries are extremely strict on their food laws, which work in our favor.”

As for alcoholic beverages, Gidman made sure to bring in national favorites like the pisco sour, Peru’s national drink, and the caipirinha, Brazil’s national drink. The pisco sour tastes a lot like a margarita, but with an interesting twist, cinnamon and egg white are added. Never forgetting to keep it local, the restaurant features beer and wine from the Midwest as well. “The owner of White River brewing company comes in a lot,” an employee chimes in, “and he says ‘I know I make beer, but I’ll have a couple piscos if you don’t mind,’ they’re that good.”

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.”

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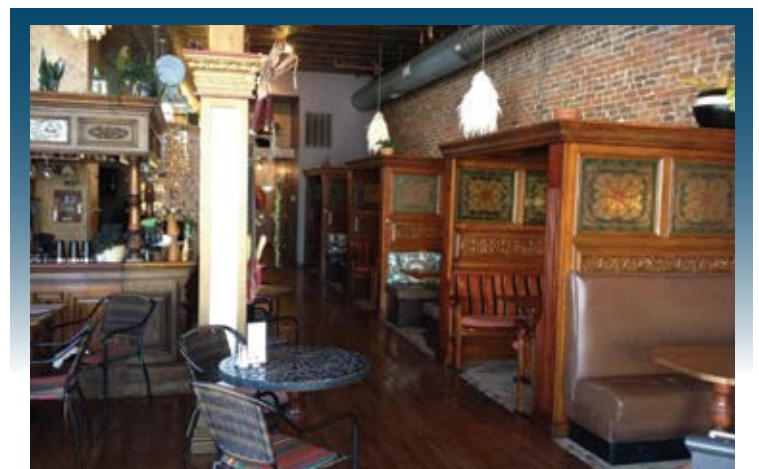
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# Experience a taste of Europe at Van Gogh's Eeterie

by Meredith Tatum

**A**sthetic and modern yet cozy, Van Gogh's Eeterie is the newest 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 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, 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, smoked sausage, skillet chips, fried tomato, sauteed mushroom, baked beans and toast.

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 Edam cheese melted with milk and brandy, served with bread and vegetables. There are also a selection of Dutch cheese boards, salads, soups and sandwiches.

Dinner entree options include delicious treats like "Kerrie Kip," made with chicken, peppers and pineapple in a lemon curry coconut sauce over rice and simple greens, and "Van Gogh's Ear," made with orechiette pasta, broccoli, smoked sausage, tossed in lemon garlic and anchovy sauce with aged cheese.

The drink menu includes the first kombucha bar in a restaurant in Springfield and is accompanied by optional natural syrups that can be added to make your kombucha really "pop." A selection of European wines are available, as well as beers are Dutch, Belgian or from White River Brewing Company which resides on Commercial street as well.

Van Gogh's Eeterie is open Tues-Thurs, 10am-9pm, Fri-Sat 8am-9pm; 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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# Experience authentic Mexican flavor served with pride at El Maguey

by Mike Schilling

If you want to experience authentic Mexican flavor (rather than a Texas dish with a Mexican name) then head to El Maguey, where they pride themselves in what they serve, as well as how they serve it, with delicious food and exceptional service.

Before you even begin your meal, you will get a taste of what is so unique about El Maguey. They offer complimentary chips and two types of salsa, mild and hot, both of which are made fresh from scratch. Their mild sauce is delicious, but if you want to add a little extra “zing in your zanger,” then try the hot sauce. After taking a bite, it stares up at you from its cream-colored bowl like a single dark eye that seems to bear the expression of a bandit challenging you to a draw.

“I dare you to reach for your drink,” it says with its peppery glare. But go ahead. Cool your mouth because you’re going to want more. Its fresh flavor with just the right amount of spiciness, sets it above the appetizers of other Mexican restaurants. El Maguey’s queso dip is also made from scratch, so if you are in the mood for something a bit more mild, then you can still be assured that you are beginning your dining experience with fresh food.

Don’t worry about leaving El Maguey hungry, because the portions are large enough to make you thankful for the extra holes in your belt. They also have a kid’s menu and a vegetarian menu. With more than 30 combination items on the menu, including favorites like tamales made from scratch and chimichangas, lots of dinner items and many other Mexican specialties you are sure to leave on a full stomach.

However, the hardest part may be choosing from among so many fresh and delicious choices, and you can count on excellent suggestions from your waitress.

The staff at El Maguey exemplifies the definition of service. Some have even said that it’s the staff that truly makes El Maguey stand apart from the competition. They seem to genuinely love serving their guests, as if they were an honored guest in their own home. To become a guest at El Maguey, go to 631 N. Glenstone Avenue, the very convenient corner of Glenstone and Chestnut Expressway. To make reservations call 417-865-1453. ■



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# Archie's *Italian Eatery*

by Meredith Tatum

At Archie's Italian Eatery, every dish is made from family recipes with care and intention.

It's hard to pick a favorite at Archie's, but one of most ordered dishes is the pesto cream cheese bruschetta, which is exactly what it sounds like—delicious. And the signature dishes, Chicken Piccata and Chicken Marsala are favorites as well. But it's the list of different kinds of Fettuccinis that really an incredible offering to choose from. There's Alfredo, which we all know and love, chicken, chicken and broccoli, the "Works," crab, shrimp, scallop, vegetable, to name a few and there's even a "build your own" option.

Archie's also has multiple different pizzas to choose from. There are small, medium, large and extra large sizes, as well as different kinds of crusts and styles; thin, deep dish, Chicago Stuffed and, drum roll please—spaghetti pizza. Hailing from Sterling, Illinois, where Italian restaurants abound, spaghetti pizza is a staple and it's just what you're thinking; spaghetti in a deep dish crust.

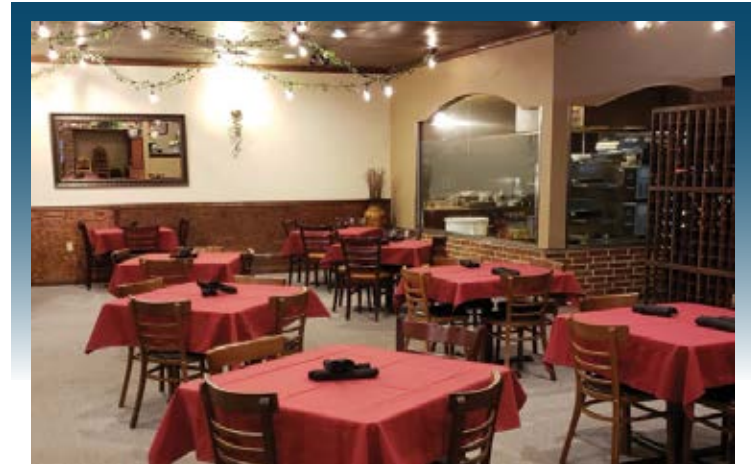
One thing that Archie's is doing very well at incorporating are gluten free options. Gluten free fettuccini is available as a "build your own," and there's also a 10" cauliflower pizza, chicken piccata, spaghetti, baked ziti and Chicken Marsala. The lunch menu is large and also has multiple of those gluten free options as well. All lunches include entree, garlic bread, choice of salad, fresh Italian bread and a soft drink for one price.

While you visit for lunch or dinner, you'll notice something a little different than anything you might have seen before. Archie's is also the only

restaurant in town, let alone Missouri, that is using a robot to help serve food. Servers still take your order and come to your table, but the robot, lovingly named Rosie, drops a few things off to tables to help the servers out, making your first time at Archie's a whole new dining experience that you're sure to enjoy.

Visit Archie's Italian Eatery for excellent Italian food, Monday through Saturday 11am to 9pm.

Archie's is located at 1410 E Republic Rd. And can be reached by phone at 417-720.1763. ■



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# Two Ziggies Cafes offer “anytime” breakfasts, lunch and dinner specials

by Meredith Tatum

To well-known cafe’s bearing the Ziggies name in Springfield have the reputation for serving breakfast any time for over 25 years. Their large number and variety of menu items 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 proprietor Ricardo Rodriguez at both locations.

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

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 standouts, including the five international styles: American, Mexican, Veggie, Italian and Greek. Served with your choice of hash browns, American fries, fresh fruit, grits, oatmeal or sliced tomatoes and choice of toast, biscuits and gravy or pancakes.

There are many other types of omelettes, breakfast skillet, pancakes and waffles.

For lunch, you might want to try your choice in burgers, clubs, sandwiches, and quesadillas. A variety of fresh salads and hot soups are available as well.

The dinner menu features many entrees—pork tenderloin, pasta, chicken entrees, top sirloin steak, hand breaded country fried steak all served with two sides. If you’re in the mood for seafood, they have that too, breaded catfish filets, salmon, jumbo shrimp.

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. It is open from 6am to 9pm everyday. The phone number is 417-866-1377.

Ziggies south is at 1772 S. Glenstone, and is attached to the Lamplighter Inn. The restaurant is open 6am to 9pm everyday. The phone number is 417-823-9972. ■



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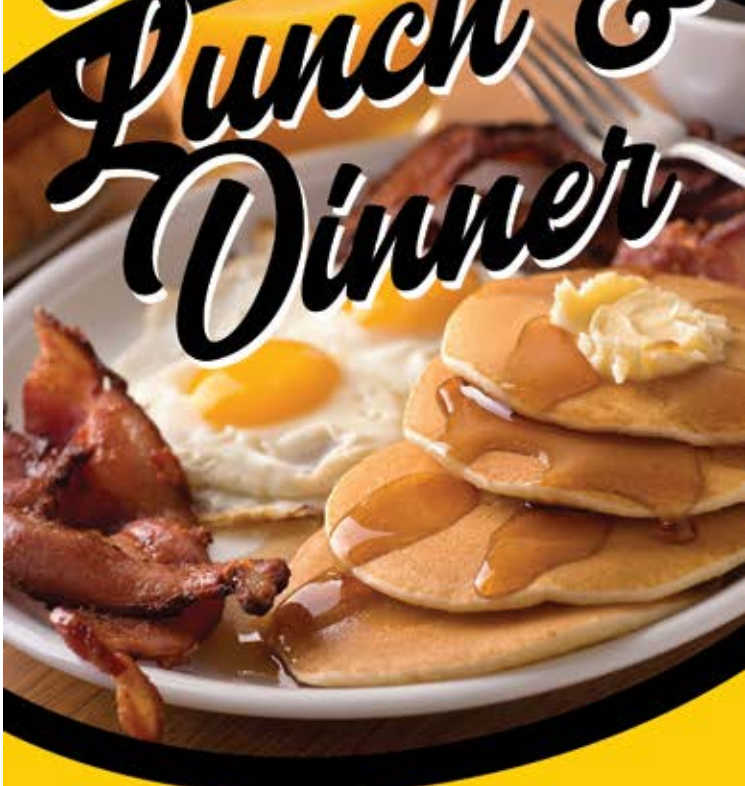
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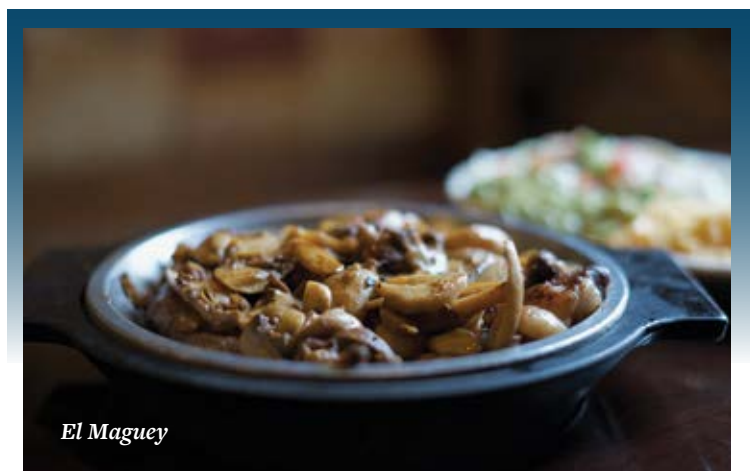
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El Maguey



# La Habana Vieja, the richness of Cuban cuisine!

by Meredith Tatum

There is a new cultural influence on Historical Commercial Street that is bringing something new and inviting to the Springfield restaurant scene.

La Habana Vieja opened at the beginning of June 2021, and is a beautiful reimagining of Old Havana, the historic heart of Cuba's capital city and largest colonial center in Latin America. La Habana Vieja takes pride in the rich cultural heritage by ordering cheese and many ingredients, directly from Spain. Set in a historical building, formally the Citizen's Bank, this restaurant is interlaced with antique and modern touches creating both an old and new world feel.

For years, owners Freddie Flores and Ted Tabor had a vision of bringing Authentic Cuban cuisine to Springfield for which they found the absolute perfect location. "One glance at the floors, art deco wavy glass windows and structure of this historical building, we found the look and feel of Havana" says Freddie. "And we are proud to be joining the other worldly restaurants on C-Street". The original basement vault door from Citizen's Bank can be found in the luminous lighted full bar. Real life Cuban pictures set the decor throughout the restaurant, with an ambiance of pure class. Freddie is joined by his wife Indira Cabrera-Flores who was born and raised in Cuba. Ted and Bonnie Tabor have lived in Springfield for more than 50 years and are very excited to bring this cultural opportunity to Springfield.

The menu includes their signature "Cuban Sandwich". This tantalizing sandwich has piled on layers of Virginia style ham, slow roasted pulled port marinated in traditional Cuban spices, melted roulette and gruyere cheese, traditional yellow mustard, and made in-house classic version of stacker sandwich pickles. The top and bottom of the Cuban style bread is brushed with in-house honey butter to add

a sweet crunchy texture. Accompanying this one-of-a-kind "Cuban Sandwich" are "Yucca Fries" served with "Mojo sauce" (a traditional Cuban dipping sauce and marinade). Make sure you try all the other Authentic Cuban entrees on the menu as well.

The bar has a great selection of cocktails, wine or beer available to add to your Cuban experience. Another most popular signature item, to top off any meal or celebration, is the "Cuban Mojito". Unlike other Mojitos, it has no simple syrup or soda. This mojito, made to perfection, has raw cane sugar, fresh squeezed juices, fresh picked mint, and top shelf El Dorado 3-year rum. It simply is the best Mojito to be found anywhere. Plan a date night and come, immerse in and explore this Authentic Cuban restaurant! La Habana Vieja is open Monday through Saturday at 5:00pm and is located at 220 E Commercial St. Parking is available out front or in their lot behind the restaurant. Call 417-771-5723 for reservations for the Cuban experience. ■



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**1322 E. Battlefield Rd, (417) 450-4816** | Local franchisees and long-time Springfieldians, Mike and Kelly Parker are thrilled to bring an amazing restaurant concept to Springfield! Chicken Salad Chick believes in spreading joy, enriching lives, and serving others. With 12 different flavors of made from scratch, southern-style chicken salad, gourmet soups, fresh side salads, signature sandwiches, and delicious desserts, there's truly something for everyone at Chicken Salad Chick. We make everything from scratch, with love, and made fresh for you. Order online or stop by and see us! [order.chickensaladchick.com](http://order.chickensaladchick.com)



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**319 E Battlefield, (417) 886-9696** | Located in the Food 4 Less Shopping center, Cicis' Pizza & Beyond reopened March 25, 2019 under new ownership. It has been remodeled with an exciting new larger game room! Offering the best pricing in town: all you can eat buffet for adults at \$6.29 and kids 10 and under for \$4.49! Unlimited pizza, pasta and salad bar, you can go back as many times as you'd like. You can even ask for your own special pizza! We are a fun family place, so bring

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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.



**220 E Commercial St, (417) 771-5723** | La Habana Vieja is a Cuban restaurant, Latin cuisine has just found its 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 Monday through Saturday, 5pm to 10pm.



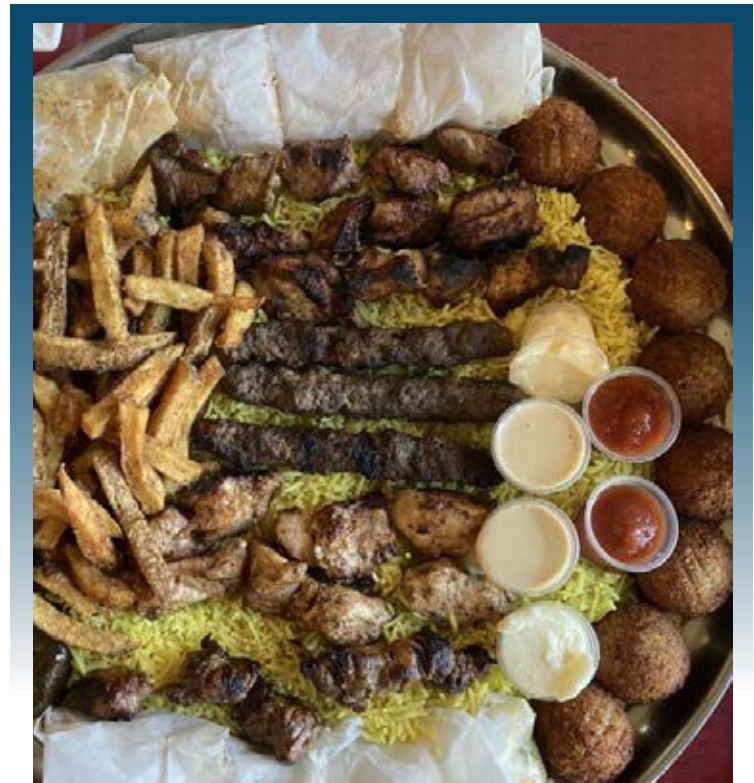
**1540 W Republic Rd., (417) 887-7500** | Welcome to Leong's Asian Diner, the place where east meets west! Our mission is to offer favorites from the original Leong's Tea House alongside new interpretations of hearty dishes from traditional continental cuisine. Area natives love Springfield-style cashew 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.



**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.



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**3938 S Lone Pine Ave Suite 100-B, (417) 851-1707** | Offering an ample variety of fresh authentic Japanese cuisine, which includes

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**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!



**230 E. Republic Rd, (417) 419-1147** | If you are looking for a healthy and energizing alternative for breakfast, lunch, or dessert, look no further than Springfield Acai Bowl. There are many options to choose from that include fresh fruits, nuts, chocolate, berries sure to satisfy any craving. They also have energy drinks that are delicious! Escape and get away in their Beach/Caribbean themed atmosphere. What better way to jump start your day!



**2800 W. Sunshine, (417) 889-4475** | Founded in 2001, Centerfold quickly became known for the area's hottest live adult entertainment. Through the years by serving our extensive menu featuring our U.S.D.A choice or higher 1lb hand-cut ribeye steak dinner, a fully stocked bar, all while providing top notch customer service, and of course an amazing stage show, we gained the reputation as Springfield's best steakhouse. Celebrating 20 years as Southwest Missouri's premiere gentlemen's club we invite you to come see what everyone is talking about.



**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.

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**621 S. Pickwick Ave. 417-866-7500** | Leave your worries at the gate! Owner Colleen Smith welcomes you to her cafe, serving Springfield since 2004. Open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, happy hour specials, theme dinners, catering services, and more. The menu features many vegan, gluten-free and vegetarian options. Enjoy a quiche of the day, Mediterranean platter, curry chicken salad sandwich, or maybe the turkey and gouda panini out in the romantic courtyard. Tucked away on tree lined Pickwick St, you'll feel as though transported to a romantic sidewalk café in Paris or Tuscany.



**338 E Commercial Street, (417) 536-6677** | 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.



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**1772 South Glenstone, Lamplighter Inn & Suites South, corner of Sunshine & Glenstone, 823-9904; 2515 North Glenstone, Coach House Best Western, between Kearney & Interstate 44, 866-1377 and 2129 W Republic Road, 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.





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# WELCOME TO ROUNTREE

Nestled just east of downtown, the Rountree neighborhood at Cherry and Pickwick is bustling with old and new businesses that have created a magical little spot that is inspiring and exciting.

With over 14 businesses represented—over half being restaurants—you could go every day of the week and have a different experience each time, all within a few hundred feet.

On the south most end is Tea Bar and Bites, the most perfect, quintessential tea house in the city. Set in the historical El Patio building, with an array of teas and fantastic pastries, quiches and sandwiches it cannot be missed.

Goldenrod sits in the back part of El Patio and has a beautiful selection of antique pieces that have been carefully curated. Walking through is a treat for your eyes.

And while in El Patio, make sure to stop in to The Local Bevy—a shop full of wonder and creativity all from local artists.

A few steps to the north and you'll find Pickwick Underground Framing, which is one of the oldest running businesses in the area, specializing in quality frames and installation.

Culture Counter is a newer kid on the block and is a fantastic organic and local fresh market and cafe. Perfect for grabbing lunch and doing some shopping. Or set up shop in the gorgeous calming green space of the cafe and get some work done or relax with friends over a draft kombucha or house-made ice cream.

Artistree Pottery is also newer and is a pottery painting studio space in one of the original buildings in the area that has been beautifully renovated. They

have wine, beer and cheese boards available for purchase, making it a fun girls night or date night location.

Imo's Pizza has been in this spot for decades and is dishing out some awesome St Louis-style pizza. It's thin crust and provel, need we say more?

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# Living in the “Queen City”

**A** 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 160,000 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. Faris 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 JQH Arena on the Missouri State campus is not only the home of bas-

ketball 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 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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# Shopping Guide

selection. Our professional art installation provides the blueprint so your art project can find balance in design and provide an elegant graceful finish. Having your art in place is the closing step to enjoying your art! Most importantly in that process is having the right tools and technical skills to allow your artwork to be installed safely and securely. Just the right height, distance, combination of images, colors and textures is all part of the installation process.

**Spring Creek Antiques & Tea Room** 107 S 3rd St, Ozark, 417-581-5914 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!

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**March 7-9**

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**March 9-12**

2023 SMDTC Dog Obedience

**March 12-13**

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**March 16-18**

2023 Trading Hands Kid's Consignment Sale - Spring

**March 17-19**

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Ozark Spring Roundup Livestock Shows

**March 31-April 1**

The Man Show Expo

**April 5**

2023 Build My Future

**April 12**

2023 Super Tech Competition

**April 14**

2023 Good Samaritans Boys Ranch Banquet

**April 15-16**

2023 Show Me Gourd Festival

**April 21-22**

2023 Midwest Overlanding & Offroad Expo

**April 26-30**

2023 Friends of the Library Book Sale -

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Hot Tub Expo

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# Historical Sights & Attractions

*Our top picks for essential Springfield experiences*



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**1935 South Campbell, (417) 891-5100** | Johnny Morris founded Bass Pro Shops in 1972 on 8 square feet of space in the back of his father's liquor store in Springfield, Missouri. Visit the "granddaddy of all outdoor stores." Don't make a visit to Springfield without seeing the "Sportsman's Paradise!" [basspro.com](http://basspro.com)



### C-Street Footbridge

**401 E Commercial St, Springfield, MO 65803** | Jefferson Avenue Footbridge is a historic footbridge located in Springfield, Missouri, United States. Built in 1902, it measures 562-foot long and allows pedestrians to cross 13 sets of railroad tracks. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2003.



### Crystal Cave

**7126 N Crystal Cave LN, (417)815-cave (2283)** | Crystal Cave's guided tours will take you into our naturally preserved historic cave, which first opened to the public as a commercial show cave in 1893. You'll enter this spectacular cave through the old iron gates from the original Springfield jail and walk into the cool underworld. The temperature inside the cave is a constant 59° Fahrenheit. Once in the cave you will see many fantastic geological formations including stalagmites, stalactites, flowstone, and the rare helictites formations. [info@visitcrystalcave.com](mailto:info@visitcrystalcave.com)



### Dickerson Park Zoo

**1401 W Norton Rd, (417) 864-1800** | The Dickerson Park Zoo was established in 1922 and is home to more than 500 animals that represent 160 different species. See page? An up-close adventure with hundreds of animals from around the world in natural surroundings. [dickersonparkzoo.org](http://dickersonparkzoo.org)



### Fantastic Caverns

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### History Museum on the Square

**154 Park Central Square, (417) 831-1976** | The History Museum on The Square first opened its doors back in 1976. To walk through and experience the history of Springfield and Greene County, visit the History Museum on the Square. visit them at [historymuseumonthesquare.org](http://historymuseumonthesquare.org)



### 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.





### **Ozark Empire Fairgrounds**

**3001 N. Grant Ave, (417) 833-2660** | The Ozark Empire Fair started in the early 1900's as a traveling display of area crafts and handwork. Admission and exhibits were free in the Thirties. The only charge to fairgoers was for carnival rides, food, and Grandstand performances. The Grandstand shows of the Thirties included major production spectaculars; special vaudeville and circus acts; horse, car, and motorcycle races; stunt shows; and big band entertainers. Admission for these shows ranged from 25¢ to \$1.00, depending on seat location. The first Fair was set for October 10-16, 1937. For all Historical information go to [www.ozarkempirefair.com](http://www.ozarkempirefair.com)

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### **Springfield Art Museum**

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### **Landers Theatre**

**311 E. Walnut St., (417) 869-1334** | Home of the Springfield Little Theatre, listed on the National Register of Historic Sites. The Landers Theatre in Springfield, Missouri, built in 1909, is the second oldest and largest civic theater operation in Missouri. It has been in continuous use either as a legitimate theatre or a movie theater since it opened. In 1928, the theater became the 35th facility in the world to acquire sound film. Greene County, visit the History Museum on the Square. visit them at [historymuseumonthesquare.org](http://historymuseumonthesquare.org)

## **SPRINGFIELD NATIONAL CEMETERY**

### **Springfield National Cemetery**

**1702 E. Seminole at Glenstone Avenue, (417) 881-9499** | Established in 1867 as a place to initially inter Civil War Union Soldiers, many of whom died at the Battle of Wilson's Creek in 1871 a section for Confederate Soldiers was added. It has since been expanded and opened to all veterans, and now has the interred remains of soldiers from wars dating back to the Revolutionary War. The cemetery lends its name to National Avenue in Springfield, which formerly passed by the cemetery prior to the southern expansion of the city decades ago. The only place in the United States where both Union and Confederate soldiers are buried in the same cemetery. [cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/springfield](http://cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/springfield)

## **WILSON'S CREEK NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD**

### **Wilson's Creek National Battlefield**

**M and ZZ from HWY 60, (417) 732-2662** | Site of the Civil War Battle fought on August 10, 1861. Major features include a five-mile automobile tour loop, the restored 1852 Ray House, and "Bloody Hill," the site of the final stage of the battle. Visitors Center with audio-visual theatre, exhibits, and library. The site is located near Republic, MO in southwestern Missouri just southwest of the city of Springfield. It has been a unit of the National Park Service since 1960, and was listed on the National Register of Historic places in 1966.



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# All School Exhibition

by Joshua Best

Every March, in celebration of Youth Art Month, the Museum invites student artists from across our community, in kindergarten through twelfth grades, to exhibit outstanding artwork in the *All School Exhibition*. This highly anticipated show has been a staple of our exhibition schedule for decades and is the Museum's longest ongoing exhibition initiative, dating back to 1932.

Divided into three sections containing Elementary, Middle School, and High School works, this exhibit is one of the Museum's most popular annual shows. The exhibit typically brings in well over 14,000 patrons who view more than 400 works of local art. Following the *All School Exhibition*, MFA candidates from Missouri State University take over the Weisel and Kelly Galleries to present their *MFA Student Showcase* (May 6 – 28). These two shows present a unique snapshot of the continuum of work being produced in educational settings throughout our community – from kindergarten through higher education.

As the art teachers who work with these students know, art is a powerful educational tool. In addition to creativity and self-expression, the arts teach problem solving, critical thinking, innovation, and collaboration. Artwork created by children and teenagers is often relegated to education wings or hallways when it is displayed in museums. By showcasing student work in one of our primary gallery spaces, the Museum seeks to highlight the importance of arts education and honor the accomplishments of young artists.

The *All School Exhibition* also reflects the work of the incredibly talented teachers in our community, many of whom are practicing artists themselves. Faculty members from public, private, and parochial schools select artwork for exhibition, and a dedicated team of teachers and students from Springfield Public Schools install the art in the galleries. Enjoy this year's exhibit March 4 through April 23. Our 2023 Exhibition Season is presented by Friends of the Springfield Art Museum, Inc. Support for the *All School Exhibition* is generously provided by the George Deatz Family. The Springfield Art Museum is located at 1111 East Brookside Drive Springfield, MO 65807. Admission is always free. Donations are gratefully accepted.

## Public Events:

Middle & High School Student Showcase: Friday, March 3, 2023, 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Elementary School Student Showcases:

Grades K - 2: Saturday, March 4, 2023, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Grades 3 - 5: Saturday, March 4, 2023, 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Also coming in April: *Holding Space: Contemporary Enamel Vessels and Art In Bloom!* Visit [www.sgfmuseum.org](http://www.sgfmuseum.org) or follow us on social media @sgfmuseum for more information. ■



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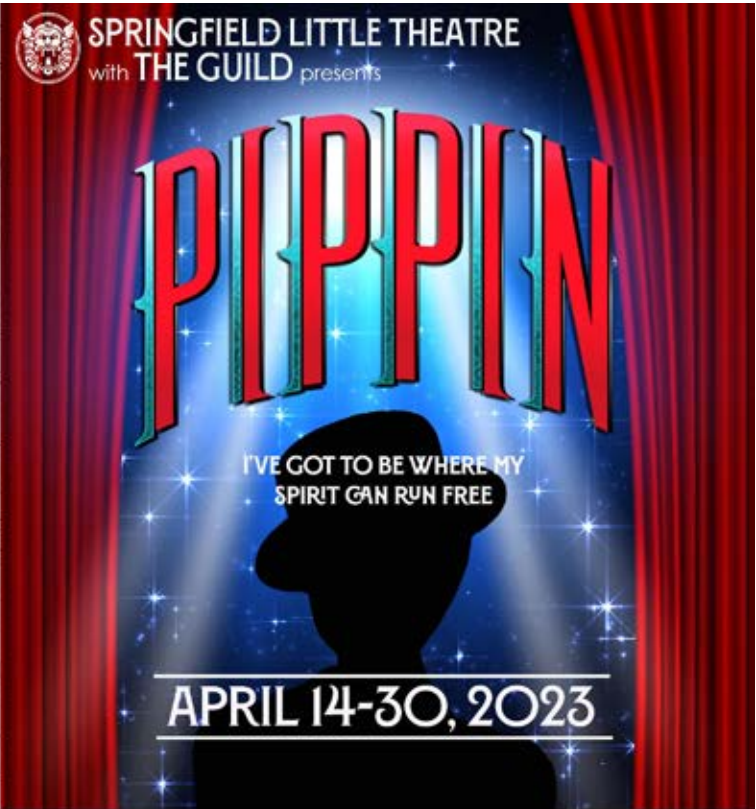
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