



# December 2022 Family Community Activity List

*We make every effort to ensure the accuracy of this information. However, you should always call ahead to confirm dates, times, location, and other information!*

## Exciting Groups

**Art Inspired Academy:** Full Schedule of Classes Listed Online at <https://www.abilitiesfirst.net/art-inspired-academy/>

**Good Life Group:** Come join the fun doing the “Red Kettle Campaign” on **Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at the Hy-Vee on 1720 W Battlefield Rd, Spfd (the door closest to the pharmacy) from 3-5 pm.** Please RSVP by Dec 8<sup>th</sup> to [kkliewer@abilitiesfirst.net](mailto:kkliewer@abilitiesfirst.net) or (417) 709-0057. The Good Life Group will also be hosting a monthly meeting on Monday, Dec 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7 pm at the Library Center (4653 S Campbell Ave) for an end of the year “Celebrate Our Accomplishments” Party. Please RSVP by Dec 8<sup>th</sup> to [kkliewer@abilitiesfirst.net](mailto:kkliewer@abilitiesfirst.net) or [ssteelman@abilitiesfirst.com](mailto:ssteelman@abilitiesfirst.com).

## Mark Your Calendar

**(Put the following dates on your calendar of things not to miss this coming month and next)**

**Friends of Abilities First presents: Winter Dreamland (Christmas Tree Event Fundraiser): December 2<sup>nd</sup> –** Winter Dreamland @ Oasis Convention Center Paradise Ballroom (2546 N Glenstone, Spfd) **Get Ready for the Christmas Tree event of the year! This year's event will be held at the Oasis Hotel and Convention Center. VIP Party: 6:30 pm - 7:00 and Main Event: 7:00 pm.** What to expect! Christmas Tree's fully decorated you can take home the night of the event! (sponsors are in a competition to see who has the best-themed tree! You help pick!), Silent and Live auction, Food, Music, drink, and so much more. **Proceeds from Winter Dreamland will benefit Art Inspired Academy (AIA).** Art Inspired Academy offers inclusive creative arts classes for individuals with and without disabilities. Classes include: theatre, movement, music enrichment, and art. Friends of Abilities First is a non-profit organization 501(c)(3) that assists with the growing needs and expenses of people with developmental disabilities in Greene County, when there are no other funding sources available. Friends of Abilities First also provides opportunities for inclusion where people live, learn, work, and play. **Tickets: [\(20+\) Winter Dreamland | Facebook](#) or Michele Fields at 417-839-4656.**

**Night to Shine Registration:** Started **November 9<sup>th</sup> –** High Street Baptist Church in Springfield is excited to host Night to Shine again in person Feb 10, 2023 sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation. **Night to Shine is a prom night for individuals with special needs age 14+.** You will need to register to attend at <http://www.nighttoshinesgf.com/> under Guest Tab and also, if you would like to volunteer you need to register at the same website under Volunteer Tab. Register early before space fills up. This is an exciting night of celebration honoring individuals with Special Needs.

## Area Christmas Parades

**(follow Facebook pages for more info)**

**Mountain Grove Christmas Parade/WinterFest Celebration** – Saturday, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 11 am – 7 pm on the Town Square.

**Fair Grove Christmas Parade** – Saturday, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 5 pm. Starts near Fair Grove High School.

**Rogersville Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting Ceremony** – Saturday, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 5-9 pm. Rogersville Caboose.

**Highlandville Christmas Parade** – Saturday, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 1 pm. Highlandville Elementary School.

**Lockwood Christmas Parade** – Saturday, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 1:30 pm. Parade starts near Lockwood High School, goes down Main Street, and ends by the nursing home.

**Kimberling City Christmas Parade** – Saturday, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 3 pm. Parade route starts on Kimberling Blvd by the library and ends with festivities at the Port of Kimberling.

**Marshfield Christmas Parade** – Saturday, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 7 pm. Marshfield Square (101 S Crittenden).

**Battlefield Christmas Parade** – Saturday, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 4-5 pm. Location TBD.

**Republic Christmas on Main Street** – Saturday, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 9 am – 5:30 pm. Republic Historic Downtown Main Street.

**Bolivar Christmas Parade** – Saturday, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 5:30 pm. Leave SBU's main entrance traveling north on Springfield Ave. then will continue west on Broadway and south on Lillian. The parade will end on Lillian in front of Bolivar Schools Central Office parking lot.

**Sparta Christmas Parade** – Saturday, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 6 pm. Downtown Sparta.

**Willard Christmas on the Frisco Parade** – Saturday, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 2 pm. Crafts and Pictures with Santa throughout the day.

**Branson Adoration Parade** – Sunday, Dec 4<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 pm. Beginning at the Branson Convention Center's south parking lot, the parade will wind its way through Historic Downtown Branson and can be best viewed along Commercial Street.

**68<sup>th</sup> Annual Nixa Christmas Parade** – Sunday, Dec 4<sup>th</sup> @ 2 pm. Leaving from the X Center, the parade will travel west on North St, turn right onto Main (north) to Aven and turn left (west, take Aven to Fort St (south), south on Fort St to Wasson (west), west on Wasson to McCroskey (north), north on McCroskey to Lorene (east), east on Lorene to Main St (north), north on Main St to Short St (east), East on Short St, to Frank (south), South on Frank to Kyle (east), East on Kyle to the back driveway of the Nixa Jr High.

**Downtown Springfield Christmas Parade** – Saturday, Dec 10<sup>th</sup> @ 2 pm. Downtown Springfield.

**Clever Christmas Parade** – Saturday, Dec 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm. Downtown Clever.

**Forsyth Christmas Parade** – Saturday, Dec 10<sup>th</sup> @ 2 pm.

**38<sup>th</sup> Annual Lake of the Ozarks Christmas Parade** – Saturday, Dec 10<sup>th</sup> @ 1 pm. Bagnell Dam Strip.

**Ash Grove Day of Christmas @ Twilight Parade** – Saturday, Dec 10<sup>th</sup> @ 10 am – 9 pm. Start your day at the Nathan and Olive Boone Homestead for the "Christmas Through the Decades" event at 10 am and then drift downtown at 4 pm for the Twilight Christmas Parade.

**Ava Christmas Parade** – Saturday, Dec 10<sup>th</sup> @ 2 pm.

**Galena Christmas Parade** – Saturday, Dec 10<sup>th</sup> @ 5 pm. Starts near Galena Park.

**Christmas in Cabool** – Saturday, Dec 17<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 pm. Main Street.

**Dadeville Christmas Parade** – Saturday, Dec 17<sup>th</sup> @ noon. 130 S Clompton Street.



December has many celebrations within the month: Dec 1<sup>st</sup> is World's AIDS Day, Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> is International Day for the Abolition of Slavery, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> is International Day of Persons with Disabilities, Dec 4<sup>th</sup> is World Wildlife Conservation Day, Dec 5<sup>th</sup> is International Volunteer Day and World Soil Day, Dec 7<sup>th</sup> is International Civil Aviation Day, Dec 9<sup>th</sup> is International Anti-Corruption Day, Dec 10<sup>th</sup> is Human Rights Day and Nobel Day, Dec 11<sup>th</sup> is International Mountain Day, Dec 12<sup>th</sup> is International Day of Neutrality, Dec 15<sup>th</sup> is International Tea Day, Dec 18<sup>th</sup> is Arabic Language Day and International Migrants Day, Dec 20<sup>th</sup> is International Human Solidarity Day, Dec 21<sup>st</sup> is National Robin Day, Dec 26<sup>th</sup> is Boxing Day, and Dec 27<sup>th</sup> is National Fruitcake Day.



#### Springfield Greene County Park Board

**Accessible Recreation Drive Thru Ceramics, Drive-Thru Ceramics** offers a safe and fun way to expand your creativity while staying safe in your own home! It's minimal interaction but maximum fun! We have ceramic projects that are ready to be your next masterpiece! There are a variety of project options - just call or email to schedule a pick-up time. Call when you arrive, and we will bring it out! **Pick-up at the Northview Center \$5-\$10, Ongoing; call 837-5808 to reserve a pick-up time.**

**Wednesday Morning Ceramics Class.** Join us for a fun way to create ceramic projects for anyone age 16 and up with a disability! Classes will be held in the Northview Center Ballroom (305 E Talmage, Spfd). No transportation will be offered for these programs. Fee: \$30 per session. Please note fee adjustment. There is an additional charge for certain items. **Jan 4 - 25 from 9 am – Noon. Register online at [ParkBoard.org](http://ParkBoard.org) or by calling 417-837-5808 before Dec 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**Wednesday Afternoon Ceramics Class.** Join us for a fun way to create ceramic projects for anyone age 16 and up with a disability! Classes will be held in the Northview Center Ballroom (305 E Talmage, Spfd). No transportation will be offered for these programs. Fee: \$30 per session. Please note fee adjustment. There is an additional charge for certain items. **Jan 4 - 25 from 3:30 – 5:30 pm. Register online at [ParkBoard.org](http://ParkBoard.org) or by calling 417-837-5808 before Dec 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**Thursday Morning Ceramics Class.** Join us for a fun way to create ceramic projects for anyone age 16 and up with a disability! Classes will be held in the Northview Center Ballroom (305 E Talmage, Spfd). No transportation will be offered for these programs. Fee: \$30 per session. Please note fee adjustment. There is an additional charge for certain items. **Jan 5 - 26 from 9 am – Noon. Register online at [ParkBoard.org](http://ParkBoard.org) or by calling 417-837-5808 before Dec 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**Bowling @ Enterprise Park Lanes from 3:30 – 5:30 pm. Mondays Jan 9 – Feb 6 (skip Jan 16)** Enjoy bowling while you meet new friends at Park Board Bowling! This program consists of 4 week sessions for bowlers ages 16 and up with a disability. Open bowling and league play are offered in the fall for fun-filled competition! Fee: \$10 per week for two games and shoes (\$40 for session) **Register at 417-837-5808.**

**Jordan Valley Ice Park (Public Skate),** Daily with times slots varying from hour and half during the week and hour sessions on the weekend. 417-866-7444 for open sessions or check out facebook. \$6 for Adults and \$5 for Seniors 55+ and students or children 3 and up + \$3 Skate rental fee. Annual passes are also available.

**Dickerson Park Zoo, Daily 9 am-4 pm.** \$16 Adults and Teens, \$13 Adults 60+, and \$11 for Children 3-12. There is a group fee for groups of 15+ and a military discount as well. Most parking is free. Info Hotline is 417-864-1800. Check out the zoo website for classes for children toddler up through middle school and volunteer opportunities as well @ <http://dickersonparkzoo.org>

**Cruse Dog Park, Daily Sunrise-Sunset (except Thursday due to mowing)** Cruse Dog Park is the first off-leash dog park in Springfield, Missouri. Officially 'unleashed' in November, 2008, the park is a 6-acre, fenced facility for dogs to go off-leash to run, play, socialize and exercise. There is a 4 1/2-acre section for large dogs and a one and a half-acre section for small dogs. Annual fee of \$35 per dog (no more than 2 per person). Daily Pass available for \$10 (per dog) limit of 2 dogs per owner + \$10 deposit. Please note you must provide a current Certificate of Vaccination for Rabies, rabies tag number and pet medical records from a licensed veterinarian documenting current vaccinations for Parvo, Distemper, and Bordetella. **Dog park is located at 1069 S Wabash behind Walgreens. Hotline 417-864-1804 or phone 417-864-1332. Paperwork must be completed before entering park with your dog.**

**Aquabilities with Jen Keet**, Join us for a reboot of our recreational aquatics class at the Doling Family Center! Participants with a disability, ages 12 and up, will socialize while moving and grooving in a fun, music-filled class for 45 minutes, followed by 15 minutes of free swim. **Dec Tuesday Class from 10:30 – 11:30 am (Dec 6 – Dec 27).** Fee: \$30, Register by 12/02/2022. Participants must be comfortable in chest deep water, A family/staff member must remain on site, Family/staff member should be prepared to get in the pool with their participant if necessary and Pre-registration and payment required.

**Daily: Water Aerobics at Chesterfield**--Available at Chesterfield Family Center. A great way to get in shape with minimal impact on your muscles and joints. This program is tentative based on current COVID-19 regulations. *Chesterfield Family Center 891-1616.* Mon-Sat 8:30 am & 9:30 am; Mon, Wed & Fri 5:30 pm, Chesterfield Family Center. **FREE for Members and Daily Fee for Non-members.** **Chesterfield Family Center Aquatics will be closed Oct 10-24 for scheduled annual maintenance and deep leaning, which requires draining the pool, lap lanes and whirlpool spa. Chesterfield Pool is scheduled to reopen Oct 25. Updates will be posted on Facebook. During the closure, Doling Family Center pool remains open at 301 E Talmage St., 417-837-5900.**

**Daily: Water Aerobics at Doling**--Available at both Doling Family Center. A great way to get in shape with minimal impact on your muscles and joints. This program is tentative based on current COVID-19 regulations. *Doling Family Center 837-5900.* Mon-Fri 9 am, Sat 9:30 am; Tues, Thurs 5:30 & 6:30 pm. Doling Family Center. **FREE for Members, Daily Fee for Non-Members**

**Joints in Motion**—Less vigorous than regular aerobics classes, focusing on stretching, strength, and flexibility of tight or recovering muscles and joints. Tuesday and Thursday @ 9:30 am at Chesterfield Family Center. **FREE for Members, Daily Fee for Non-Members**

**Little Splashers**—A designated time for children 5 and under, accompanied by an adult in the water. Pool features are turned off, but upon request, the small spray features will be turned on for little ones to enjoy. Monday-Friday, 11:30 am – 1 pm., @ Doling and Chesterfield Family Centers. **FREE for Members, Daily Fee for Non-Members.**

**Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park**, 3825 W Farm Road 146 in Springfield. Tuesday – Sunday 9 am until 5 pm. **FREE admission (some educational programs and activities have a fee)**

**Accessible Bikes** -- The Springfield-Greene County Park Board's Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park is home to three accessible bicycles designed for individuals with disabilities. The bikes are available for free check-out at the [Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park](#) gift shop, for use at the park, 3825 W. Farm Road 146, and on the Wilson Creek Greenway, which runs through the park. The park is open Tuesday-Sunday, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m., closed Mondays. Cyclists must sign a waiver, and are not allowed to remove the bikes from the park or the Wilson's Creek Greenway. Helmets are required and provided. **For more information about bike availability, contact Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park at 417-837-5949.**

**Sundays: Gray/Campbell Farmstead Open House**--Visit with volunteer docents to look inside historic buildings and learn more about life in the Ozarks in the 1860s. Open weather permitting. **1:30-4:30 FREE.**

**Gardens Aglow @ Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden from 5 – 8:30 pm.** Nov 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> and Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>, Dec 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, Dec 16<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, Dec 26<sup>th</sup> and Dec 30<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>. Bring the whole family to walk Gardens Aglow, a botanical-themed light festival in the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden. Friends of the Garden donates half of the Gardens Aglow admission proceeds to the maintenance fund for the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden, sponsored by Simmons Bank. The remaining admission proceeds furthers Friends of the Garden's mission to support the Springfield Botanical Gardens. More than 175,000 festive lights accent the unique structures and landscaping of the Stroll Garden and capture the winter beauty of nature. Light features include RGB lights, firecracker lights, framed installations, up lighting and string lights. 2022 new frame installations were made possible by Heavy Metal Christmas, Kodiak Trailers, Parks Operations Construction Repair and Bill Fullerton. Cozy up to a fire pit and purchase snacks and hot beverages from our vendors. (SnoNut, Lae's Authentic Egg Rolls, AM Donuts and Coffee, and Whatzpoppin). **Tickets Online: Adults (ages 13 and older) \$5 and Children (ages 3-12) \$2. Tickets At the Gate: Adults \$7 and Children \$3.**

[www.parkboard.org](http://www.parkboard.org)

# DECEMBER

## Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>

**Signing Santa @ Bass Pro Shops from 9 – 11:30 am.** Annual signing Santa will be available this Thursday from 9 – 11:30 am. Bass Pro will provide a free 4 X 6 Photo for each child. Lunch will be on your own.

**Homeschool Art & PE: Oil Pastel @ ArtZone, Nixa from 10 am – Noon (4 week class).** Art Zone & Studio Fitness are teaming up to offer Art & PE Homeschool classes!! During Dec we will be creating oil pastel drawings. One hour will focus on art followed by an hour of PE. Classes meet for 4 weeks 10am-12pm on Thursday's. Each month will have a different art and PE focus. PE switches between Yoga, Dance and Hula Hooping. Dec has four weeks- \$40 Art & PE Only, Art 10am-11am- \$20, or Only PE 11am-12pm \$20. Tickets: [www.artzonenixa.com](http://www.artzonenixa.com)

**Modeling out your real estate business @ Springfield Botanical Gardens at Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park @ Noon.** Setting goals is great, but if they're not backed up with a solid business model how will you ever reach those goals? Having a good model to run your business allows you to stay focused on dollar producing activities that you will consistently do instead of wasting time on things that aren't part of your model. Click the link below to register: <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event...>

**Lunch & Learn @ Pat Jones YMCA from 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm.** Come learn how to avoid scams and fraudulent activities with TelComm Credit Union. Our guest speaker will be sharing some tips with you and answering all your questions about the topic! FREE to YMCA members and community. REGISTER TODAY at the front desk or call 417-881-1599.

**Give Back Grocery Packing @ Least of These, Inc. from 4 – 6 pm.** This year we are partnering with Least of These for the grocery portion of our Christmas Give Back event so we have opportunities pack grocery bags at their warehouse that will be distributed at our campus on the day of Give Back. They are a fantastic organization that shares the heart of North Point to provide help for today and hope for tomorrow. Hope to see you there!

**Merry Meals Packing Event @ Least of These, Inc. from 6 – 8 pm.** Join us at Least Of These to help pack approximately 1,500 bags with Christmas meals for local families. This is a great volunteer opportunity for families and youth. No need to register to volunteer; simply show up and take your place in the packing line. You will be given a bag to fill with items from each of our stations. Filled bags will be given to families along with their regular grocery items in December. Please help us pack the bags so every family may enjoy a merry meal this Christmas.

**Youth Fundraiser @ CiCi's Pizza from 4 – 9 pm.** Join us for an incredible fundraising night at CiCis Pizza! The youth at Bread of Life Ministries will be helping to bus tables and serve drinks to all attendees for the evening. Live music entertainment and worship is being sung by...Bob Davidson Music Ministries. All Tips, and a portion of the sales will go directly to benefiting our youth to attend Church Camp for 2023!!! Last year we got to take part in witnessing 17 salvations /and re dedications to the Lord!! We cannot wait to see what God has in store for next year!!! Please come and enjoy an evening of Fellowship, Pizza, Worship and Fun @ CiCis Pizza! Thank you for being apart of this amazing move God is doing within the youth of His Kingdom!

**Mother's Brewery & APO Recognize World AIDS Day @ Mother's Brewing Company from 5:30 – 7:30 pm.** Our friends at Mother's Brewery came to APO several weeks back asking how they can partner with us in recognizing World AIDS Day this year. They decided on their own to create a new Mother's shirt that highlights APO and the care that we provide to those we care for across 29 counties of southwest Missouri. Mother's will be giving APO a portion of shirt sales so that that care can continue until we no longer have HIV diagnoses happening. You can order

your shirt now until Nov. 14th and then come to Mother's on Dec. 1st, World AIDS Day, where shirts will be able to be picked up! But, shirt or no shirt, this is a free event open to all in our community. This come and go evening will consist of live music by the incredible Deja Crew band, great Mother's beer for purchase as well as a signature cocktail that Mother's is creating for this special event. We'll also have free some light food options available. You can purchase shirts at <https://bit.ly/MothersAPOWorldAIDSDay>

**Prepared Childbirth – Part 1 @ 1000 E Primrose St, Spfd from 5:30 – 9 pm.** This is a two-part class. This event shows Part One and you would attend Part Two the following week during the same time. A one-day Saturday class is also available. See separate event for details. In this class, you and your support person will learn what to expect before, during and after childbirth. Content includes late pregnancy expectations, the process of labor and birth, pain relief and comfort measures, medical interventions, cesarean sections and newborn and postpartum care. Includes tour of Labor & Delivery and Women & Newborn. Offered in-person or virtually. In-person attendance benefits include: hands-on help with position changes, utilizing our birthing balls and massage tools, support person can try on an empathy belly, & we have a uterus/fetus display. Register online at [www.coxhealth.com/events](http://www.coxhealth.com/events) or call The Women's Center at 417-269-4664 option 2. Plan to attend during the last trimester of your pregnancy, but call around 20-25 weeks to register for the best availability.

**Nature Crafting: Embroidery Ornaments @ Wonders of Wildlife from 6 – 8 pm..** 'Tis the season! Get into the holiday spirit and join us to create your own embroidery ornaments. These handmade ornaments will bring joy into your home and make the perfect personalized gift for loved ones, just in time for the holidays! Snack and drinks vouchers provided. Ages 13+ Tickets: [www.wondersofwildlife.org/event/nature-crafting-embroidery-ornaments](http://www.wondersofwildlife.org/event/nature-crafting-embroidery-ornaments)

**Wreath Madness Sip & Create Workshop @ Culture Flock from 6 – 8 pm for \$60.** Wait! Hold up! Do not go buy a holiday wreath, when you can make one yourself! Be the envy of your family and friends when you display your one-of-a-kind holiday wreath you made at Wreath Madness Sip and Create December 1st at 6PM! You will get a 14" wreath frame and we will guide you on how to make your perfect wreath! We will supply various evergreens and various other items to really make your holiday wreath pop! Have some wine (if you're over 21) and a great time! Get tickets ASAP, this will sell out! Tickets: [www.cultureflock.com/products/wreath-madness-sip-create-workshop](http://www.cultureflock.com/products/wreath-madness-sip-create-workshop)

**Merry & Bright 2022 @ Park Crest Baptist Church from 6:30 pm.** Come out and enjoy a time of worship and refreshments, as well as special guest speaker, Kat Compton. We can't wait to kick off the Christmas season with you at our totally FREE, annual Merry & Bright Ladies Christmas event! All we ask is that you let us know you're coming by signing up on our website. Click the "Tickets" link to sign up today! Tickets: [www.parkcrestbaptist.org/merryandbright](http://www.parkcrestbaptist.org/merryandbright)

**Winter Wonderland Paint Night @ Painting with a Twist from 7 – 9 pm.** The cheer starts here! Our talented artist will lead you through this festive Joyriding Winter Wonderland painting step-by-step. Feel free to get creative by choosing your own personalized phrase and surface of choice. Beginners are welcome! We will provide the laid-back ambiance and painting supplies. You just bring friends, favorite beverages, and Christmas cheer! Tickets: [www.paintingwithatwist.com/studio/springfield/event/3223013](http://www.paintingwithatwist.com/studio/springfield/event/3223013)

**Interview with Kaeden Cornell @ KJ Brewskies from 7:30 pm.** Going to sit down with Late Model Driver, Kaeden Cornell off a heck of a season and of course a run at turkey bowl 16!

**Trivia Night! @ Back Home Brewing from 8 pm.** Get your brain ready!!! Trivia starts @ 7:30! Teams of 1-6 people! Prizes given each round! Back Home Brewing.

**Harper's Warm Hands and Warm Hearts @ New Life Church from 9 pm.** Harper wants to celebrate her birthday this year by keeping our friends and family who are in need. She is collecting Hot Hands, Gloves, Coats, and blankets for our community that need it. If you would like to help her help others stay warm this cold season, please let us know! Drop these off at New Life Church (776 W Fm Rd 186, Spfd)

## Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Winter Dreamland @ Oasis Hotel & Convention Center from 6:30 pm.** Get ready for the Christmas Tree event of the year! This year's event will be held at the Oasis Hotel and Convention Center. VIP Party: 6:30 – 7 pm. Main Event: 7 pm. What to expect! -Christmas Tree's fully decorated you can take home the night of the event! (sponsors are in a competition to see who has the best-themed tree! You help pick!) -Silent and Live auction -Food -Music, drink, and so much more. Proceeds from Winter Dreamland will benefit Art Inspired Academy (AIA). Art Inspired Academy offers inclusive creative arts classes for individuals with and without disabilities. Classes include: theatre, movement, music enrichment, and art. Friends of Abilities First is a non-profit organization 501(c)(3) that assists with the growing needs and expenses of people with developmental disabilities in Greene County, when there are no other funding sources available. Friends of Abilities First also provides opportunities for inclusion where people live, learn, work, and play. Tickets: [checkout.square.site/merchant/8HBVJG9QE9RK5/checkout/HXIBJTQRT5UG7VHZKUWJGFSF](https://checkout.square.site/merchant/8HBVJG9QE9RK5/checkout/HXIBJTQRT5UG7VHZKUWJGFSF)

**Geekmas 2022 @ Springfield Expo Center Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> starting at 9 am.** SWMO Holiday nerd event. Geekmas is a one of a kind nerd event. Geekmas celebrates all things creative! Geekmas was born out of a desire to provide a different kind of convention experience during the holiday season. In Geekmas's unique environment, creative people and fans unite in their passions for writing, art, comics, toys, movies, TV, gaming, technology and more. Tickets: [www.eventbrite.com/e/geekmas-tickets-375027737057](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/geekmas-tickets-375027737057)

**The Christmas Shop @ Travellers House Coffee & Tea from Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> (1 – 7 pm) & 3<sup>rd</sup> (8 am – 5 pm)** Local artists pop-up shop with live music! Art makes for wonderful gifts. Pottery, paintings, jewelry, hand painted ornaments, wreaths and more. Shop items on our Hope Tree and proceeds from those items go 100% to Convoy of Hope.

**Jumpstart 2022 Launch Party @ Cards 'N Stripes Games starting at 4 pm.** Players will be encouraged to come in play this Friday night. To participate players will purchase at least two Jumpstart 2022 packs and combine the packs and play. Cost: \$12 (2 Packs) Everyone who Participates in this event will receive a Kibo, Uktabi Price Promo. The 1st 20 to Enter will Receive the 1998 Windfall Promo.

**Fairytale Opera Scenes @ Ellis Hall from 4:30 - 5:15 pm.** Join the MSU Opera workshop class for a short program of fairytale scenes from Into the Woods, Viardot's Cendrillon, Rossini's Cenerentola, Princess Ida, and Once Upon a Mattress. Free and open to the public in C Minor Recital Hall at Missouri State University.

**2022 Greater Ozarks Bluegrass Society Christmas Party @ Gloria Deo Academy from 5 – 10 pm.** Come join us for the 2022 GOBS Christmas Party!! Music will be provided by Lonesome and bluegrass karaoke will follow! Lots of spaces for jamming. The event is FREE and open to members and invited guests. Free concert, free food & drinks, and fun! Hope to see you there!!

**GLO Youth Art Sale @ BookMarx from 5 – 9 pm.** The GLO Youth Group (ages 12-17) is going to be selling their artsy wares at First Friday Art Walk! Come check out their offerings at BookMarx and help to support local young queer artists and the GLO Center's youth program. They will be selling jewelry, crafts, stickers, art prints, and more! They are raising money to help pay for activities such as a prom, camping, swimming, trips, etc. Come support an excellent cause while getting something awesome to take home!

**17<sup>th</sup> Annual Sacred Heart Christmas Cookie, Craft & Vendor Sale @ Sacred Heart Church, Spfd from Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> (5 – 9 pm) – Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> (10 am – 4 pm).** Come join Sacred Heart Church in celebrating the Christmas season. Friday evening- 5:00-9:00 pm/Saturday 10: am-4:00 pm. Our famous cookie walk will take place and our church will be able to be toured. The list of crafters and vendors include: SACRED HEART COOKIE WALK (\$8.00/lb), Happy Place Creations, Irene Livingston, Jordan Essentials, Judith Reed, Kid's Area (FREE), Kodie's Kreation, Krafts by Kondrot, Norwex, Pampered Chef, Scentsy, Sue Hornback, Susan Dollar Woodturning, and Tupperware. PLEASE SHARE THIS WITH YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

**2022 \$100 and Under Holiday Market @ Springfield Art Museum from 5 – 8 pm.** This holiday season the Springfield Regional Arts Council wants to support those who are creating really cool gift items - that's why we're excited to announce the return of our \$100 and Under Holiday Market! Held this year at the Springfield Art Museum vendors will include: Katie March, Andi Sneathern, Janelle Patterson, Caryn McAdoo, Jessica Lowe, Dean Ertel, Dawna Middleton, Nicole Chilton, Mary Passeri, Linda Passeri, Julia Barger, Deby Gilley, Dana Neuenschwander, Abby McGrath, LaDonna Greiner, Heidi Herman, Ashley Gilland, Michelle Martin, Ashley Laren, Sherri Davis, Bernadette Powell, Rusty & Jennifer Lindsey. We hope to see you there!

**Ugly Sweater Creating – Adults @ ArtZone, Nixa from 6 – 9 pm.** Let's create clay Ugly Sweater Ornaments! \$4 an ornament. This time frame is for adults! BYOB! We'll have ugly sweaters ready for you to come decorate. Make it a festive event and wear an ugly sweater. Grab a group of friends and come hang out! 6-9pm is 18 and up. 21 and up can BYOB! Tickets: [www.artzone.nixa.com](http://www.artzone.nixa.com)

**December First Friday: Lil Olive @ Obelisk Home from 6 – 10 pm.** Join us for the opening reception of, "Sublime/Subliminal" by Lil Olive! Lil's relationship with nature is imperative within this collection of work. Having lived in the Ozarks for most of her life, Lil engages in an ongoing dialogue with nature, sometimes even hiding text in the landscapes she depicts. Her view is at once romantic and melancholic as she considers nature's uncertain future. Surreal elements emerge as she combines representation with the imaginary; flowers seem to dance, birds seek love, trees ask us to look. Her paintings deepen her relationship with landscape—and the more her reverence grows, the more sacred that connection becomes. The evening will be filled with art and cheer! As you view our three levels of art, enjoy live music by Tuba artist, Ralph Hepola, and enjoy complimentary refreshments and Holiday treats.

**Community Christmas Tree Lighting @ Praise Assembly from 6 – 8 pm.** You're invited to our annual Tree Lighting on Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6 pm, with hot cocoa, bounce houses, food trucks and Santa's workshop complete with mailbox!

**Drive Through Living Nativity @ North Nixa Baptist Church on Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 8 pm each night.** Plan now to be a part of North Nixa's 8th Annual Drive Through Living Nativity. We will be hosting this evening on December 2nd, 3rd, and 4th from 6 to 8 pm. You will encounter shop owners, Roman Soldiers, shepherds, and live animals. You will pass by King Herod and Wisemen. You will see a crowded inn. And most importantly you will drive by the manger scene. There is no cost. Hope to see you one or more nights!!!

**Mayor's Tree Lighting Ceremony @ Nixa Parks and Recreation starting at 6 pm.** Join the City of Nixa Mayor to kick off the holiday season! The Mayor's Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on Friday, December 2nd at 6 pm at The X Center. This year's event will feature performances by Nixa Public Schools Choirs, CC Links CC Rhythm, holiday crafts, and hot chocolate and cookies sponsored by L.E.A.D Nixa. Santa will be at the event with a live reindeer exhibit! The event is free!

**Native Cooking @ 543 S Scenic Avenue, Spfd from 6 – 9 pm.** Native cooking hosted by CJay Chavez. Come learn how to make Frybread and other easy recipes.

**Coffee & Keys @ 101 West Church Street, Ozark from 6 – 8 pm.** Showcase your musical talent on our antique piano from the 1900's. We will offer open piano nights where you can enjoy a cup of coffee and live music. This is a recurring event, on the first Friday of every month.

**Alamo Draffhouse Film Club: The Flying Greek @ Alamo Draffhouse Spfd from 6:20 pm.** This will be a film club screening of The Flying Greek, featuring a post film discussion with director Jason Brasier. The story of jeweler Manoli Savvenas, who grew up in Rhodes Greece with ambitions to be a boxer, but soon fell in love with another sport he never thought he'd like....professional wrestling. Manoli became known as the renowned Mike Pappas "The Flying Greek" and stepped in the ring with legends such as Andre the Giant, Rocky Johnson and the Blue Demon. Tickets: [www.draffhouse.com/springfield/event/special-event-the-flying-geek](http://www.draffhouse.com/springfield/event/special-event-the-flying-geek)



**Q2 Man Up Springfield Gathering @ Enterprise Park Lanes from 6:30 – 8:30 pm.** Come out to our Q2 Gathering! It's been a busy season so let's have some fun and see who gets the high score in bowling. We will be bowling at Enterprise Lanes. Join us and bring a friend!

**Hold Fast Fridays – Shaun Munday @ Hold Fast Brewing from 7 pm.** Hold Fast Fridays is back with the music of Shaun Munday! Join us on the patio for more of your favorites – great craft beer and great music.

**Gifts of the Spirit @ Victory Church, Nixa from Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> (7 pm), 3<sup>rd</sup> (9 – Noon, 2-5 pm and 7 -9 pm) and 4<sup>th</sup> (1 -3 pm).** Join us for a powerful, inspiring three day event with Tom Scarrella on the "Gifts of the Spirit". Tom Scarrella Ministries is a revival driven evangelistic ministry with a strong emphasis on healings and miracles. Apostolic in nature, TSM's passion is to bring change, an equipping, and a setting ablaze of the local church with the fire of God and the tools of evangelism. FREE

**38<sup>th</sup> Annual EU Christmas Concert @ Evangel University at 7 pm (Spence Chapel).** Join us for the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Concert! The Evangel University Music Department presents the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Concert on Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 pm in Spence Chapel! Cost of admission is canned goods and/or a monetary donation to the Springfield Salvation Army. This concert will feature the University Chorus, University Chorale, Men's & Women's Ensembles, Symphonic Band w/ University Orchestra, Jazz Orchestra, and Heart Song. It will be a night you won't want to miss!

**Reindeer Run 5 K @ JR Martin Park, Republic from 7 pm.** The Reindeer Run 5K will begin at 7:00 PM on Friday, December 2 at J.R. Martin Park (300 E. Hines). This timed event will take you through the park, down Main Street, and back around the park to the finish line. Don't forget to grab some hot chocolate and snacks to keep you warm while waiting for results and awards at 8:00 PM! Registration fees are \$30.00 per person (no gift donation) OR \$22.00 per person (with donation of unwrapped children's gift). Online registration at [recdesk.republicparks.com](http://recdesk.republicparks.com) (under Special Events).

**Live Music: Shotgun Brothers @ Tie & Timber Beer Co from 7:30 pm.** Shotgun Brothers will be jamming Acoustic tunes in the taproom. Grab a cold brew, kick back and enjoy!

**Choral Union Concert @ Grace United Methodist Church from 7:30 pm.** Please join the Missouri State Choral Union for a performance on Friday at Grace United Methodist Church! FREE entry.

**Red Light Runner and Introducing The New Waves @ Southbound Bar & Grill from 8:30 pm.** The New Waves will be starting the party out at 8:30 pm. Brand new band with some familiar faces - bringing you the 80s New Wave hits. Then RLR will hit the stage and keep that party hopping! Don't miss this night! \$12 Cover.

**Big Bam Boom with Yachtly Groove @ Kiss Bar & Grill from 8:30 pm.** Big Bam Boom a Hall & Oates Experience and Yachtly Groove (Yacht Rock and Disco).

**Relic is back @ Archie's Lounge from Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> – Dec 4<sup>th</sup>.** Relic is back at Archie's Friday, Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Chuck Briseno @ Midnight Rodeo from 9 pm.** Chuck Briseno and the Mile 57 Band will be performing at MIDNIGHT RODEO! RSVP, Share, and Like to join us for an incredible night of music! [linktr.ee/chuckbriseno](http://linktr.ee/chuckbriseno)

### Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Village Inn Toy Drive for The Salvation Army from 7 am – 1 pm.** Village Inn will be hosting their annual Toy Drive for the Salvation Army Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at Village Inn located at 2036 S. Glenstone. Village Inn will give a free breakfast to anyone who brings in a new toy or a monetary donation. The toys will be given away on December 15<sup>th</sup> at The Salvation Army's annual Christmas Distribution to families in need. The families, senior

citizens and disabled individuals will also be receiving a gift certificate to our local Price Cutter stores for their Christmas meal.

**Christmas Craft Sale @ Trinity Christian Academy, Spfd from 8 am – 3 pm.** We will have Handmade Crafts, Concession Stand, Homemade Baked Goods, Free Gift Wrapping.

**Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Calvary Baptist Church, Ozark from 8 am.** Please join us for a men's prayer breakfast and fellowship! This will be a time to connect and fellowship. Men and boys of all ages are welcome!

**Midwest Winter Beach Volleyball National Events National Qualifier @ Volleyball Beach, Ozark from Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> – Dec 4<sup>th</sup> (8:30 am – 4:30 pm.)** VOLLEYBALL BEACH OZARKS BVNE NATIONAL QUALIFIER  
<https://vollisbeach.volleyballlife.com/tournament/6393...> SATURDAY Morning Wave: 14U - 18U Division (Boys and Girls) Check- in: 9:00 am, Start: 9:30 am and SUNDAY 16U Division (Boys and Girls) Check- in: 9:00 am and Start: 9:30 am. Rules: One time out per team. All reffing teams are responsible for keeping live score on Volleyball Life. -Standard USAV rules. Coaching: Coaches must Check in with proper credentials before the tournament starts. -Walk and Talk Coaching Allowed.

**41<sup>st</sup> Annual Nixa Jr High Craft Show @ Nixa Jr High from 9 am – 4 pm.** Santa Pictures, 200+ Craft Venfors, Food Vendors, and Bake Sale. Join us for on 41<sup>st</sup> NJH Craft Show inside the Nixa Jr High School!!! Come shop and get the best Christmas gifts from local small businesses around Missouri!

**Women's Hike @ Little Sac Woods Conservation Area from 9 am – 2 pm.** Enjoy getting outdoors in early December with Naturalist Jordi Raos. She will lead you on a slower-paced hike as we discover what's along the trail. The hike is 4.5 miles and rated moderate to difficult. Register and meet us at the eastern parking lot off Farm Road 115 at 8:55 AM. We'll take a short lunch break while on the trail so pack your lunch and some water. Girls aged 14-17 must attend with a registered adult female. Ages 14-adult. Registration is required online at <https://mdc-event-web.s3licensing.com/.../EventDet.../188458>

**Equipment Specialist Class @ Diver's Oasis from 9 am – Noon.** \$100 per person (price includes 3-learning academics, certification card, and classroom time.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Christmas on Main Street @ Historic Downtown Main Street, Republic from 9 am – 5:30 pm.** Christmas on Main Street is the perfect event for anyone who loves the holiday season! With activities like a Kiwanis Christmas Parade, Cookie Baking Contest, Pie Baking Contest, Gingerbread House Decorating Contest, Hot Cocoa Spots, Games & Prizes, Local Vendors, a 50/50 Raffle, Silent Auction, and Food Trucks – there's something for everyone at this event! This is the perfect opportunity to get into the holiday spirit and support your local businesses at the same time. Come out and enjoy all that Christmas on Main Street has to offer! Mark your calendars for December 3<sup>rd</sup> and plan to attend Christmas on Main Street in Republic, Missouri! Admission is completely FREE, so bring your entire family! Tree Lighting Ceremony, Kiwanis Christmas Parade (pie baking contest, gingerbread house decorating contest, cookie bake-off, hot cocoa spots, games, local vendors, raffles, food trucks, 50/50, silent auction.

**Pet Photos with Santa @ All Pet Supplies South from 9 am – 3 pm.** That festive time of year is rapidly approaching, and that means you-know-who is coming to town!! Santa will make his second stop at All Pet Supplies South on Saturday, December 3. Bring your pets, naughty or nice, for a visit with Santa with professional pet photography by UTurn Studios. We have a variety of prints, digital images and our popular holiday cards available. To schedule your appointment, call All Pet Supplies South, 1611 W Republic Rd dial (417) 877-4711.

**Saturday with Santa – FREE Event (440 E Tampa St, Spfd) from 9 am – Noon.** Santa and Mrs. Claus will be in Springfield on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9am-noon at 440 E Tampa Street, Springfield, MO. Come out and take a picture with Santa, enjoy snacks, hot chocolate and a festive craft. Visit [JordanValley.org/Christmas](http://JordanValley.org/Christmas) for more Jordan Valley Christmas events near you.

**Springfield Warrior Sports CSNA Camp from 9 am – 9 pm.** It's that time of year for the last CSNA Competition for the year 2022. Springfield Warrior Sports will be hosting our competition on Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will determine start times, and such closer to the event as it depends on how many competitors that we get to register. Price will be \$65.

**Jingle Jam @ Glendale Christian Church Kids Quest from 10 am – Noon.** Looking for something exciting for the entire family to do this holiday season? Take a break from all the baking, the shopping, the endless rolls of wrapping paper, and join us on Saturday, December 3 from 10 a.m. to noon for an unforgettable Christmas experience complete with fun, games, music, and lights! This is a free event, but please sign up by following the ticket link to let us know you will be joining us for a Christmas party big enough for the whole family! We can't wait to celebrate Christmas with every one of you! Tickets: [www.glendalechristianchurch.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1494764](http://www.glendalechristianchurch.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1494764)

**Children's Business Fair, Life360 & Commercial Club of Springfield @ C-Street City Market from 10 am – 2 pm.** This event, located at the C-Street City Market from 10 am-2 pm, gives kids the opportunity to create and sell a product or service while learning entrepreneurial principles. Kids and teens are invited to apply to pitch their ideas and products to the community! This is an incredible opportunity for children to learn work ethic, responsibility, and problem-solving skills.

**Family Christmas Party @ The Downtown Church from 10 – 11:30 am.** Woohoo! It's almost here! The Downtown Church Family Christmas Party will be Saturday, December 3 at 10:30am. Join us for snacks, crafts, puppets, and games. Make plans to join us for this fun time! You can RSVP on this event or here - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4FA4A72AABFEC25-family>

**Women's Advent Luncheon @ St James Episcopal Church, Spfd from 10 am – 2 pm.** All women are invited for a morning of fellowship and fun! Advent Luncheon and Art Workshop from 10 am – 2 pm. Minda Cox, artist and author, will lead a watercolor workshop. She will teach you to create your own Advent themed piece of art. Everyone can participate! Bring a salad to share and \$15 to cover the art supplies. Invite a friend and reserve your space (417-496-6122 – Elaine A.)

**Baking Buddies @ Cassidy United Methodist Church from 10 am – Noon.** Come as a family and share in some Christmas cheer. Baking Buddies is a fun time where the children and youth will get to work alongside adults to make Christmas cookies and learn the ways of the baker! It will be from 10 am – Noon. Each family will leave with a tray of goodies. If you are interested in being a part of this amazing time let us know.

**FREE Demo Class @ Music Together of the Ozarks from 10 – 10:45 am.** Come discover the magical, musical family time that the Music Together program is all about! Enter FREEDROP at checkout. Register here: <https://www.musictogetheroftheozarks.com/schedule.html>

**Ornament Day with Terry Bloodworth @ Waverly House Gifts and Gallery from 10 am – 4 pm.** Terry Bloodworth will be at Waverly House all day with his beautiful glass ornaments.

**Book Signing with Author, Steven Anderson Law @ ABC Books from 11 am – 2 pm.** Award winning, local author of Westerns, Steven Anderson Law will be our guest. He will be signing copies of his books, "Yuma Gold" and "True Father". We are thrilled to have him here. What a great Christmas present for someone!

**Ladies Christmas Brunch @ Bread of Life Church from 11 am.** Join us for fellowship, prayer, and good food! Bring your favorite potluck dish. Tickets: [www.docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeP6HQcFc6S0DGiw\\_mHrQwtA7WTrbfp0MPZ9qvj71tXfXO\\_4w/viewform](http://www.docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeP6HQcFc6S0DGiw_mHrQwtA7WTrbfp0MPZ9qvj71tXfXO_4w/viewform)

**Rodney Frew Public Program – Artist Talk with Morgan Frew @ Springfield Art Museum from 11 am -Noon.** Join us for a discussion with artist Morgan Frew, Rodney Frew's son, as he discusses his father's artistic practice and the

legacy of his work. Free and open to the public. Learn more about the "Rodney Frew" focus exhibition on our website: <https://www.sgfmuseum.org/267/Rodney-Frew> \*With public support from the Missouri Arts Council, a state agency.

**Santa Fundraiser @ Life Meant to Live from Noon – 5 pm.** Experience the magic of Santa. Join us for a fundraiser at our Life Meant to Live/Imaging Miracles office. Santa will be here with toys for the kiddos, a listening ear, and a mailbox to collect letters (and return everyone!) Come see Santa, learn about our nonprofit, and donate to improve the lives of women in your community!

**\$6 Clay Christmas Tree Creating @ ArtZone, Nixa from Noon – 8 pm.** Come create clay Christmas Trees! We have lots of designs to choose from coil trees, clay votives, star stacked trees and more! All ages (Small trees - \$6 Star or Coil, Medium - \$8 Snowflake or Poinsettia, or Large Trees - \$18 Coil, Slab or Star. Register for a time slot to ensure you have a table waiting. Walk ins will be seated if space is available. Trees will be created and glazed in one session! Activity takes about 45 minutes- 1 hour and 1/2. The crowds are usually less towards the end of event time frames! You can walk in at 8:40pm and we will create with you! Come any time between 12pm-8pm!

**The Color Purple: Audition Workshop #1 @ The Creamery Arts Center from 12:30 – 4:30 pm.** This is one of two free audition workshops that are designed to support you with cold readings of the script, dance and to help you refine or chose a 1-2 minute audition song. These workshops are not required yet can truly help you succeed! Attend one or both sessions. We want you comfortable, confident and ready for auditions, Dec 10th and 11th!

**In Person Springfield LEGO users Group Meetup December 2022 @ Discovery Center of Springfield from 1 – 3 pm.** Meeting Facilitator(s): Bri Duncan. This will be the 49th monthly meeting of The Springfield LEGO Users Group and all Adult Fans of LEGO (AFOL) are invited to attend. Agenda Items: Open Chat, Show and Tell! Slack Invites? AFOL Digital Stickers? Rich – LEGO Land Presentation. Discussion Time: Anyone have anything additional Calendar of Upcoming Events: Midtown Carnegie LEGO Display - Jan 28, 2023, Fun Time: Theme Build – TBA. The main focus will be to provide a fun environment for AFOL folk to network and socialize. If you are currently working on a MOC (my own creation) or recently completed a set, please bring it for show and tell! This meeting is free to attend. We hope to see you all there!

**Christmas @ The Gray Campbell Farmstead from 1 pm.** Hot chocolate, cookies, crafts, music, and Mr and Mrs Claus await you at the Gray/Campbell Farmstead. Good old fashion fun for all ages for free. Donations gladly accepted.

**11<sup>th</sup> Annual Toy and Pet Supply Drive @ 417 Motorsports from 1 – 5 pm.** 417 Motorsports is having our 11<sup>th</sup> annual toy & pet supply drive. Colston Foundation will be receiving the unwrapped toys this year. They are local organization which was stated by a kiddo with a dream to provide toys to kids in the hospital or in need. Rescue One is a local animal rescue who does amazing things for the community and they will receive all the pet supplies we receive donations for. We are providing a meal and drinks and what you need from you is to bring unwrapped toys or pet supplies! We also would love to fill the parking lot with hot rods! Santa is coming from the north pole from 3 pm to 5 pm!!!! He will be taking pictures with your kiddos or your 4 legged kiddos! Rescue One will have a few dogs there that are available for adoption!!! Please come out and support these local organizations!

**Selfies with Santa @ Sunset Church of Christ from 2 – 4 pm.** Bring the kids, grandkids and your phone for a free picture with Santa! The first 100 children will receive a stocking with goodies. Cookies and hot cocoa will be provided for all at this indoor event. We look forward to you joining us on December 3rd from 2-4pm, don't forget your phone!

**Christmas in the Courthouse @ Historic Greene County Courthouse from 2 – 5 pm.** Preserve our history! This fundraiser is to benefit the Greene County Archives Foundation. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. <https://www.eventbrite.com/.../christmas-in-the-...>

**SW Missouri Indian Center Annual Christmas Party @ Hilcrest Presbyterian Church from 2 – 10 pm.** For information on Events/Programs contact us at (417) 501-6303

**Dairy Christmas Painting Event @ Painting with a Twist from 3 – 5 pm.** Seize the MOOment & paint “Dairy Christmas” at the studio with us! One of our talented artists will lead you step-by-step through this painting; beginners are welcome! Bring some friends, favorite beverages, and Christmas cheer! Tickets: [www.paintingwithatwist.com/studio/springfield/event/3227638](http://www.paintingwithatwist.com/studio/springfield/event/3227638)

**Service of Comfort and Hope @ Aldersgate UMC, Nixa from 4 – 5 pm.** The Comfort & Hope Service is designed to begin the holiday season with the comfort that God is always with us, especially during difficult times. The service will be held on Saturday, December 3 at 4:00 pm in the Worship Center at Aldersgate Church. All are welcome. The service will include music, scripture readings, a message from Pastor Sarah, the lighting of the Advent candles, prayer, and communion. You may light a candle for a loved one, receive prayer and anointing from a Stephen Minister or sit in silence and meditate on the message of God's unchanging love. For more information call the office at (417) 725-4949.

**S'Mores Saturday @ North Point Church, Nixa Campus from 4:30 pm.** Come hangout and enjoy some s'mores before and after service! We will have the Christmas photo booth set up so you can get some great Christmas card photos as well!

**Rogersville Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony @ Rogersville Caboose from 5 – 9 pm.** The Grinch is quite the mean one and he has taken over Rogersville! Don't be fooled, he may be green and furry but he's about as cuddly as a cactus. He's been spotted stealing all the Christmas cheer. His heart after all, is an empty hole! I wouldn't doubt it if he takes over the parade. Let's remember the Grinch as the event draws near, to see if we can grow his heart 3x this year! Join us for a Parade & Christmas Tree lighting Festivities to show the Grinch the true meaning of Christmas. The more we come together, the more we grow the Grinch's heart! Parade starts at 5pm with tree lighting festivities @ the red caboose starting at 6pm.

**David J Hinson Live! @ Moon City Pub from 6 – 8 pm.** I'll be all “Han Solo” Saturday Evening December 3<sup>rd</sup> at Moon City Pub! Two hours of great local music.

**Imagine 2022 @ Gillioz Theatre from 6 pm.** Celebration of music of John Lennon & The Beatles!! Doors open at 6 pm and Showtime at 7 pm. Tickets at <https://gillioztheatre.com/event/imagive-2022/> Featuring performances by: Big Beat Club, Drifters Mile, 83 Skidoo & The Shandies, Jim Rea & Friends, Red Light Runner, and Jin JX Group.

**Bois D'Arc Owl Prowl @ Menards from 6:30 – 8:30 pm.** Free – Open to the public. Meet at Menards, we will carpool to Bois D'Arc. What's an Owl Prowl? Come join us and find out! We'll meet just after dark at a location where owls have been confirmed, updating the location if needed, soon after confirmation in mid November. As winter approaches, owls start calling and pair bonding in preparation for nesting in December-February. We'll listen for Eastern Screech, Barn, Barred, and Great Horned Owls, playing their calls from smallest to largest to draw them closer to the group. One or more might fly in to investigate the recording! Please wear warm layers, hats, gloves, and boots, since the group will be standing outside cars, trying not to shuffle to limit noise. We will move to other locations in the conservation area, as needed. This trip does not meet Birdability guidelines. Gravel and soil surfaces after dark can be difficult to negotiate. Leader: Kendell Loyd, 573-776-0901

**Kid's Christmas Movie Night @ CrossPoint Fellowship, Republic from 6:30 – 8:30 pm.** Join us for a fabulous night of fun! We will be watching The Star. Popcorn and hot chocolate will be provided. Kids are welcome to wear their Christmas pj's if they would like. Please RSVP to this event so we know how many kids to plan for. Call Jerica Hufft with any questions.

**Rainbow Starry Paint Night @ Painting with a Twist from 7 – 9 pm.** Join us for a whimsical & colorful take on Van Gogh's Starry Night! Our talented artist will lead you through this painting step-by-step. It's so much easier than you think; beginners are welcome! We provide the laid-back ambiance and painting supplies. You just bring friends, favorite beverages, and creativity! Tickets: [www.paintingwithatwist.com/studio/springfield/event/3242185](http://www.paintingwithatwist.com/studio/springfield/event/3242185)

**The Third Degree @ Carrie's – Never A Cover from 8 pm – Midnight.** Live music and no cover. Drink Specials.

### Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>

**Old-Fashioned Candy Bar and Christmas Kick Off @ New Life Church, Spfd from 8 am – Noon.** Join us on Sunday, December 4th as we kick off Christmas at New Life with an Old-Fashioned Candy Bar with all of the goodies Grandma used to make. We'll have all of the Christmas classics ready to take you back to your childhood and Grandma's kitchen. Plus, we're going to make it snow in New Life Kids! It will be the perfect way to get into the Christmas spirit this holiday season. Invite your friends & family to join us at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00.

**DIY Christmas Card @ The Workshop at Finley Farms, Ozark from 9 am – 1 pm.** Swing by The Workshop to create your own custom Christmas Cards. There will be a variety of stamps, block prints, lino cuts, washi tapes, ribbons and craft papers available for you to get in the holiday spirit. Ashleigh Hawkins with Roaming Hills Studio provides guidance and inspiration along the way. Attendees are welcome to bring their own materials and photos to include as well. You'll get a set of 10 cards and envelopes. Once you've written all your messages and addressed your cards, you can seal your envelopes with a hydrangea flower press. Register online to reserve your card set or purchase upon arrival. Please note, this is a come-and-go workshop that will end at noon or whenever supplies run out. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. REGISTER: <https://finleyfarmsmo.com/.../diy-christmas-cards-12-4-22/>

**Caring Santa @ Battlefield Mall from 9:30 – 11:30 am.** Caring Santa® is back! Make your reservation for a private photo experience by following this link <https://battlefieldmallcaringsantaphoto2022.splashthat.com/>

**Advent Lessons & Carols @ Christ Episcopal Church, Spfd from 10 – 11:30 am.** Christ Church would like to invite you and your family to join us for our Advent Lessons & Carols service on Sunday, December 4, beginning at 10 a.m. During the service, scriptural readings are interspersed with choral presentations and hymns sung by the congregation along with the St. Gregory and St. Cecilia choirs. The lessons & carols recall humanity's longing for liberation from sin and death, and our hope and expectation for both the first and second coming of Christ the Lord. Join us for readings and music that will propel you quietly toward the true joy of Christmas.

**Hot Cocoa Sunday @ Pat Jones YMCA from 10 am.** Every Sunday at Limitless will be a special Christmas celebration! We are starting off Christmas Weekends with a special Hot Cocoa Sunday on December 4th! We will be serving all varieties of hot cocoa and special drinks. Bring a friend and come enjoy a hot cup of cocoa at Limitless Church!

**The Wind Rises (Subtitled) Brunch @ Alamo Draffhouse from 11 am.** Order from our tasty brunch menu – Egg BLT, French Toast, or Breakfast Tacos – and pair with a brunch cocktail classic like Desert Spring Water or the Italian 75. Each are available to order along with our full menu at this special brunch screening. In *The Wind Rises*, Jiro dreams of flying and designing beautiful airplanes, inspired by the famous Italian aeronautical designer Caproni. Nearsighted from a young age and unable to be a pilot, Jiro joins a major Japanese engineering company in 1927 and becomes one of the world's most innovative and accomplished airplane designers. The film chronicles much of his life, depicting key historical events, including the Great Kanto Earthquake of 1923, the Great Depression, the tuberculosis epidemic and Japan's plunge into war. Jiro meets and falls in love with Nahoko, and grows and cherishes his friendship with his colleague Honjo. Writer and director Hayao Miyazaki pays tribute to engineer Jiro Horikoshi and author Tatsuo Hori in this epic tale of love, perseverance, and the challenges of living and making choices in a turbulent world.

**Anniversary Weekend Worship Service @ Pitts Chapel United Methodist Church from 11 am.** Our Anniversary Celebration Weekend will continue with Guest Preacher, Rev. Adrienne Denson Ewell, sharing a word for Pitts Chapel, "To Whom Much is Given." God has given us so much in allowing our sanctuary renovation to happen, while also renovating our hearts and preparing us for a bright future! Join us as we look toward the future!

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent Worship @ Immanuel Lutheran Church AFLC from 11 am.** "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'" You are invited to worship with us on this the 2nd Sunday in Advent. Our worship is reverent. Our teaching is from Bible and focused on Jesus. We will celebrate Holy Communion in the Lutheran tradition.

**Fast CAT Fun Run @ Springfield MO Dog Training Club from 11 am – 2 pm.** We will be having a Fast CAT fun run on Sunday December 4th at 11:00 am at the SMDTC track. First come first serve basis. We will have a sign up sheet near the start gate. The cost is \$5 per run. If you have a dog under one year of age and you would like to do a Bunny Run, the cost will be \$2 for a 30-50 yard run. Everybody runs their dogs at their own risk. Make sure you warm up your dog before the run and cool them down after. This is a sport so make sure your dogs are up for it.

**Ugly Sweater Ornament Creating @ ArtZone, Nixa from Noon – 5 pm.** Let's create clay, Ugly Sweater Ornaments! \$4 an ornament. We'll have the sweaters cut out and ready for you to decorate. To Go Kits available! Add \$15 for a Glaze Kit. Glaze Kits can glaze about 10 sweaters. Glaze Kits have a \$10 refund upon return. All ages. No reservations needed. Activity takes about 45 minutes to complete. Make it festive and wear an ugly sweater! Ornaments are ready for pick up one weeks after creating. Tickets: [www.artzonenixa.com](http://www.artzonenixa.com)

**Grinch Day @ ArtZone, Nixa from Noon – 5 pm.** Come create with the family!!! Mug - \$12, Tree - \$55 \*3 in stock. Paint your own pottery will also be open during this time. This is a come and go event. No reservations needed. All ages. Tickets: [www.artzonenixa.com](http://www.artzonenixa.com)

**Deep Restorative with Ingrid Chiles @ Essential Yoga Studio from 1 – 3:30 pm.** Essential Yoga Studio is partnering with Ingrid Chiles to provide a unique restorative yoga experience on Sunday, December 4, 2022. Deep Restorative is 2.5 hours of rest, realignment, and restoration to support your mind, body, breath, and overall wellbeing as you prepare for the season ahead. Hot tea and props are provided. Please dress cozy and comfortable. \$35 for non-members; \$30 for members of Essential. Register on our website or MindBody - only 12 spots available. Tickets: [www.essential-yoga.com/events](http://www.essential-yoga.com/events)

**The original Toys For Tots after party tradition continues @ American Legion Post 639 from 2 – 6 pm.** Post 639 is the original after party. Free chili with all the fixings will be provided to show our appreciation for the generosity of our local biker community for the Marines TFT drive.

**Meat Raffle @ Southbound Bar & Grill from 2 pm.** We're back with another meat raffle! Join us before the afternoon Chiefs' game, and stay to watch the game on one of our 8 screens. Items that are included, but not limited to, are 32oz tomahawk ribeye steak, a case of half pound angus burgers, porterhouse pork loin chops, and much, much more! Doors open at 11am, and the drawings start at 2:00 pm, and continue every few minutes up through halftime. Tickets are 7 for \$20, and there'll be plenty of food & swag giveaways throughout the raffle!!

**Christmas Pain Jam! With Dana Neuenschwander @ Forming Art Studio from 2 – 4 pm.** Join Dana Neuenschwander for a Christmas themed Paint Jam! Cost: \$20. Bring your own and create in the medium of your choice! Tickets: [www.square.link/u/PfKczX6O](http://www.square.link/u/PfKczX6O)

**The Nutcracker Children's Workshop @ The Creamery Arts Center from 3 – 5 pm.** Each Springfield Ballet workshop engages boys and girls (age 3-8) in an afternoon of fun and dance that includes learning roles from the ballet, crafts, games, a synopsis of the story and a surprise guest performance. No dancer experience is needed to attend this enriching ballet introduction. All workshops are held at The Creamery Arts Center. Children are not

required to have dance experience to attend - this is open to all! Participants should wear comfortable attire (stretch/sweat pants and t-shirt or leotard and tights), bare feet or dance shoes. Masks are recommended to be worn by all participants and faculty members attending each workshop. Cost is \$20 for one workshop.  
[www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/f409b1cb-e351-4a3e-bbd0-0f3d2a998a23](http://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/f409b1cb-e351-4a3e-bbd0-0f3d2a998a23)

**Chiefs Watch Party! @ Back Home Brewing from 3 pm.** Chiefs Watch Party starts @ 3!!! Back Home Brewing.

**Pressed Floral Ornaments @ The Workshop at Finley Farms from 3 – 5 pm.** Learn the art of pressing flowers with Hannah Klein Design by creating one-of-a-kind Christmas ornaments. During the class, Hannah walks you through flower selection, pressing techniques and execution using glass panels to create four unique ornaments to adorn your tree. Food and beverage will be available for purchase. REGISTER: <https://finleyfarmsmo.com/.../pressed-floral-ornaments.../>

**Missouri State University Community Band Holiday Concert @ First & Calvary Presbyterian Church from 3:30 pm.** The public is invited to enjoy a free holiday concert performed by the Missouri State University Community Band.

**Early Childhood Christmas Program @ Redeemer Lutheran Church from 5 pm.** The Spfd Lutheran School Early Childhood Department will host a Christmas program on Sunday at 5 pm in the Redeemer Lutheran Church Spfd sanctuary. Come listen to our preschool, pre-k, and kindergarten students praise God and celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ!

**Welcome Snowman Porch Leaner Event @ Painting with a Twist from 6 pm.** The cheer starts here! Our talented artist will lead you through this Welcome Snowman painting step-by-step. Available in both porch leaner (nearly 4 foot tall) and canvas surfaces. Beginners are welcome! We will provide the laid-back ambiance and painting supplies. You just bring friends, favorite beverages, and Christmas cheer! Tickets:  
[www.paintingwithatwist.com/studio/springfield/event/3227868](http://www.paintingwithatwist.com/studio/springfield/event/3227868)

**The Color Purple: Audition Workshop #2 @ The Creamery Arts Center from 6-10 pm.** This is one of two free audition workshops that are designed to support you with cold readings of the script, dance and to help you refine or chose a 1-2 minute audition song. These workshops are not required yet can truly help you succeed! Attend one or both sessions. We want you comfortable, confident and ready for auditions, Dec 10th and 11th!

**Cellar Farewell Art Show @ SBC's The Cellar from 6 pm.** Brand new art from Garrett Melby plus everything I have on the walls already are now for sale as we bid farewell to this amazing venue. Justin Larkin Jam session and Samantha's birthday celebration.

**Ladies Annual Christmas Party @ Countryside Christian Church from 6 pm.** Ladies, please join us for our annual Christmas party. Bring a food item to share. We will be bringing socks, t-shirts, underwear, or money to donate to Harbor House homeless shelter. Call Debbie Hilton at 417-838-7910 with any questions.

**God With Us: A Christmas Music Event @ Central Assembly of God from 6 – 7:30 pm.** The Central Worship choir and orchestra will fill your night with epic music to celebrate the season from artists like Tommee Profitt, Phil Wickham, the Prestonwood Choir and more! We'll welcome special guests, the Lawley Music Studio, the Kickapoo High School Chamber choir, and members of the Evangel University drum line. It's a night your whole family will love, and admission is free, so come kickoff your Christmas season right here at Central!

**Plant Medicine Good medicine @ Hickory Lane Plants from 6:30 pm.** We will have an intensive class (almost 2 hours) of learning about plant medicines we can use, cultivate, and forage locally. Please remember a notebook and something to write with. Drinks provided.



## Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

**Wendy's Fundraiser #2 @ 1272 E Battlefield, Spfd from 5 am – 11 pm for Kolton Vandeweerd Memorial Foundation.** Wendy's in Springfield MO on E Battlefield is hosting another fundraiser for KVMF. The fundraiser starts when the store opens and ends when they close. 30% of the proceeds made that day will be donated to KVMF. All you have to do is present the flyer physically or electronically off of Facebook!

**Intro to Drawing: Ink @ ArtZone, Nixa from Noon – 1 pm.** Join Ms. Brooke for Drawing Basics. Dec Introduction to Drawing Class will focus on drawing using ink. Class meets for 3 weeks. Monday's 12-1pm. All supplies are provided. Class is open to ages 8 and up. Preregister by Dec 1st- \$30 After-\$35 Tickets: [www.artzonenixa.com](http://www.artzonenixa.com)

**Christmas Minis @ Where the Wild Things Play from 5 – 7 pm.** Join us on Monday, December 8th for an evening of Christmas themed minis at Where The Wild Things Play! There will be no shortage of Christmas cheer as we document your littles during these limited-edition Christmas sessions. Our set will take place in a beautiful white studio with Christmas trees, an oversized wreath, and an option for bench or peacock chair. Best of all, they can enjoy playing in the imaginative play space while they wait! Worried it's too late for Christmas portraits? Fear not! A little Christmas magic guarantees you'll receive your portraits in three business days. These sessions will be ten minutes in length, and you will receive five high resolution images as well as a print release and private online gallery. For booking, visit: <https://book.usession.com/s/vCfnvg9ju>

**Springfield Holiday Happy Hour @ Springfield Brewing Company from 5:30 pm.** This December, join Empower Missouri staff, coalition members, and other advocates for a Holiday Happy Hour! We'll be previewing legislation that has been pre-filed and discussing our priorities for the 2023 session. You'll also have the opportunity to be in community with other advocates and learn about the anti-poverty work happening across our coalitions. Happy Hours will be held in Springfield, Kansas City and St. Louis, with a suggested registration fee of \$15 to cover the cost of appetizers and a drink ticket. Register at <https://empowermissouri.org/.../springfield-holiday.../> to join us in Springfield!

**A Thrill of Hope @ Venue on Brick from 6 -8 pm.** Join us for our Impact Ladies Christmas event! 6-8 at the Venue on Brick, enjoy fellowship, your favorite Christmas carols, teachings, and refreshments!

**Drawing Basics: Lights @ ArtZone, Nixa from 6 – 7 pm.** Drawing Basics Class will focus on the drawing the lights. All supplies are provided. Class is open to ages 8 and up. Drawing is held Monday's 6-7pm. All supplies provided. Ages 8 and up. Preregister by Dec 1- \$30. After-\$35. Tickets: [www.artzonenixa.com](http://www.artzonenixa.com)

**TLC: Breastfeeding Support Group @ 1000 E Primrose St, Springfield from 6 – 7:30 pm.** Join us for our breastfeeding support group. Get your breastfeeding questions answered by one of our lactation consultants, all while connecting with other moms. No registration required and babies are welcome. We will meet in The Women's Center Conference room within the Turner Center.

**Just Friends @ Alamo Drafthouse Spfd from 7 pm.** While visiting his hometown during Christmas, Chris (Ryan Reynolds) comes face-to-face with his old high school crush (Amy Smart) whom he was best friends with -- a woman whose rejection of him turned him into a ferocious womanizer. On top of all that, socialite Samantha James (Anna Faris) joins Chris during his trip home...and brings the crazy and the laughs! Tickets: [www.drafthouse.com/springfield/show/just-friends](http://www.drafthouse.com/springfield/show/just-friends)

**Kinetic Christmas 2022 @ The Springs Church, Spfd from 7 pm.** Kinetic Bridges students will host our Christmas program on Monday, December 5 at 7 p.m. Join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ!

Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

**Happy Hands @ ArtZone, Nixa from 11 am – Noon.** Art Zone is ready to get messy with a weekly toddler class! We'll explore creating through material exploration. Students can explore mark making while interacting with other toddlers! This class will also include movement exploration with Ms Jenni! Stretching, dancing and creating all wrapped in one class. Guardians will stay with students. This is a weekly class held on Tuesdays. Tickets: [www.artzonenixa.com](http://www.artzonenixa.com)

**Kids Day @ Drury University Women's Basketball Halftime Show @ O'Reilly Family Event Center from 11 am – 2 pm.** Russ and Diskey The Dynamic Disc Duo for halftime show @ Drury University Women's Basketball.

**Collage Workshop @ 1200 E Woodhurst Dr, Spfd from 2 – 4 pm.** Collage Workshop, Indulge yourself in an afternoon of creativity! Bring your special someone or come by yourself. It will be relaxing! BYOB. All materials provided. Tuesday, Dec 6, 2-4pm. Tuition \$60. Meike Aton Art, 1200 E Woodhurst Dr K-300, Springfield, Mo 65804 417-343-3481.

**Homeschool Ballet @ ArtZone, Nixa from 3 – 4 pm.** Join Ms Jenni Tuesdays 3-4pm. Ms Jenni has taught dance over 15 years. Students need to wear stretchy clothing preferably form fitting. As students progress she will talk more about ballet shoe options. Specialty shoes and clothing are not required to join this class. Drop-in is \$6. Or register for the month \$20. Tickets: [www.artzonenixa.com](http://www.artzonenixa.com)

**Santa Comes to Evangel @ Evangel University from 5 – 7 pm.** Bring the whole family to Evangel University to meet Santa, have milk and cookies, and create your own Evangel 2022 Christmas ornament! You don't want to miss it! Tickets: [www.evangeluniversity.wufoo.com/forms/santa-is-coming-to-eu-2022](http://www.evangeluniversity.wufoo.com/forms/santa-is-coming-to-eu-2022)

**Nixa Junior High Choirs Winter Concert @ 205 N Street, Nixa from 5:15 – 8:45 pm.** Come support our NJH Choirs as they showcase the music they have been working on since August! There will be five concerts in the NJH Auditorium at the times listed below: Tenor/Bass Choir: 5:15pm, 4th Hour Treble Choir: 5:50pm, 6th Hour Treble Choir: 6:30pm, Varsity Treble Choir: 7:15pm and Varsity Singers: 8:15pm.

**Holiday Pottery Painting in Mother's BarrelHouse @ Mother's Brewing Company from 6 – 8 pm.** Pick your beverage. Pick your craft. Pick your paint. We are so excited to see the hand painted gifts that you make with love. We have two craft options for you to choose from. Prices include your first draught beer, cider or seltzer. This is a pre-paid event. Purchase at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/468869971707> Look at this ding dang moose mug! We love it. Paint your own for \$25. How about this Tannenbaum? Lights are included, Lovers! Come get you one for \$50. [www.eventbrite.com/e/468869971707](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/468869971707)

**Dream Workshop – Learn the Hidden Meaning of Dreams @ The Self Discovery Center from 6 pm.** Come and learn how to understand and interpret your dreams and turn the confusion about your dreams into a personal message to help and enlighten you. Learn the hidden meaning of dreams. This is a two hour workshop. Only \$30 if paid in advance - Link - <https://bit.ly/2V1EkYa> \$40 if paid at the Door. Date and Time of Workshop is Tuesday, December 6th at 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at The Self Discovery Center - 831 S Ferguson Ave, Springfield, MO 65806. 417-894-2577. We will have items for sale at the Workshop to help enhance your Dream Interpretation Experience - Stones & Crystals, Crystal Balls, Orgonite, Smudge Sticks and more!

**One Piece TCG Learn to Play @ Cards 'n Stripes Games from 6:30 – 10 pm.** This will be a Free Learn to Play Event for the New One Piece TCG.

**Timmy Miano (solo) – Returns to Ruthie’s on C-Street from 7 – 10 pm.** A FREE evening of nerdy acoustic folk, punk, and comedy rock from Timmy Miano at your favorite cantina! Featuring great food and out-of-this-galaxy drink specials all night.

**Christmas Party for GCC MOPS @ Glendale Christian Church from 7 = 9 pm.** Come join us for an evening of fun and laughter! We’ll have a small gift exchange, yummy food, and lots of time to relax and visit. Are you a mom? Looking for a time to reset and recharge from the demands of motherhood, with other mamas who get it? Please Message us. We’d love to chat and get to know you! (GCC MOPS /MOMSnext – Spfd.

**Terror Tuesday: Krampus @ Alamo Drafthouse Spfd from 9 pm.** We don’t just watch horror movies – we live for them. And at every Terror Tuesday, we join hands to worship at the gore-soaked altar of slash, trash, thrash, and FUN!! This eclectic series spans all centuries, covering everything from seminal horror treasures to undiscovered D.I.Y. monster-blasts. Terror Tuesday is the new ground zero for warming your black heart.

### Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>

**Spfd Business Journal’s 90 Ideas in 90 Minutes @ Alamo Drafthouse from 7:30 am.** Nine local thought leaders will each share their 10 best ideas that can be immediately implemented to improve any business. Podcast coming in February. Tickets at <https://sbj.creativecirclemedia.com/subscribe/...> Featured Speakers: Paula Adams, President at Penmac Staffing, Rob Blevins, Executive Director at Discovery Center, Tyler Bussell, Vice President at Bussell Building, Inc., Tim Clegg, CEO & Founder at Hurts Donut Co., Beth Domann, Executive Director at Springfield Little Theatre, Shallina Goodnight, Administrative Director at CoxHealth at Home, Bill Hennessey, Vice President of Mission at Mercy, Nyla Milleson, Director of Athletics at Drury University, Lisa Rau, Director of Publicity and Public Relations at Silver Dollar City

**1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Program @ Springfield Lutheran School from 8:15 am.** Join us for chapel as the 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes practice their Christmas program!

**OTC Fine Art Student Exhibition @ OTCC from 10 am – Noon.** The OTC Fine Arts + Humanities department student exhibition will showcase the best student artworks from the following visual arts courses: Art + Experience, Drawing I + II, Painting I, 2D Design and Intro to New Media! Please join us for refreshments from 10AM to 12PM in the OTC Jared Family Atrium, IC Building, 1001 E. Chestnut Expressway.

**Homeschool Day @ Springfield Art Museum from 10 am – Noon.** Homeschool Days feature a morning of hands-on art exploration, designed specifically for homeschoolers, and will include drop-in art activities for children ages 5 and up, a self-guided scavenger hunt through the Museum’s galleries, and an optional gesture drawing mini-class geared towards children ages 12 and up. Children under 5 years of age are welcome to play and explore in the Family Art Lab. This program is provided by the Museum at no cost. Space is limited, so advance registration is required: <https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLScStNjwkazLP2.../viewform>. A parent or guardian may register up to 10 individuals (including adults, school-aged children, and children under 3) on one form. \*Please note that parents/guardians are required to attend this event with their children and must accompany them while onsite. Children may not be dropped off at the Museum alone or left unsupervised during this event.

**High School and Middle School Homeschool Art: Clay Pie Box @ ArtZone, Nixa from Noon – 1 pm.** Art Zone will be starting a brand new Homeschool Art class just for middle and high school students! This class is open to grades 7 and up! Classes will meet once a week on Wednesdays 12-1pm. During December we will be exploring clay. We’ll use clay to create a pie shaped vessel! December has four weeks- \$40 Art

**Knee Pain Seminar – Lunch Provided @ Rocco’s Pizza of Ozark from Noon – 1 pm.** Do you suffer from one of the following? \*Knee pain, \*Osteoarthritis, \*Meniscus tear, \*Loss of cartilage. Come learn how you could benefit from one the most significant medical breakthroughs in the treatment of knee pain without surgery. Have you tried the

following without full relief? \*Physical therapy, \*Steroid injections, \*Pain injections, \*Pain pills. If you or a loved one are currently suffering with knee pain we invite you to attend a FREE informative seminar to learn more about how to get help. Treatments are covered by most insurances and Medicare. Register today. Limited seating. Register for this FREE seminar and complementary lunch by clicking the button below, or call us at (417)889-4800.

**Missouri Justified Use of Force & Self-defense @ Residence Inn by Marriott Spfd from 4 – 7 pm.** Justified Use of Force and Self-Defense Seminar Sign up: <https://www.focusedfire-training.com/...justified-use.../> We are in unprecedented times and now more than ever we need to fully understand the laws on self-defense and use of force. During this 3-hour training seminar, we will take an in-depth look into the laws of self-defense and use of force. The program is taught by highly qualified current and former law enforcement officers. The course is great for weapon permit carriers, as well as for those who want to learn when they would be justified in protecting themselves and their family. The student will learn: Legal use of force, Justified homicide, Defense of others, Protection of property, Castle doctrine, Stand your ground, The legal system and case laws, What to expect if you have to use force, Scenario discussions - Training for the "What IF's" A presentation by Firearms Legal Protection will be included. They will provide attendees with valuable resources. At only \$25.00 seats will fill up fast. Be sure to click going on Facebook and follow the below link to sign up; <https://www.focusedfire-training.com/.../justified-use.../> Please do not contact the venue about this event as they have no information, other than they are hosting the event for us. Please contact us with all your questions.

**Sit With Santa @ Simply Chiropractic, Nixa from 4:30 – 6:30 pm.** Free event!! Come get your picture with Santa and enjoy hot cocoa, movies, activities for the kids and receive a complimentary polaroid with Santa!

**Everyday Thai Meta-Games Unlimited Holiday Party! @ 5 pm.** Meta-Games will be taking over Everyday Thai on December 7<sup>th</sup> and if you play Magic: the Gathering you won't want to miss this event! Everyday Thai will be closed to the general public and only open to all of us! All Magic players are welcome! Just show up with some Magic of some sort (a card, a deck, anything) so we know to let you in this private party! We will be playing commander and other forms of MTG all night though its not necessary to join in the fun! Its way better than that though as Meta-Games will be giving away the best prizes of the year! We will be giving away 4 packs of the very expensive and controversial Magic 30! Hey at least WOTC doesn't profit this way right? We will also be giving away the last couple seats to the Mirage Block Draft at our Holiday Bash. See the Holiday Bash event on our Facebook for more details on how to enter. This will be the last chance to win a seat since it is the following Sunday the 11th. We will be giving away at least 10 secret lairs that night and gift cards from Everyday Thai! Lastly we will give away a foil uncut sheet of Uncommons from Khans of Tarkir! Why Uncommons from Khans of Tarkir you ask? Well honestly it is taking up space in Matts closet... but also it has Monastery Swiftspear on it.. thats also now in Brothers War.. that relates right? So ok how does it all work? Show up and you get a ticket. Every \$10 you spend on food, drink ect you get another ticket. So show up and get dinner and a drink? Probably 3 tickets right there! Feel free to bring friends, family, and significant others! The drawing will happen starting at 8pm that night but doors will open at 5pm. \*If for some reason we don't have the physical Magic 30 packs in hand yet we will take your contact info and give you a voucher so you can come by Meta-Games and snag your winning as soon as it shows up\* Everyday Thai is located at 220 W Battlefield Road, Springfield, MO 65807 right next to Sonic!

**Sleigh All Day Plant pARTy @ Metro Eats from 6 pm.** So adorable! Painting Junkie will help you to paint a sleigh for your new Christmas Cactus you will be getting from Grow For Good 417! Comes with a free drink from Warehouse Bar and sure to be a fun time! Perfect unique gift for that special someone on your list! Tickets: [www.growforgood417.com/product/sleigh-away-plant-party/55](http://www.growforgood417.com/product/sleigh-away-plant-party/55)

**Sunrise Rotary Holiday Social @ Andy B's from 6 – 8 pm.** Join us for food, drinks and fellowship before the holidays! (NO MORNING MEETING)

**Humanities, Vol 2 Public Program – Artist Talk & Reading with Kate Murr @ Springfield Art Museum from 6:30 – 7:30 pm.** Join us as poet Kate Murr discusses her participation in "Humanities, Vol. 2," including the process of working with the Museum's curator and its permanent collection for this special exhibition. Kate will share why

certain works sparked her interest and how they served as the inspiration for new poems featured in the exhibition. Kate will also read selected works. This program is free and open to the public, but space is limited so pre-registration is required. Learn more about the "Humanities, Vol. 2" special exhibition on our website: <https://www.sgfmuseum.org/266/Humanities-Vol-2> Lead support for "Humanities, Vol. 2" is generously provided by the Melinda J. McDaniel Charitable Trust, UW, Bank of America, N.A., Trustees.

**Country Music & Friends @ Southbound Bar & Grill from 6:30 – 9 pm.** Don't miss COUNTRY MUSIC & FRIENDS Featuring Isaac Kenneth, Chelsey James & Wes Dickinson! The evening of Dec 7th at Southbound Bar & Grill, \$5 cover charge. Bring your friends, and come ready to honkytonk!

**Improv Jam @ The Creamery Arts Center from 7 – 8 pm.** A free night of playing Improv. Get together with some fellow fun seekers for an Improv Jam. This is not a class or a workshop this is just hanging out and having fun playing Improv. Each attendee is asked to bring along an Improv Game that you can explain to the others at the Jam. Being fully vaccinated is required to attend the Improv Jam. You are welcome to bring family or friends to participate or to watch.

**Holiday Truck Paint Night @ Painting with a Twist from 7 – 9 pm.** The cheer starts here! Our talented artist will lead you through this Holiday Pick-up painting step-by-step. Feel free to get creative and choose your own pickup truck color and choice of surface. Beginners are welcome! We will provide the laid-back ambiance and painting supplies. You just bring friends, favorite beverages, and Christmas cheer! Tickets: [www.paintingwithatwist.com/studio/springfield/event/3227855](http://www.paintingwithatwist.com/studio/springfield/event/3227855)

**Alton Brown Live: Beyond The Eats Tickets @ Spfd MO Juanita K Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts from 7:30 – 10 pm.** Get the best seats before they are gone using the "TICKETS" link on this page! "Alton Brown is hitting the road with a new culinary variety show. Audiences can expect more cooking, more comedy, more music and more potentially dangerous science stuff. Prepare for an evening unlike any other and if Brown calls for volunteers... think twice." Find a great event and bring a smile to a friend or loved one with tickets from the MyCityRocks Ticket Exchange! Tickets: [www.tickets.mycityrocks.com/results-ticket](http://www.tickets.mycityrocks.com/results-ticket)

**93 & Alive presents Rikky Sioux @ Kiss Bar & Grill from 8 pm.** Special guests: Marrice Anthony and Jouquin Fox starring Rikky Sioux.

#### **Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Heritage Holiday Event @ Heritage Tractor from Noon – 7 pm.** You're invited to our Heritage Holiday Event on Thursday, December 8! Join us for hot cocoa, candy canes, and free temporary tattoos! Wrap up your holiday shopping and save big on toys and apparel with our holiday sale. Plus, get in the holiday spirit with our in-store coloring contest. Visit us in store or at <https://heritagetractor.com/holiday-contest> to learn more. 4655 E US Hwy 60, Rogersville, MO 65742

**Mom's Group Christmas Party @ Dayspring Church from 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm.** Are you a mom to a kiddo from newborn through school age? Do you like Christmas? Do you like hanging out with other moms? Then come join us on December 8th from 12:30-2:30pm in the atrium in the south building at Dayspring! RSVP if you are coming and also comment how many children you will be bringing!

**Cookies & Cocoa with Santa @ The Michelle Cantrell Group from 4 – 6 pm.** Join us and enjoy cookies and cocoa with Santa! Take your photo with Santa and decorate Christmas cookies! December 8th, 2022 from 4:00 - 6:00 PM Cantrell Real Estate, 1531 E Bradford Parkway, Suite 300, Springfield, MO 65804 <https://CRESanta22.eventbrite.com>

**University Symphony Grad Conductor Concert @ Juanita K Hammons Hall from 4 – 4:40 pm.** Join the Graduate Conductors of the University Symphony in our end of the Fall 2022 semester. This concert will feature our conductors work in traditional orchestral literature. Prelude to "Hansel & Gretel", Adam Barker, conductor;

Selections from "Nutcracker" Suite, Matthew Pavon, conductor; Dvorak, Symphony No. 9, mvmt 2, Nathaniel Quiroz, conductor; Tchaikovsky, 1812 Overture, Samantha Silver, conductor

**Santa Minis @ Where the Wild Things Play from 5 – 7 pm.** Santa has decided to make a very special visit to Where The Wild Things Play on Thursday, December 8th to see you and your littles! Join us in the fun as we meet Santa, enjoy cookies, and sip on hot cocoa. Best of all, your littles can play their hearts out afterwards in the imaginative, indoor play space. Santa will be ready to read, sing, and play and make this Christmas one to remember for the whole family. Each reservation guarantees your family ten minutes with Santa, as well as five high resolution images and a print release delivered via a private, online gallery. Worried it will be too late for photos with Santa? Fear not! Santa's elves will have your portraits delivered to you within three business days. For booking, visit: <https://book.usession.com/s/IvlqUOYaf>

**Taste of the Holidays @ Hy-Vee from 5 – 7 pm.** Taste your way through the holidays at Hy-Vee with demos on holiday appetizers, side dishes, desserts and more throughout the store! Thursday, December 8th from 5pm to 7pm. (1720 W Battlefield Rd, Spfd)

**Learn & Explore Night @ Midwest Technical Institute, Spfd from 5:30 – 7:30 pm.** Are you ready for a change? Thinking about switching careers or learning a new skill? Join Midwest Technical Institute (MTI) on Thursday, December 8th, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. (check-in begins at 5:00 p.m.) for an interactive, informative experience on campus! At Learn & Explore Night, you will: Learn more about MTI — who we are, what we do, and why we do it! Explore MTI's labs and get hands-on experience and live demonstrations. Learn & Explore Night is open to anyone — whether you've visited MTI's campus before or you've never heard of us! You can explore any program you're interested in, including: Welding, HVAC/R, Medical Assisting, Dental Assisting, Truck Driving, Cosmetology & MORE! We'll break you into small groups so you can get a hands-on experience in the program of your choice, led by MTI's experienced and engaging instructors. Then, MTI's friendly Admissions Team will share what makes MTI different and how you can take the next step toward an exciting new career path. You'll learn about the support MTI offers our students, including: Job placement assistance to help qualifying students find a job in their field of study after graduation. Smaller class sizes led by instructors with real-world experience in the industry. Shorter training programs with no Gen Ed courses or prerequisites required. Most of MTI's programs can be completed in less than a year. Student Success Specialists who are dedicated to assisting you with finding transportation, daycare, housing, and free tutoring. Computer Labs and Learning Resource Centers available to students during campus hours to study, write resumes, use the internet, etc. Team of Instructors, Program Directors, and Placement Coordinators who will be involved throughout your time at MTI to help you stay on the path to success. Enrollment & Financial Aid Representatives will be available to answer any questions about the enrollment process and help you get started (even on the FAFSA process!) No RSVP is required, but mark 'Interested' or 'Going' on the Facebook event to get the latest updates. Bring a friend or family member (no children, must be age 18 and older) who may be interested too! Food & beverages will be provided.

**Back Pain Dinner Seminar – FREE @ Ozzie Smith Centers of Southwest Missouri from 6 – 7 pm.** At this seminar you'll learn: \*How regenerative procedures interact with injured muscles, ligaments, and joints. \*How the newest Back Pain Technology offers a safe, natural alternative to steroid injections or surgery. \*How to get out of back pain and avoid surgery or downtime. \*How the Newest Technology helps discs heal and function properly. The newest non-invasive back pain relief solution can treat: -Disc bulges -Disc herniation -Sciatica -Numbness, pain in the arm and leg -Neck and lower back pain -Degenerative disc disease -Facet joint syndrome -Pain after Failed Back Surgery. Register today and discover the newest solutions to back pain! FOOD PROVIDED - ONLY 20 SEATS AVAILABLE! FREE FOR YOU AND A GUEST. There is one reason that medical doctors, chiropractors and orthopedic doctors are recommending this breakthrough treatment... IT WORKS! RSVP IS REQUIRED as space is limited. Register for this FREE seminar and complementary dinner by calling us at (417)889-4800.

**Acrylic Painting: Patterns @ ArtZone, Nixa from 6 – 7 pm.** Acrylic Painting Class will focus on creating patterns during December's class. All supplies are provided. Class is open to ages 8 and up. Acrylic Painting is held

Thursdays 6-7pm. All supplies provided. We'll be using 11x14 canvas. Ages 8 and up. Preregister by Dec 1- \$40 After-\$45 [www.artzonenixa.com](http://www.artzonenixa.com)

**Create & Taste! – Christmas Stockings with Roaming Hills Studio! @ 4 By 4 Brewing (Galloway) from 6 – 8 pm.** Create & Taste - Christmas Stocking Making! Christmas Kick-Off! Don your Ugliest of Christmas Sweaters and join us as we adorn Christmas Stockings for the mantle! Thursday, December 8th come by between 6 & 8 pm for our Stocking Decorating & Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest! We've got all the glittery, tinsely & anything else reminiscent of your 2nd grade art class you can think of! \$25 gets you a stocking, supplies & a beer! Pre-register for this month's Create & Taste Event at [roaminghillsstudio.com](http://roaminghillsstudio.com) Plus, bring in a toy to donate to Toys for Tots and receive a voucher for half off a pint!

**Southern Brothers – Jason Eady & Adam Hood @ Southbound Bar & Grill from 6 pm.** Southbound Bar & Grill Presents...Southern Brothers Tour ft. Jason Eady & Adam Hood. TICKETS ON SALE NOW. Doors- 6:00 PM Show- 7:30 PM. Tickets: [www.stubs.net/tickets/4826/jason-eady-and-adam-hood](http://www.stubs.net/tickets/4826/jason-eady-and-adam-hood)

**Christmas Tree Trimming Plant pARTy! @ Artistree Pottery from 6 pm.** A living Christmas tree Plant pARTy! Sign me up! Paint your planter however you like. Allow one week for Artistree Pottery to kiln your masterpiece. Then pick up the planter with your new tree in it! Great gift idea, or we will not tell anyone if you keep it for yourself! Sure to be a great time and we look forward to seeing you! Tickets: [www.growforgood417.com/product/trim-a-tree-plant-party/53](http://www.growforgood417.com/product/trim-a-tree-plant-party/53)

**Pictures with Santa @ Keller Williams of Springfield from 6 – 9 pm.** Free digital pictures with Santa. We will also have crafts and treats. Fur kids are welcome as well. RSVP to 417-425-7192.

**Disney Trivia! @ Maes Gelateria from 7 pm.** I can show you the questions. Then you can answer them! Tell me trivia goer when did you last play trivia? Come be part of our world and play Disney Trivia with us while enjoying the best gelato Springfield has to offer on December 8th! We'll start at 7pm and teams can be up to 6 people! There will be prizes to win and gelato to eat, so come and dominate!!

#### Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

**Holiday Open House & Expo @ empower: abilities from 10 am – 3 pm.** Holiday Open House & Expo. Take Selfies with The Grinch & Cindy Lou Who, Refreshments, Giveaways, Learn about our services @ 1450 W Cambridge St Springfield Mo 65807

**Holiday Pickup Cutout – Friday Matinee @ Painting with a Twist from 2 – 4 pm.** The cheer starts here! Join us for a fun daytime event painting this festive 'Holiday Pick-up Cutout. Our talented artist will lead you through this painting step-by-step. Beginners are welcome! We will provide the laid-back ambiance and painting supplies. You just bring friends, favorite beverages, and Christmas cheer! Tickets: [www.paintingwithatwist.com/studio/springfield/event/3229487](http://www.paintingwithatwist.com/studio/springfield/event/3229487)

**2022 Christmas Extravaganza @ White River Conference Center @ Bass Pro from 5 – 9 pm.** Benefiting The Arc of the Ozarks Childrens' Autism Services. Cocktail Bar | Dinner | Silent Auction | Live Auction. Perfect for your staff, group gathering, or a special night out. Table Sponsorships starting at \$1,500 and Individual tickets available at \$150. Doors open at 5:30. Contact Karen Burnell Ruff at [kruff@thearcoftheozarks.org](mailto:kruff@thearcoftheozarks.org) or 417-771-3698 for tickets and sponsorships. For more information, visit us online at [www.thearcoftheozarks.org/events](http://www.thearcoftheozarks.org/events)

**Studio Live Social Hour: Toxic Teeth @ Tie & Timber Beer Co from 5 – 7 pm.** Studio Live will feature Toxic Teeth on December 9 from noon to 1 on your radio at 91.1 FM and streaming online at [www.ksmu.org](http://www.ksmu.org) with your hosts Jess Balisle and Ran Cummings. Then catch the band in person at Tie & Timber Beer Co. for Studio Live Social Hour from 5-7 pm that same evening. Be sure to tune into Sound Check, a preview interview with Toxic Teeth, Tuesday, December 6 at 4:44 pm on KSMU.

**Night Art Camp: Christmas Gnomes @ ArtZone, Nixa from 5 – 8:30 pm.** Art Camps are too much fun to wait till school breaks, so we'll host a special evening camp once a month. Camp will include pizza and snacks. During December Night Art camp we'll create Christmas Gnomes. All students will get to do the pottery wheel too! We will begin our night with sculpture. We'll switch over to pottery wheel after supper. Art Camps are open to students 5 years old and up. Dinner will be held at 6:30pm. Please notify Art Zone if your student has a known allergy. Tickets: [www.artzonenixa.com](http://www.artzonenixa.com)

**Kit Barley @ The ARC of the Ozarks Christmas Extravaganza! From 5:30 – 9 pm. @ Bass Pro, Spfd.** Kit Barley & The Creekside Bandits has been asked to perform during this amazing event, and we are excited and honored to do so! You can come too! <https://m.facebook.com/.../a.300329.../10159721414845369/...>

**It's a Wonderful Night @ Ozasis Hotel & Convention Center from 6 pm.** Join us on December 9th for It's a Wonderful Night presented by Hy-Vee. You don't want to miss this annual holiday fundraiser. This event is highlighted by a local celebrity lip-sync competition. It'll be a fun, festive night filled with food and dancing, all to support our community. Thank you to our sponsors Hy-Vee, Mercy and KY3. Get your tickets and tables today at [www.cpozarks.org/wonderful](http://www.cpozarks.org/wonderful)

**Holiday Celebration @ empower: abilities from 6 – 8 pm.** Come and join us for our Holiday Celebration! December 9th 6-8 PM. Food & Hot Chocolate Bar, Games & Painting Ornaments, Bring a dessert to share! Please RSVP to [Bgober@empowerabilities.org](mailto:Bgober@empowerabilities.org) 417-886-1188 ext 108

**"His Favorites" Dayspring Women's Christmas Celebration @ Dayspring Church from 6 – 10:30 pm.** Dayspring ladies of all ages, join us for "His Favorites," a Christmas celebration for women focused on bringing a few of the Father's favorite things to the front and center. This event is a treat for all of us, intended to make you feel immensely special and help you get to know your sisters better. We hope it will inspire laughter (maybe even tears), encouragement, and engagement in multi-generational familial friendship and discipleship — truly dear things to the Father's heart. Schedule of Events:  
6:00-7:00pm - Formal, catered dinner in the Community Center. Formal dress is not required.  
7:15-8:45pm - A festive Christmas program complete with music, dance, and guest speaker Melissa VanDerLinden.  
9:00-10:30pm - Crisp apple strudel, other bavarian desserts, hot tea, and fun activities back in the Community Center!  
REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. Registration for this event is \$25, which covers our meal, dessert, activities, decorations, and special prizes! Childcare add-on (pending enough need): \$10/child with \$25 max. Due to catering and potential childcare arrangements, we must have your registration by Sunday, December 4th. Additional info: For those who would like to participate, we will have a "Favorite Things" gift exchange (much like a white elephant) following our service. This is the time we will also be serving hot drinks and desserts back in the community center. For those who choose not to participate in the gift exchange, we will have a short movie playing on the west side of the community center to enjoy! If you would like to participate in the Favorite Things gift exchange, please bring a \$10-15 wrapped gift. Choose something that YOU love and be prepared to tell us why it's one of your favorite things! Maybe it'll become one of someone else's favorite things!

**Blades & Menown @ Uncle Bob's Brewpub from 6 pm.** Chris Blades and Tony Menown return to Uncle Bob's Brewpub, Nixa for another great evening of great music.

**The Brothers Robertson Adopt-A-Family Christmas Charity Show @ Great Escape Beer Works from 6 – 9 pm.** We have teamed up with Crosslines Council of Churches of the Ozarks to adopt a family for Christmas this year. We have done this many times in the past but we decided to go bigger than we ever have before this year and asked for a BIG family. We have Mom, Dad, and 5 kids! Ages 1, 3, 3, 12, and 16! So, we NEED your help! We chose the big family because we ARE a big family and we have seen time and time again the generosity of the people who have come to see us all these years. Let's get together, raise some money, sing some Christmas songs, and generally enjoy some holiday cheer together.



**48 Hours of High School Basketball @ Greenwood Laboratory School Dec 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>.** 48 hours of straight high school basketball! For more information visit [www.mobca.org](http://www.mobca.org)

**Night of Originals @ Hope Church from 6:30 pm.** Night of Originals is our annual celebration of all things creative and it's coming up on Friday, December 9th! We have so many artists of all kinds here at Hope with talents ranging from painting to pottery, jewelry, sweet treats and so much more! This is a great opportunity to support our local artists and to get one-of-a-kind Christmas gifts for that special person on your list that may be hard to buy for. If you'd like to display your work at this year's event, we'd love to have you!! Contact [cherrmann@hopechurch.net](mailto:cherrmann@hopechurch.net) today!

**Wes Dickinson Live! @ Untouchables Brewery, Nixa from 7 pm.** Live music and cold craft beer!

**Alyssa Galvan Live @ White River Brewing Company from 7 – 9 pm.** Excited to be back at White River Brewing Co on this Friday. Music starts at 7 pm.

**Brother Ray and the Sometimes Righteous @ Q Enoteca from 7 – 10 pm.** Join us as we do our thing at the beautiful Q Enoteca!

**Sister's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Benefit with Special Guests Papa Green Shoes @ The Riff from 7 pm.** Please join us for Sister's 8th annual Christmas Benefit with special guest Papa Green Shoes! In partnership with Stomp The Blues Out Of Homelessness, 100% of all proceeds raised will go to The Rare Breed Youth Services as well as the Darr House and Laura's Home. These groups focus on transitional housing and homeless prevention for at risk youth. This benefit also helps to provide Christmas baskets filled with living essentials for the youth at Rare Breed. Only \$10 cover for two of Springfield's premier Blues Rock bands! This will truly be an event that you do not want to miss and all for a good cause! Tickets - \$10 [www.eventbrite.com/e/sister-lucilles-8th-annual-christmas-benefit-with-papa-green-shoes-tickets-468735158477](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/sister-lucilles-8th-annual-christmas-benefit-with-papa-green-shoes-tickets-468735158477)

**The Return @ Georgia Mac's from 7 – 10 pm.** One of my favorite late night local spots! Always a good time! Come enjoy some live music with me.

**Beatles Tribute Concert @ First Unitarian Universalist Church of Spfd from 7 – 10 pm.** This is a family-friendly party with games, trivia, food, costumes, and music. Watch this space for more details as they develop! The evening is sponsored by the Social Action Circle, with donations going to the purchase of items that will reduce the utility bills of First UU members and friends.

**Nathan Bryce & Loaded Dice @ Carrie's from 7 – 11 pm.** Live Music – Never A Cover.

**Ernie Biggs presents the Domino Kings! From 9:30 pm.** Please help us welcome the Domino Kings for the first time ever here at Ernie Biggs! \$10 at the door/ \$5 with a student ID! Doors open at 8:30 / show at 9:30!

### Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

**Nixa Christmas Give Back @ North Point Church, Nixa Campus from 7:30 am – 2 pm.** Join us as we provide help and hope for the families of over 300 kiddos this Christmas! We cannot do this event without an army of amazing volunteers every year. We look forward to partnering with you to make it a great day! You can sign up here! <https://bit.ly/3O3ONMB>

**Springfield Santa Run 2022 @ Relics Event Center starting at 8 am.** Join us for the magic that is Springfield Santa Run! Every runner will receive a 5 piece Santa Suit to run in! Then join us inside of the Relics Event Center for a GIGANTIC CHRISTMAS PARTY! We will have delicious treats, hot chocolate, fun photo area, and live Christmas music from Dallas Jones to set the Christmas Vibe! We can't think of better way for you to kick off your holiday season. Location: Relics Event Center, 2015 W Battlefield Rd suite E, Springfield, MO 65807, Price: \$50 through December 9<sup>th</sup>, Swag Cut Off: Nov 19<sup>th</sup>, 4 pack family discount pricing option available. No race day registration.

Packet pick up is at Fleet Feet Springfield (1254 E. Republic Rd 65803) Friday December 9th from 3-7 pm. Race day packet pick up for out of town participants only. Race day packet pick up is 7- 7:45 am. Register Here: <https://runsignup.com/.../Springf.../SpringfieldSantaRun2018>

**Santa Mini Session @ Lightbox – Skip the Line!! From 8 am – 4 pm.** For children 10 and under. No pets. Exception: Service dogs are allowed. We kindly ask that you email [hannah@portraitnovella.com](mailto:hannah@portraitnovella.com) if you will have a service dog with you. Select a 5 minute time frame for your Santa session with a professional photographer provided by Lightbox! After your little one finishes their session, head upstairs and enjoy the candy cane selfie station and assemble a hot chocolate packet to take home and enjoy! You must book 2 time slots if more than 2 children are participating. Adults admission is free with a purchase of a time slot. We look forward to having you here at Lightbox to celebrate the holidays with us! Tickets: [www.app.iris-works.com/customer/booking/ca2cec16-1738-461f-a80a-cc5f7ef8b026](http://www.app.iris-works.com/customer/booking/ca2cec16-1738-461f-a80a-cc5f7ef8b026)

**Holiday Open House @ LeighAnne’s, Republic from 9 am – 3 pm.** Join us for free hot chocolate, coffee and baked goodies. Come see what Christmas gifts you can find. Prizes, sales and more!

**Photos with the Grinch! @ Cricket Wireless Authorized Retailer from 10 am – 6 pm.** It’s the.. the... The GRINCH!! Join us for our annual photos with The Grinch! Feel free to bring children or pets and your Christmas best! We will have hot cocoa, snacks and great deals!! These photos are completely free, just bring your own phone and take as many as you’d like! We hope to see you there!!

**Holiday Market @ Metro Eats from 10 am – 4 pm.** Come join us for Holiday Market at All Things Girlie Boutique. We are located in Metro Eats, 2463 W. Sunshine Street, Suite 112 (directly behind Frogs). We will have lots of holiday items and great ideas for those last-minute gifts. We have a large variety of stocking stuffers to choose from. We even have some great outfits to make your holiday parties sparkle.

**The “All-Bikes Must Go Just in Time For The Holidays” Sale @ SBC’s Community Bike Shop at the Fairbanks from 10 am – 1 pm.** Just in time for the Holidays - come buy your bargain Holidays gifts from the Community Bike Shop. All Bikes Must Go. Gear, shoes, gloves, racks, accessories. All Must Go! Message us if you can volunteer to help - no bike skills required.

**Alignment Workshop @ And Now, Yoga With Jessica from 10 am – 1 pm.** This workshop will explore safe alignment of a variety of foundational yoga postures/asanas. Whether you are a beginner starting your practice, a seasoned practitioner wanting to deepen your practice, or an asana instructor interested in refreshing your cues and modifications this workshop is for you. Demonstrations, hands-on assists, non-assisted adjustments, modifications, prop usage, and discussion time will be included. The first 2 hours will be a structured format and the remaining hour will be open discussion. This workshop is eligible for 3 hours of CE credits with Yoga Alliance. \$20 for And Now, Yoga Studio Members and \$25 for Non-Members. You may attend the first 2 hour structured session and leave during the final 1 hour of discussion if necessary. Tickets: [www.wellnessliving.com/rs/event/and\\_now\\_yoga](http://www.wellnessliving.com/rs/event/and_now_yoga)

**Story Time “Never Let a Unicorn Meet a Reindeer” @ ArtZone, Nixa from 10 – 11 am.** Join Ms Jenni for StoryTime! Following the story Ms Jenni will lead a 20 minute Dance session recommend for ages 3-6 yrs old. Students will then head to the Art Zone area to create. No reservations needed. \$6. Tickets: [www.artzonenixa.com](http://www.artzonenixa.com)

**Open Studio Event – Choose Any Painting @ Painting with a Twist from 10 am – Noon.** This is an opportunity for our experienced painters to work a little more freely and at their own pace. While an instructor is present, this event allows you to paint one of our paintings on your own without the normal step-by-step guidance. If you bring friends or family, each person can choose/paint their own piece! Tickets: [www.paintingwithatwist.com/studio/springfield/event/3228353](http://www.paintingwithatwist.com/studio/springfield/event/3228353)

**Ladies Ornament Exchange and Brunch @ Riverdale Baptist Church of Nixa from 11 am.** Join us Dec 10<sup>th</sup> @ 11 am for an ornament exchange and brunch. Bring an ornament to swap and enjoy the fellowship and food!

**Howliday Photos with Santa Paws @ All About Dogs & Cats from 11 am – 2 pm.** Who's been a good girl or boy this year? Santa Paws is going to be ready to meet all your furry babies and hear what they have on their wishlists this year. \$10 gets you 2 photos emailed to you following the event. This is a perfect time to an updated picture of your babies and support our mission of helping as many dogs as we can.

**Friends of Culture Flock Holiday Pop-Up Shop #2 @ Culture Flock from 11 am – 4:30 pm.** Our last Friends of CF pop-up of 2022! Come shop with us and our friends, illumine Collect, Ashley Laren, and Kendra Lee Miller.

**Kids Christmas Party @ Glidewell Baptist Church from Noon – 2 pm.** Joy to the world, the Lord is come!! Let's celebrate the birth of our King!!! Food. Games. Crafts. Laughter. Fun. Let's celebrate!!

**Hook & Book Axe Throwing Tourney @ Tommy Hawks Axe House from Noon – 5 pm.** The City of Clever Police Department bring you some serious fun, hosted by Tommy Hawks Axe House at 1631 W College, Spfd. It doesn't matter if you're a regular, or if you've wanted to try it because you've never thrown an axe before, make a plan to come out, bring family and friends, and throw! Proceeds from the day will fund the Clever Police Department Scholarship Program, which provides funds to a graduating Senior from Clever High School. If you have a business and want to be a sponsor, provide a silent auction item, or have a vendor table...email Chief Lofton at [policechief@clevermo.com](mailto:policechief@clevermo.com). If you want to throw axes and have a great time, follow this link to Tommyhawks Axe House <https://forms.gle/4QWoyrUkLr3rzdG56> to register! There will be food vendors, and silent auction, and more.

**Clay Gingerbread House @ ArtZone, Nixa from Noon – 8 pm.** Come create clay gingerbread houses! We have lots of designs to choose from and premade Paint Your Own Pottery options. Create one out of clay small \$12 large \$16 All Ages. Registration not required. [www.artzonenixa.com](http://www.artzonenixa.com) Create in studio or get a kit to go. YouTube tutorials will be posted for kits to go. This is a come and go event. Houses will be created and glazed in one session! Activity takes about an hour and half to complete. Projects are ready for pick up two weeks after creating. Tickets: [www.artzonenixa.com](http://www.artzonenixa.com)

**James Bond 007 Stern Launch Party @ 417 Taphouse from Noon.** 417 Taphouse opens at 11 and tournament starts at noon. 1.5 hrs of flip frenzy qualifying. Top 4 play in a 4 player group and play 4 games to determine the winner. Prizes for the winner and random giveaways. If you have any questions, just let me know. Thanks!

**Christmas Parade & Tree Trimming @ Ebenezer from Noon – 1:30 pm.** Ebenezer will be having a Christmas Parade, all are invited to attend and participate. Any mode of transportation is good to be in the parade. The line-up will be at the intersection of FR 153 and FR 56 at 11:30 AM. We will proceed West on FR 56 to the church's parking lot where we will turn around and end at the Ebenezer School. In conjunction with the parade the Ebenezer Food Pantry will be serving hot dogs, chips and drinks at the Church Pavilion. We will be awarding 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place trophies, as well as 20 dash plaques to the first 20 entries. But wait!!...there's more!! Bring an ornament or decoration to help us trim our community Christmas Tree we placed in the front yard of the school! We are asking the Ebenezer Community to come and decorate the 16-foot-tall tree. AND Santa Claus will be stopping by to join in our fun!! If you wish to decorate earlier, let us know and we will have ladders and can help you. If you would like assistance please call (660) 429-9940. We look forward to seeing you all, so please come out and enjoy an "old timey" Parade & Tree Trimming in Ebenezer! Brought to you by the Ebenezer Historical Society. \*Rain date Sunday, December 19th, 1-2pm

**Paint class-Snowman with birch trees @ Sassafras Country, Rogersville from 1 – 5 pm.** We will be painting on a canvas covered with music or book pages. Birch trees and a snowman will be drawn on the canvas so ready to paint! All supplies are provided to complete painting. Please message me if interested in attending!! Class is limited to 13! The cost is \$38 per person or bring a friend and the cost is \$30 per person!

**Center for Music Therapy and Wellness “Songs of the Holidays” Concert @ 1312 N Benton Ave, Spfd from 2 pm.**

We’d like to invite everyone in the community to our FREE Holiday Concert. Come enjoy the talents of the individuals and community groups that we have enjoyed working with this semester. We will have 14 acts performing. Refreshments will be served after the performance! Please take a bit of time out of your busy scheduled to come and watch this concert and be moved by the joy shared by our performers!

**Springfield Christmas Parade @ Downtown Spfd from 2 pm.** Jingle bells will be ringing and carolers will be singing as the Springfield Christmas Parade, presented by Penmac, returns to Downtown Springfield on December 10, 2022 at 2 p.m. With the theme of "Hope for the Holidays" participants will bring their best and brightest out for a day of holiday cheer and support for the Springfield community.

**Middle Earth Strategy Battle Game Game Day @ Meta-Games Unlimited from 3 pm.** Come check out what is quietly one of the best Games Workshop games. Meta-Games will be hosting a casual Middle Earth Strategy Battle Game Game Day on Saturday December 11th at 3pm. Come by and to build paint and play. Want to play but don't have minis...don't worry about it. We can provide minis so everyone can try it out.

**Ozark Holiday Market @ Ozark Community Center, Ozark from 3 – 8 pm.** The Ozark Chamber of Commerce and The OC are excited to announce the Ozark Holiday Market! This free event will take place from 3PM- 8PM at The OC, with photo opportunities with Santa Clause and the Grinch taking place from 5PM-8PM. Join us to shop with local businesses for your loved ones this holiday season. This is a family friendly event, including activities and inflatables for the kiddos, local crafts, boutique finds, photo opportunities with Santa and the Grinch, and magical, holiday festivities!

**Shredmas & Very Merry Rollout @ Springfield Skate Park from 4 – 6 pm.** Join us as we celebrate Shredmas at Springfield Skatepark. All level skaters welcome! All Wheels welcome! After we celebrate Shredmas we will head to the parking lot of Creamery Arts Center and rollout thru Jordan Valley Park's Christmas light display to downtown Springfield where we will enjoy hot chocolate and a bite to eat! Dress warm and festive!

**Santa Paws – Pictures with Santa @ Sassy’s Goodies from 4 – 7 pm.** Santa is coming to Sassy’s Goodies again this year!!! Bring your pups in for pictures with Santa ... \$5 donation (cash only) going to K9s for Camo. Whether they were naughty or nice this year we love to see them. We could have a very special guest as well!!

**Christmas Cookie Saturday @ North Point Church, Nixa Campus from 4:30 pm.** Bring the family out and decorate some Christmas cookies and sip hot chocolate while jamming out to Christmas music together. We might even have your favorite Christmas movie playing in the lobby!

**Holiday Party and Light Tour @ 1619 E Independence St, Spfd. From 5 pm.** Exceed Homes and Matt Graham with Central Bank would like you to join us from 5 – 8 pm for complimentary tacos from Not'cho Ordinary, hot chocolate, games and a map of local Christmas lights. Sweet Maries Bakery providing cookies to decorate. Bring can goods to donate to Ozark Food Harvest.

**Songwriter’s Night @ Classic Rock Coffee Downtown from 5:30 – 8 pm.** Classic Rock Coffee Downtown is graciously hosting The Songwriter’s Guild of the Ozarks first Songwriter’s Night! Come perform and share the story of how and why you wrote your song. This event is intended to promote and encourage local songwriters. The guild was established to connect songwriters and musicians so they can further their songwriting growth and encourage the full production of the artists music.

**Conservatory of the Ozarks Christmas Recital 2022 @ Double Tree Hotel, Spfd from 6 – 7 pm.** Conservatory of the Ozarks is celebrating the best time of the year with our upcoming Christmas Recital! Join Conservatory of the Ozarks students in a program of festive holiday pieces on Saturday, December 10th at 7:00 pm at The Doubletree Hotel. Call

or text Conservatory of the Ozarks at 417-592-1756 or email [ConservatoryoftheOzarks@gmail.com](mailto:ConservatoryoftheOzarks@gmail.com) for more information about this event.

**417 Aerial Holiday Showcase @ W Sherman Way, Nixa from Dec 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> (6-8 pm nightly).** Our amazing students and troupe performers will be showcasing their holiday aerial performances! The showcase will be from 6-8 pm on both Saturday and Sunday. Doors will open at 5:30 pm for seating. Tickets go on sale the 21st of November and will be \$10 each. We LOVE to put on a show, so come and see what 417 Aerial is all about while celebrating and enjoying the holiday spirit. Purchase Tickets Here: <https://dancestudio-pro.com/tickets/index.php...>

**Kit Barley & The Creekside Bandits @ Great Escape Beer Works from 6 – 9 pm.** Big fun ahead at Great Escape Beer Works. Come hear some new, to us, covers you can sing along with and maybe even dance to. Great beer, fun music, great people...come on out!

**Jared Grimes Live @ Untouchables Brewery from 7 pm.** Live music and cold craft beer.

**In Love At Christmas – Evening Performance @ Juanita K Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts from 7:30 – 9 pm.** Whether it's being with your loved ones at home for the holidays, or taking your special someone for a walk in a winter wonderland, the Christmas season is brimming with love. We'll be playing everyone's favorite holiday tunes that capture the spirit of love and romance of Christmastime.

**Brother Ray and the Sometimes Righteous @ Bubba's BBQ from 8 – 10 pm.** Good food, good tunes, good Saturday night fun!

**Austin Henley @ Wise Guys in Ozark from 8 pm.** Austin Henley from 8 pm – Midnight.

**Machine Gun Symphony @ Southbound Bar & Grill from 8 pm – Midnight.** Come enjoy the band.

**Christmas Comedy Bingo @ Corner Pocket Comedy from 8 pm.** Come watch an amazing stand up showcase and play bingo at the same time. We will be giving away beers, gift cards, and who knows what else! \$5 online and \$10 at the door!

**Hailey Jane and The Regrets @ Bub's Distillery & Wood-Fired Pizza from 8 pm.** Hailey and the guys live at Bub's. Come have some great fun, drinks and pizza!

**Gypsies-Fleetwood Mac/Stevie Nicks tribute! @ Kiss Bar & Grill from 8 pm.** The Gypsies are the best Fleetwood Mac & Stevie Nicks tribute around! Show starts at 8pm & it's only \$15 at the door!

**Aaron Lewis @ Gillioz Theatre from 8:30 – 11 pm.** Don't miss the Aaron Lewis concert at the Gillioz Theatre in Spfd. Get the best seats before they are gone. Tickets: [www.etix.com/ticket/p/7361308/aaron-lewisfrayed-at-both-ends-the-acoustic-tour-springfield-gillioz-theatre](http://www.etix.com/ticket/p/7361308/aaron-lewisfrayed-at-both-ends-the-acoustic-tour-springfield-gillioz-theatre) Doors open at 7:30 pm and Show starts at 8:30 pm.

### **Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Santa Pictures, Train Rides, and Selfies...oh my! @ New Life Church, Spfd from 8 am – Noon.** Santa's coming to New Life and he's bringing a train with him! Your family will not want to miss out on everything we have planned for this Sunday. Santa will be here to take pictures in our living room, we are offering FREE train rides in our parking lot, and we'll have one of the coolest selfie mirror ins Spfd. We're basically bringing the North Pole to New Life! Invite your friends and family to join us at 8 am, 9:30 am or 11 am.

**Traditional Christmas w/ the Choir @ Hamlin Baptist Church from 9 am and 10:30 am.** All are welcome to join the choir as we have a traditional Christmas worship set during both services.

**Ugly Sweater Contest @ Pat Jones YMCA from 10 am.** Every Sunday at Limitless will be a special Christmas celebration! On December 11th we will be having a church-wide ugly sweater contest! Bring a friend and come show off your ugliest sweater at Limitless Church!

**CPF Kid's Christmas Play @ CrossPoint Fellowship, Republic from 10 – 11 am.** The kids will be performing a short Christmas performance at 10:00am. Contact Jerica Hufft with any questions.

**Christmas Brunch charcuterie class @ Edible Art from 11 am.** Come join us for a fun brunch themed charcuterie class! We'll teach you how to build a beautiful brunch board while you drink mimosas! The price is \$70 per person. Your ticket includes the class, the board you build your charcuterie on as well as enough food for 2-4 people and don't forget the mimosas!

**A Very Flam-BOY-ant Christmas @ 417 Taphouse from 11 am – 2 pm.** 'Tis the season! Whether you were naughty or nice this year, bring all your ho ho hoes and watch these fabulous queens sleigh! Tickets are \$20  
[www.eventbrite.com/e/a-very-flam-boy-ant-christmas-tickets-468810463717](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-very-flam-boy-ant-christmas-tickets-468810463717)

**Clay Gingerbread Train @ ArtZone, Nixa from Noon – 6 pm.** Come create clay gingerbread trains! We have lots of designs to choose from. \$15. All Ages. Registration not required. [www.artzonenixa.com](http://www.artzonenixa.com) Create in studio or get a kit to go. YouTube tutorials will be posted for kits to go. This is a come and go event. Trains will be created and glazed in one session! Activity takes about an hour and half to complete. Creations are ready for pick up two weeks after creating.

**In Love At Christmas – Matinee Performance @ Juanita K Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts from 2:30 – 4:30 pm.** Whether it's being with your loved ones at home for the holidays, or taking your special someone for a walk in a winter wonderland, the Christmas season is brimming with love. We'll be playing everyone's favorite holiday tunes that capture the spirit of love and romance of Christmastime.

**Sound Bath with Cheri Smith @ Wellness Colective Studios from 3 – 4 pm.** Join Reiki Master Teacher, Cheri Smith, as we push the "pause" button on the hustle and bustle of the season. This 60-minute sound bath will surround you with healing frequency so that you can continue through the season with grace and ease!  
[www.wellnessliving.com/rs/catalog-view.html](http://www.wellnessliving.com/rs/catalog-view.html)

**Sunday Kirtan @ Circle on the Square: Holistic Life Center from 3 pm.** Join Ozark Raga for a Sunday afternoon Kirtan/ Bhakti yoga gathering. Mantra, chanting and devotion to quiet the mind and open the heart. We will explore chants from a variety of traditions. This is a donation-based event. Recommended donation, \$10. Give what you can. No one will be turned away for lack of funds.

**It's A Wonderful Life @ Gillioz Theatre from 3 pm.** Doors open @ 2 pm, Show starts @ 3 pm. Tickets: Free Tickets to this event are provided by the Gillioz Theatre. Tickets must be picked up at the Box Office and will be available starting November 1st at 10AM. An angel is sent from Heaven to help a desperately frustrated businessman by showing him what life would have been like if he had never existed.

**Non-Holiday, Holiday Dinner @ Calvary Baptist Church, Ozark from 5 pm.** Please join us for our annual holiday dinner... The only catch is we will be enjoying non-holiday type food! This time of year, everyone is full of holiday dinners, and we don't want to overload everyone on the traditional holiday things such as turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, and gravy. So, instead we're going nontraditional! Bring your family and join us for a great evening of fellowship. Please bring a food to share. Anything from soups, to appetizers, sandwiches, just whatever you think of!

**Ozark Dance Academy Winter Showcase @ Ozark High School from 5 – 6:45 pm.** Come watch our Competition dancers perform their competitions dances for the first time. With special guest performance from our Saturday

creative movement and Monday dance sampler dancers. Tickets are \$10 adults (13+) \$5 students (ages 3-12) military, first responders, and seniors. Help support our students as they prepare for competition season.

**2022 Christmas Dance @ Midnight Rodeo from 6 pm.** SAVE THE DATE and plan to join us for THE "BESTEST" AND MOST "FUNEST" dance party of the year!!!

**Pet Photos with Santa @ Battlefield Mall from 6 – 8 pm.** Bring your pets to pose with Santa at JCPenney East Court after mall hours! Sunday, December 11th from 6p-8p. Be sure to save your spot by visiting the link <https://battlefieldmallcaringsantaphoto2022.splashthat.com/>

**Women's Christmas Party @ Hamlin Baptist Church from 6 – 8 pm.** Join the Hamlin ladies as we have our annual Christmas party. Ugly/festive attire is encouraged! Don't forget to bring some cookies for the cookie exchange & a \$10 favorite things gift.

**Chiefs Watch Party! @ Back Home Brewing, Ozark from 7 pm.** Ready for the Chiefs?! Kick off at 7:20! Come on out for the watch Party!!

### Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

**Fatherhood Basic Training @ 1000 E Primrose St, Spfd from 6:30 – 8 pm.** FOR DADS ONLY: New dads learn how to support mom before, during, and after childbirth and how to adjust to their new role as fathers. Held in-person or virtually. Call The Women's Center to register at 417-269-4664, option 2.

**Band, Choir, and Strings Concert @ Redeemer Lutheran Church from 7 pm.** The SLS band, choir, and strings groups will be holding a concert on Monday, December 12th at 7 p.m. in the RLC Springfield sanctuary. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

**Youth Performance Troupes Spring Semester Auditions @ Spfd Little Theatre Education Dept from 7 pm.** The Springfield Little Theatre Education Department facilitates numerous youth performance troupe ensembles featuring students in grades 2nd – 12th. In addition to performing at the historic Landers Theatre and The Judy, our troupers mentor young children in our educational programs, act as leaders in multiple areas of school and community and entertain at our special events and at special events in the community. Traits that are instilled in troupers through their training at SLT include responsibility, accountability, dependability, teamwork, determination, and confidence, among many others. All characteristics help to prepare these students to be future leaders in whatever endeavors they pursue.

### Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

**New Tax Rules in Retirement and Inflation Educational Class @ Nixa Community Center from 10:30 am.** You will learn the 10 RETIREMENT MISTAKES to avoid PLUS 5 items that your financial advisor or banker has NEVER told you, GUARENTEED! Meet us at the Nixa Community Center on December 13 at 10:30 am to learn about POWERFUL and EFFECTIVE strategies from a trained advisor with over 30 years of experience. When you attend, you will walk away with more knowledge about how to: 1. Stay ahead of Inflation, 2. Increase your retirement income, 3. Understand Social Security facts and need-to-knows, and 4. Learn new Retirement Tax rules and changes. Most importantly, a LIVE Q & A where we will answer your questions. NO PRODUCTS OR SERVICES WILL BE SOLD. Do not LOSE ANYMORE MONEY. Click the link now to register. SEATING IS LIMITED. [www.eventbrite.com/e/467617696117](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/467617696117)

**Community Service @ Ozarks Food Harvest from 6 pm.** Sign Up sheet will be available soon. Its an important time of the year to help those in need and get your community service credit too!

**Batman Returns @ Alamo Drafthouse Spfd from 6:20 pm.** Christmas in Gotham isn't complete without a bat, a cat, and a penguin. Gotham City faces two monstrous criminal menaces: the bizarre, sinister Penguin (Danny DeVito) and the slinky, mysterious Catwoman (Michelle Pfeiffer). Can Batman (Michael Keaton) battle two formidable foes at once? Especially when one wants to be mayor and the other is romantically attracted to Bruce Wayne? Like the groundbreaking 1989 original, BATMAN RETURNS is directed by the wizardly Tim Burton. And like the first blockbuster, it's a dazzling adventure that leaves you breathless.

**Winter Joy! @ Stone Chapel on Drury Campus from 7 pm.** Please join us for a very special musical concert performed by the OTC Chamber and Concert Choirs + the Premier Performance of the OTC Jazz Band! Tuesday December 13, 2022 at 7:00PM. In the beautiful Drury Stone Chapel located at: Drury University, 900 N Benton Ave, Springfield, MO 65802. CONCERT FREE TO PUBLIC

**Christmas Concert with Girls Choir of Springfield @ First Baptist Church, Spfd from 7 pm.** Join us for a Christmas concert on December 13th at 7pm at First Baptist Church. Our Christmas concert will feature the Girls Choir of Springfield. Admission is free and donations will be accepted. Contact Taylor Bryson with questions or for more information, [Taylor@boyschoirofspringfield.org](mailto:Taylor@boyschoirofspringfield.org).

**Food Storage Tasting Potluck @ The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints from 7 pm.** Make a dish from your food storage and bring it to class for tasting! We will enjoy each other's company and swap recipes for our dishes. Plates and cutlery will be provided.

**Christmastide – Spfd Mid-America Singers 2022 Christmas Concert @ Immaculate Conception Parish from 7:30 pm.** The Springfield Mid-America Singers present their 2022 Christmas Concert, "Christmastide," on December 13, 7:30 PM! This concert will feature festive carols from the British choral tradition, including works by Bob Chilcott & Philip Stopford.

**The Wallflowers @ Gillioz Theatre from 8 pm.** Doors: 7:00PM and Show: 8:00PM. Rock 'n' roll is often hard to define, or even to find, in these fractured musical times. But to paraphrase an old saying, you know it when you hear it. And you always hear it with the Wallflowers. For the past 30 years, the Jakob Dylan-led act has stood as one of rock's most dynamic and purposeful bands – a unit dedicated to and continually honing a sound that meshes timeless songwriting and storytelling with a hard-hitting and decidedly modern musical attack. That signature style has been present through the decades, baked into the grooves of smash hits like 1996's Bringing Down the Horse as well as more recent and exploratory fare like 2012's Glad All Over. Even so, in recent years, Dylan – the Wallflowers' founding singer, songwriter and guitarist – has repeatedly stepped outside of his band, first with a pair of more acoustic and rootsy records, 2008's Seeing Things and 2010's Women + Country, and then with the 2018 film Echo in the Canyon and the accompanying soundtrack, which saw him collaborate with a host of artists classic and contemporary, from Neil Young and Eric Clapton to Beck and Fiona Apple. Dylan's vision has always been the core of the Wallflower's music. How he chooses to express that vision, however, is what makes a song a Wallflowers song. "I usually just let the songs tell me what kind of arrangements they need," he says. "And if they're asking for full-band electric arrangements, then that's what the Wallflowers provide. And I knew I wanted to make a full-band electric record this time out." Tickets: [www.etix.com/ticket/p/8933596/the-wallflowers-springfield-gillioz-theatre](http://www.etix.com/ticket/p/8933596/the-wallflowers-springfield-gillioz-theatre)

**Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day**

**Homeschool: Built to Last – 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade @ Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park from 9 am – 11 am.** Learn the ins and outs of the big red barn at Rutledge-Wilson Farm. From our barn to building their own mini barn, this program will get students to investigate different shapes to see which are better at supporting a structure. \*1 parent per family at no charge. Age: 1st-5th grade. Fee: \$15. Time: 9-11 a.m. Please register by December 12 at <https://anc.apm.activecommunities.com/.../detail/24292...>



**Christmas Cookie Contest @ Hearing Wellness solutions from 2 – 4 pm.** You are invited to our most popular event, our Christmas Cookie Contest. Yay! This year we will be accepting donations for Compassus Hospice Care. Save the date. Come prepared to eat delicious cookies!

**A Night in Bethlehem Family Christmas Event @ Aldersgate UMC, Nixa from 5:15 – 6:30 pm** In this festive event, families are transported back in time to experience Bible-times Bethlehem. They'll visit the marketplace where they'll create their own unique keepsakes and interact with local shopkeepers who share the Christmas story and they'll also get to meet Mary and Joseph and hear about the miracle of Jesus' birth. Register your family to attend at: [www.vbspro.events/p/aumchristmas](http://www.vbspro.events/p/aumchristmas)

**Natural Childbirth Class @ 1000 E Primrose St, Spfd from 5:30 – 9 pm.** For parents hoping to achieve an un-medicated birth, attend this class instead of Prepared Childbirth. Discusses techniques for managing pain (breathing, relaxation, positioning) and what to expect in Labor and Delivery. Support Person encouraged to attend. Class ends with a tour of our Labor & Delivery and Women & Newborn units. Offered in-person or virtually. In-person attendance benefits include hands-on help with position changes, utilizing our birthing balls and massage tools, support person can try on an empathy belly, & we have a uterus/fetus display. Register online at [www.coxhealth.com/events](http://www.coxhealth.com/events) or call The Women's Center at 417-269-4664 option 2. Plan to attend during the last trimester of your pregnancy but call around 20-25 weeks to register for the best availability.

**Knotty Holiday Plant pARTy @ Mother's Brewing Company from 6 – 8 pm.** Join Grow for Good 417, Macrabee Designs, and Mother's Brewing Co to learn this super simple plant hanger and get a Christmas cactus to put in it! Craig will be onsite to answer questions about plant care. If this event sells out, an additional event will be added for later the same evening. This will also be a sales event. Come shop for plants and macrame for some unique Christmas gifts! Your ticket includes: - Macrame supplies, In-person lesson, 1 Christmas Cactus, 1 Mother's drink, Fun with friends!

**Shaun Munday @ Best of Luck Beer Hall from 6 – 8 pm.** Shaun Munday is a one-of-a kind talent and blends soul-drenched vocals with show-stopping bass guitar technique. Website: <https://shaunmunday.com/>  
Video: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7uOjtDJI5YAZEROLYC1moQ>

**Jingle Jam – A Christmas Party for the Whole Family @ Park Crest Baptist Church from 6:45 – 8:15 pm.** LOOKING FOR SOMETHING EXCITING FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY TO DO THIS HOLIDAY SEASON? Take a break from all the baking, the shopping, the endless rolls of wrapping paper, grab your friends and join us for an unforgettable Christmas experience complete with fun, games, music, and lights! Admission is FREE

#### Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

**Garden Story & Craft Time: Snow @ Springfield Botanical Gardens @ Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park from 10 am – 10:30 am.** This month we're reading about snow and creating a snowflake craft. We get to use puffy paint and glitter!

**The New Retirement Savings Time Bomb @ Nixa Community Center from 10:30 am.** You will learn the 10 RETIREMENT MISTAKES to avoid PLUS 5 items that your financial advisor or banker has NEVER told you, GUARENTEED! Meet us at the Nixa Community Center on December 15 at 10:30 am to learn about POWERFUL and EFFECTIVE strategies from a trained advisor with over 30 years of experience. When you attend, you will walk away with more knowledge about how to: 1. Stay ahead of Inflation, 2. Increase your retirement income, 3. Understand Social Security facts and need-to-knows, 4. Learn new Retirement Tax rules and changes and Most importantly, a LIVE Q & A where we will answer your questions. NO PRODUCTS OR SERVICES WILL BE SOLD. Do not LOSE ANYMORE MONEY. SEATING IS LIMITED. [www.eventbrite.com/e/467619170527](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/467619170527)

**Legislator Meet n Greet @ empower: abilities from 3 – 5 pm.** The election is over, and the year is wrapping up BUT the 2023 MO Legislative Session is coming! Please join us to meet your legislators (new and re-elected) as we talk about priorities for the upcoming year and what matters to you!

**Ornament Painting Workshop @ Willard Rec Center from 6 pm.** Come paint some miniature wood slabs with us at the Willard Recreation Center. During this class, you'll learn lots of techniques for creating adorable little holiday paintings and beautiful landscapes in miniature from the instructor. Class is \$15 and includes 5 mini wood slab ornament blanks, painting supplies, and instruction! Bring snacks and non-alcoholic drinks! Pre-registration required in person or at [willardparks.com](http://willardparks.com). Willard Recreation Center, 233 N State Hwy Z Willard, MO 65781

**Breastfeeding Basics @ 1000 E Primrose Street, Spfd from 6 – 8 pm.** Discussion topics include the importance of breastfeeding, latch and positioning, preventing nipple pain, signs baby is getting enough milk, breast pumps, and collecting and storage of milk. Support person encouraged to attend. Offered in-person or virtually. Two breast pumps will be on display for those attending in-person to practice assembling parts and adjust settings. Call the Women's Center at 417-269-4664 to register

**Girls Night Out – The Show @ Club Rodeo from 6 pm.** Each of our performers embodies a different female fantasy and brings it to life on stage before your eyes, turning your wildest dreams into reality! Whether it's a Cowboy, Fireman, or Knight in Shining Armor, the show has something that will appeal to everyone. All of this and more happens as you experience the best live Male Revue show in the Country! Throughout the amazing dances, there are also interactive games & audience participation; Girls Night Out isn't the type of show you sit back and watch – GNO is a fully interactive experience! The Show features contemporary backdrops, state-of-the-art lighting, sound design, theatrics, an amazing wardrobe and next-gen special effects for an immersive experience like you've never seen before! Come out, have some fun and get a little wild! Your party's not going to plan itself, after all, so let's get you started: Get your tickets now! See more @ [www.facebook.com/GirlsNightOutTheShow](https://www.facebook.com/GirlsNightOutTheShow) Tickets · \$5 - \$10 [www.eventbrite.com/e/460958438097](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/460958438097)

**Gingerbread Night w/ Dani's Flour Pot Bakery and The Royal from 6 pm.** Come decorate some Gingerbread!!! Dani's Flour Pot Bakery will provide a house made Mini Ginger Bread House, two Ginger Bread People, all the needed decorations, and guidance if needed. Cocktails and snacks are available for purchase. Tickets · \$25 [www.eventbrite.com/e/gingerbread-night-registration-470737006057](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gingerbread-night-registration-470737006057)

**Nate Fredrick and The Wholesome Boys w/Special Guest: Matt Daniel @ Southbound Bar & Grill from 6:30 pm.** Nate Fredrick and the Wholesome Boys return to Southbound! Matt Daniel opens the show! Discounted Tickets available online at [Stubs.Net](https://stubs.net)!

**Music Bingo! @ Back Home Brewing from 7:30 pm.** Do our know your music?? Music Bingo starts @ 7:30! Prizes given each round! Back Home Brewing

### **Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Ellis Ayres @ Uncle Bob's Brewpub, Nixa from 10 am.** Ellis returns with that smooth sound only he can produce.

**Tuba Christmas @ Stone Chapel on Drury Campus from 5:30 – 8:30 pm.** SPRINGFIELD - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16 - TIME: 7:30 pm LOCATION: Drury University Stone Chapel, 900 N. Benton Ave. REGISTRATION: 5:00 pm, same as performance. REHEARSAL: 5:30 pm, same as registration. PARKING: Along Benton Ave., W. of Stone Chapel, lot 2. Behind Shewmaker Communication Center SW corner of Drury Lane & Central Street. Handicap parking available behind Stone Chapel & Bay Hall. NOTE: Dress in bright, festive, holiday colors and decorate your instrument. Please bring a folding, collapsible or standard music stand. Indoor event. Please bring cloth for water valve discharge. Participant registration is \$10.00 CONDUCTOR: Troy Peterson GUEST CONDUCTOR: Jennifer Jester & Tom Meyer

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[jennifer.jester@millersville.edu](mailto:jennifer.jester@millersville.edu)

**Hold Fast Fridays – Justin Larkin from 7 pm.** Hold Fast Fridays is back with the music of Justin Larkin! Join us on the patio for more of your favorites - great craft beer and great music.

**Christmas Dance! @ Dance With Me from 7 – 10 pm.** \$10 per person. Wear something Christmas-y and join us on the dance floor! WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE, Bring a wrapped gift of any kind for a random gift exchange! Have fun with it, don't spend a bunch of money! Think mugs, hot chocolate bombs, kitchen gadgets, vases, games, deck of cards... just some thoughts! Join us for some dancing fun. Predominantly West Coast Swing, but also East Coast Swing, Salsa, Two Step, Waltz and more! We take requests! We have the largest dance floor in the area, cash bar available, and awesome music! What more could you ask for? \$10 cover. \$5 if you are enrolled in Dance With Me classes or are a current member of Swing Springfield Swing Dance Club.

**Cellar + Plate / Mark Barger from 7 – 9 pm.** Enjoy dinner music with Mark Barger at Cellar + Plate! Come crush a cup of wine!

**Love/Magic Release Party @ Q Enoteca from 7 – 9 pm.** Join Shaun Munday at Q Enoteca to celebrate his newest album release, "Love / Magic" and hear songs from the album performed live. Tickets available for purchase: \$10 - General Admission and \$20 - General Admission + Signed CD  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/.../shaun-munday-new-album...>

**Christmas with the Nelsons Starring Matthew & Gunnar Nelson @ Gillioz Theatre from 7:30 pm.** Doors: 6:30PM Show: 7:30PM. Christmas with the Nelsons tells the story of three family Christmases in the lives of America's First Family of Entertainment, the Nelsons! Fresh off securing two Top 10 Billboard Christmas singles in the last two years, Matthew and Gunnar bring their award winning talent to the stage. This heart-warming multi-media live concert stars the third generation of No. 1 Nelson family hitmakers, Matthew and Gunnar Nelson. A genuine blend of Everly Brothers-style harmonies and Smothers Brothers-style comedy, multi-platinum recording artists Matthew and Gunnar have been thrilling sellout audiences worldwide for the past decade with their Ricky Nelson Remembered show...and they've got a new gift for you to open. Not merely a rock concert with a few holiday songs thrown in, Christmas with the Nelsons delivers Christmas classics the Nelson family way. Interweaving quick humor, soaring sibling vocals, and state-of-the-art big screen video, Matthew and Gunnar's completely new show will take you on a sleigh ride through time. From the "Holly Jolly" 50s when their father, Ricky, was a little boy intent on duct-taping antlers to the family cat...to the 70s' when "Santa Claus Came to Town" delivering Schwinn for the twins in the era before bike helmets...to "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" today with the newest generation of Nelson family kids, who prove that yes, they did in fact turn out to be just like their parents after all... This is the Christmas show all ages of girls and boys have been waiting for. The entire Nelson family invites you to celebrate, Christmas with the Nelsons! Tickets: [www.etix.com/ticket/p/3298150/christmas-with-the-nelsons-starring-matthew-gunnar-nelson-springfield-gillioz-theatre](http://www.etix.com/ticket/p/3298150/christmas-with-the-nelsons-starring-matthew-gunnar-nelson-springfield-gillioz-theatre)

**Honkytonk Renovators & Paul's Farewell Party! @ Southbound Bar & Grill from 8 pm.** For roughly a decade our brother Paul Robberson has been singing with us and we are SURE going to miss what he brings to HTR. Life has become busy with his lovely family, and he has decided to focus his time with them, and we couldn't agree more. As we say farewell it's not goodbye for good. Paul will always have a spot with us. Help us send Paul off in fine fashion and wish him well at southbound!

**My Favorite Things: An Evening with Alex Huff and Friends @ Mother's Brewing Company form 8 pm.** SCT Resident Music Director Alex Huff and a selection of talented friends come together to make the season bright with a selection of musical theatre and holiday favorites. Grab a drink and join members of our SCT family in the Barrel House at Mother's Brewing Company for this one-night-only festive event. Ugly holiday sweaters encouraged! Joey Myers joins us while on holiday break from the national tour of The Book of Mormon which played Hammons Hall in October. Friday, December 16, 2022 at 8:00pm. Barrell House at Mother's Brewing Company, 215 S. Grant Ave

**Black Note is Back @ Carries from 8 – 8:15 pm.** Black Note will be Celebrating their Managers birthday come on out and Rock with them

### Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>

**Republic Christmas Give Back @ North Point Church, Republic from 7:30 am – 1:30 pm.** Join us as we provide help and hope for the families of over 300 kiddos this Christmas! We cannot do this event without an army of amazing volunteers every year. We look forward to partnering with you to make it a great day! You can sign up at <https://bit.ly/3X1vozM>

**Prepared Childbirth – One day class @ 1000 E Primrose Street, Spfd from 9 am – 5 pm.** This is a one-day Saturday class. A two-part evening class is also available. See separate event for details. In this class, you and your support person will learn what to expect before, during and after childbirth. Content includes late pregnancy expectations, the process of labor and birth, pain relief and comfort measures, medical interventions, cesarean sections and newborn and postpartum care. Includes tour of Labor & Delivery and Women & Newborn. Offered in-person or virtually. In-person attendance benefits include hands-on help with position changes, utilizing our birthing balls and massage tools, support person can try on an empathy belly, & we have a uterus/fetus display. Register online at [www.coxhealth.com/events](http://www.coxhealth.com/events) or call The Women's Center at 417-269-4664 option 2. Plan to attend during the last trimester of your pregnancy but call around 20-25 weeks to register for the best availability.

**Play It Forward Juniors Doubles and Quads Tournament @ Volleyball Beach, Ozark from 9:30 am.** Sign up for the dual AVP and BVNE juniors doubles tournament. Check in at 9:30. We will also have a juniors quads tournament. Check in at 10 am. Text Kelsey at 417-839-3805 or Michael 417-771-9330

**Run For The Ranch Race @ Jamestown Plaza, Rogersville from 9:30 am.** 23rd Annual Run for the Ranch Saturday, December 17, 2022, 09:15am, Jamestown Plaza Area Rogersville, MO. Events: 1 Miler, Half Marathon, Full Marathon, 4 Person Marathon Relay, 6 Hour Run. Benefiting: Proceeds benefit the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch and the Ozark Mountain Ridge Runners. ONLINE REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE THURSDAY AT 12PM.

**StoryTime “The Nutcracker” @ ArtZone, Nixa from 10 – 11 am.** Join Ms Jenni for StoryTime! Following the story Ms Jenni will lead a 20 minute Dance recommended for ages 3-6 yrs old based on “The Nutcracker”. Students will then head to the Art Zone area to create. No reservations needed. \$6

**Warcry Tournament @ Cards ‘n Stripes Games @ 10 am.** \$10/person (\$5/enters the prize pool). There is a store champion trophy on the line as well!!! It will be played in 3 rounds over the course of the day. Rounds are scheduled for 2 hours. That time may be shortened should all participants finish the round early. Registration will begin at 9 am and will close at 9:45 am. Army list forms are available at the shop and will be required by each player. We are limiting this event to 12 participants (first come, first served) Pre-registration is encouraged.

**Restorative Yoga Workshop @ CoxHealth Fitness Centers From 10:30 am.** Recover from all the Holiday cheer with our Restorative Yoga Workshop. Experience the benefits of meditation and breathing while relaxing in Yoga postures using the support of blankets, blocks, and other props. Poses are held for several minutes at a time allowing complete surrender of tired and achy muscles. These soothing and well-supported poses offer you the opportunity to linger quietly for a few moments while nourishing your body and mind. Please bring a small blanket and a pillow or two for added comfort. No prior Yoga experience is necessary to attend. Spots are limited-Register today! Open to members and the community. 417.269.3282

**Dreamhack Regional Championship Qualifier Double Standard @ Meta-Games Unlimited from 11 am.** Entry: \$25. Prize: \$125 cash to 1st place, \$75 cash to 2nd place guaranteed with additional prizes based on attendance. 1st and 2nd place earn a regional qualification. Top 8 will also receive a pin and 1st place will also get a 1st place

lanyard. Decklists are required for this event and you must have your Wizards email and/or the MTG Companion app.

**Christmas Banquet @ Veterans Coming Home Center from 11 am – 3 pm.** Signup to volunteer at the Christmas Banquet at Veterans Coming Home to bless the homeless community! Click here to find a role that works for you for this event! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084AA9A62DA7FD0-christmas>

**Christmas Gnomes @ ArtZone, Nixa from Noon – 8 pm.** Create your own Christmas Gnome! \$8  
Create and glaze your creations. No Reservations required.

**Monthly Adoption Day @ Republic Animal Control from Noon – 4 pm.** Come join us for our monthly adoption day and get special adoption prices for this day only!!

**Diskey The Wonder Dog Halftime Show @ MSU Lady Bears @ Great Southern Bank Arena from 1 pm.** The Dynamic Disc Duo starring Diskey The Wonder Dog will perform a Halftime show you will not want to miss.

**Twisted Sisters & Misters @ Billiards of Spfd from 1 – 3 pm.** Would you like to be part of a group of other yarn crazed people? Well now you can! If you live in or near Springfield, MO join us! Doesn't matter if you knit, crochet or just love yarn, you are welcome. Spend an afternoon with other like-minded people, get project or stitch help, advice on color schemes, or simply just show off your project!

**SW MO Beginner Go Tourney 2022 @ Meta-Games from 2 pm.** We will be holding a 13x13 tournament most likely in a round robin fashion. We have decided on this format to avoid the use of handicap play and to accommodate the players that are new or just learning. There will be prizes for the winners of this tournament. The other part of this event will be problems set up on boards to practice your problem solving and reading skill. Prizes will be given out for this as well. For any brand new player that wishes to learn we plan to have club members available to help you learn how to play, and connect you with other players through discord, Facebook and other sites so you can always get a friendly match.

**Ornament Making Saturday @ North Point Church, Nixa Campus from 4:30 pm.** We will have the hot chocolate and Christmas jams. You bring the family and creativity. You might walk out of here with an ornament that gets passed down for generations!

**A Connect Christmas 2022! @ Connect Church on Dec 17<sup>th</sup> (4:30 or 6 pm) and Dec 18<sup>th</sup> (9 am, 10:30 am or Noon)** We are so excited to INVITE YOU to A CONNECT CHRISTMAS 2022! We'll have hot chocolate, photo opportunities, an amazing Christmas service and let's not forget about the kids services designed just for them! You don't want to miss out on all that is going on for Christmas at Connect.

**Date Night Pottery @ ArtZone, Nixa from 6 – 9 pm.** Pottery Wheel Date Night! This event is for 18 and older. No kids. 21 and up BYOB! Bring your favorite beverage to enjoy. Each participant will get to create and glaze a piece on the wheel while spending time with the one you love! We'll be creating bowls! \$60 per couple. Choose your time: 6pm, 7:30pm or 9pm. Register online [www.artzonenixa.com](http://www.artzonenixa.com)

**Junior Jazzercise Holiday Camp @ Springfield South Jazzercise from 6 – 7:30 pm.** Join us for a Holiday celebration Junior Jazzercise style with games, a holiday craft, snack, and dancing of course. \$20 per child and \$10 for each additional child from the same family. Please RSVP.

**Steinert Family Lights 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Hot Cocoa Night @ 752 W Apache St, Republic from 6 – 8 pm.** We welcome you to come by and enjoy our light show and enjoy a hot cocoa. Like previous years we might have a special gift for the kiddos. We look forward to seeing the everyone. This is a 100% FREE event!!! Past years there have been scammers attempting to sell tickets so please don't be fooled!!

**Traditional Dance and Music Society Contra Dance @ King's Way UMC from 7 – 10 pm.** King's Way UMC is a new location for us. Use the South Driveway entrance, parking is easy to find, and then look for Family Life Center double door entrance. Everyone is welcome to these dances. The evening begins with easy dances for newcomers, and all dances are taught. Costs: \$7, 21 and under \$5. You don't need experience or a partner, bring yourself, a snack to share, and a smile. Water is available. Music by Jim Nelson; Dedo Norris; and Friends; and caller Mike Bolin. Join us a few minutes early to sign in to be ready to learn the basics at our workshop starting at 7:00 pm. Dance starts at 7:30 and goes through 10 pm. For more info, call: 417-529-4526, or email: [ivyandroses@juno.com](mailto:ivyandroses@juno.com)

**Mike, Mac and the Sidemen @ Untouchables Brewery, Nixa from 7 pm.** Live music and cold craft beer!

**In the Footsteps of Pilgrims – An SCC Christmas @ First & Calvary Presbyterian Church from 7 pm.** Join Springfield Chamber Chorus for our annual Christmas concert at a new venue, First & Calvary Presbyterian Church. Featuring music from Springfield Chamber Chorus and local musicians, you're sure to enjoy this musical journey. Tickets available soon.

**Christmas Party & Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest! @ Back Home Brewing from 8 – 11 pm.** Luke & Matt take the stage @ 8! Come on out for our Xmas party! Listen to originals & Xmas parodies! Laugh, Drink & be Merry in your Ugly Xmas Sweater! Prizes given for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd!

**It's a White Christmas Soiree @ Veridian Events at 8 pm.** The Veridian Presents: It's a White Christmas Soiree. Join Us & invite your friends for an annual Christmas Party. Lite bites will be provided.

**Plush @ Carrie's from 8 pm – Midnight.** 90's Rock by Plush @ Carrie's Christmas Bash. Giveaways & Drink Specials.

**An Evening with Jake Wesley Rogers: Hometown Concert @ Gillioz Theatre from 8 pm.** Doors: 7:00PM Show: 8:00PM. When he calls from Los Angeles in spring 2022, Jake Wesley Rogers is certain of one thing: he is, without a shadow of a doubt, ready to finish the debut album he's long dreamt of making. He's confident and cautious in equal measure, he says; the pressure is immense, what with accolades heaped upon him by the likes of major magazines and media outlets such as Billboard, Rolling Stone, and Vogue – who profiled Jake for their Youthquake project as a Gen Z creator who is pushing the conversation forward – as well as GLAAD – for whom Jake was nominated this year for Outstanding Breakthrough Music Artist, alongside a show-stopping performance at the ceremony. Then there are people like Elton John (who had Jake perform with Grammy-winning Brandi Carlile at his feted 30th annual Oscar-viewing AIDS foundation benefit this spring), Kate Hudson, and countless other A-list devotees who've flocked to the singer-songwriter's pulpit over the past few years. And has he mentioned he's opening this fall's eagerly anticipated Panic! At the Disco arena tour alongside Marina? (As PAPER Magazine predicted upon the release of his major label debut, "Give Jake Wesley Rogers a stadium.") With all that, you're invited to spend a special evening with Jake before he goes back to taking the world by storm. Tickets:

[www.etix.com/ticket/p/5680813/an-evening-with-jake-wesley-rogershometown-concert-springfield-gillioz-theatre](http://www.etix.com/ticket/p/5680813/an-evening-with-jake-wesley-rogershometown-concert-springfield-gillioz-theatre)

### **Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

**New Life Christmas @ New Life Church from 8 am – Noon.** You don't want to miss Christmas at New Life happening on Sunday, December 18th. We'll have special guest, Alex Bryant, unforgettable musical elements throughout service, and prizes to giveaway at the beginning of service. So, make plans to come early and stay until the very end of service. We can't wait to celebrate Christmas with you at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00.

**Church Service @ Harvest Ministries UPC from 9 am.** SPEAKER: Vince Stegall. We invite you to join with us as we worship in spirit and in truth, making His praise glorious! Admission is free. No registration is required. Doors will open around an hour in advance.

**Lake Leatherwood Hike + Holiday Lights Tour @ Farmer's Park from 10 am – 7 pm.** Winter hiking is truly some of the best hiking in the Ozarks. We are going to start our day at Lake Leatherwood, located at the edge of Eureka Springs. It's a 3.9-mile hike that loops around a gorgeous mountain lake and over the dam, which is made of cut limestone rocks. This hike will bring together beautiful scenery and abundant wildlife. The elevation change is 300', with small rolling hills that are easy to hike through. After a scenic hike, we will head over to Eureka Springs for some magical Holiday time. There is no place quite like Eureka Springs during the holiday season. We will have time downtown to allow everyone to explore the area. You will not be disappointed by a true holiday town, with amazing decorations and a magical Holiday spirit. Tickets: [www.37northexpeditions.com/all-trips/hike-holidaylights-december19-sgf-73tz6](http://www.37northexpeditions.com/all-trips/hike-holidaylights-december19-sgf-73tz6)

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent Worship @ Immanuel Lutheran Church AFLC from 11 am.** "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" You are welcome to join us for reverent worship where we hear and celebrate God revealing Himself to us in His true and holy Word. Sunday, December 18, 2022  
11:00am

**Chief's Watch Party @ Back Home Brewing from Noon.** Back Home Brewing is hosting a Watch Party for the Chiefs at Noon! Come cheer them on!

**Noel @ Noon @ The Downtown Church, Spfd.** We are excited to host Noel at Noon featuring organ music by Hayden Vaughn. This Christmas Carol Sing will be a fun time to sing all of your favorite Christmas Hymns and Carols. Refreshments will be provided so join us for worship at 10:30am and stay for a new holiday tradition at The Downtown Church.

**Holiday Cookie Decorating @ The Workshop at Finley Farms from 1 – 4 pm.** Gather up the family and stop by The Workshop at Finley Farms for a festive Christmas cookie decorating experience. Hot cocoa, beer and wine will be available for purchase. Cookie decorating bundles cost \$12. Please note, this is a come-and-go event. No registration is required. REGISTER: <https://finleyfarmsmo.com/.../holiday-cookie-decorating.../>

**Pet Photos with BAD Santa! @ Fetch Pet Supplies & Gifts from 4 – 7 pm.** By popular demand, he's back from the wrong side of the North Pole! It's Bad Santa, he's the Santa your mother warned you about and just as bad as ever. He's going to be at Fetch for pet photos to help raise money for SAAF Spay & Neuter Clinic, because even Bad Santa knows unplanned litters are on the naughty list. Bad Santa will be at Fetch on December 18th from 4-7pm, so bring your naughtiest pups for photos! Cost is \$10 and all proceeds go to SAAF. No appointment needed and photos will be emailed.

**Jeff Allen @ Blue Room Comedy Club from 5 pm.** Jeff Allen is in his fifth decade as a working comedian. You may have seen him on America's Got Talent, Dry Bar Comedy, HBO, Amazon Prime, Huckabee, Pureflix, Comedy Central, VH-1, Showtime, TBN, CBN, Family Net and numerous other television networks and Podcasts. He can be heard regularly on SiriusXM's comedy channels, also Pandora and Spotify. He has performed for our troops on aircraft carriers and ships in the Indian Ocean. Look for him and on the fastest growing comedy internet sensation, Dry Bar Comedy where Jeff has surpassed 300 million views on Facebook, YouTube and other channels. Jeff has also produced and starred in his own sitcom pilot for Castlerock Television and in the critically acclaimed films, "Apostles of Comedy." On his new tour filled with new material, Jeff Allen 2.0, Jeff's sidesplitting comedy drives home the humor in everyday family life, the ups and downs of marriage, the challenge of raising children, the bliss of the empty nest (followed by the unexpected returns to said nest) and the joys of being a grandparent. Audiences will immensely enjoy taking this journey with Jeff. Tickets: [www.blueroomcomedyclub.com/shows/192914](http://www.blueroomcomedyclub.com/shows/192914)

**Mid-States Wrestling @ Relics Event Center from 6 – 8:45 pm.** The very best in Professional Wrestling returns to The Relics Event Center in Springfield Missouri on Sunday December 18th at 6pm. Mid-States Wrestling returns with an action-packed night of Family Friendly fun for all ages! Come and meet Wrestling Legend and WWE Hall of Famer "The Mouth of the South" Jimmy Hart! Come see our final event for 2022 featuring "The Space Cowboy" Jason Jones, The MSW Heavyweight Champion Luke Langley, Sam Stackhouse, Niles Plonk, The Johnny's, Colton Theron

Vaught, Alan Jefferson, Jimmy Fiasco, Big Joe Helms, Tim Rockwell, Gary "Roosevelt Gram", Canonball Matthews, The Blue Bolt & many many more! Tickets start at \$15, and VIP Reserved seats get you an exclusive VIP Meet & Greet and a bonus match. Get your tickets now at both Premier Pawn locations in Springfield, online at [mswtickets.com](https://www.mswtickets.com) or by phone at (858)-848-SLAM, Tickets will also be available at the door starting at 4:30 the day of the event

**December Poetry Slam @ Nathan P Murphy's from 7 pm.** Doors open @ 6:30; show starts around 7. Arrive before 7 to sign up! \$7 entry fee for all guests; \$50 cash prize for the winner! 21+ only. Attendees will have the opportunity to compete, to judge, or to just relax and listen. Get ready for an amazing experience full of passion and creativity in the form of uncensored, original poetry.

### Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>



### Happy Hanukkah

**Winter Break Art Camp Sale @ ArtZone, Nixa from 3 -5 Full Day Camp.** Join Art Zone all Winter Break! We'll have camp Mon-Fri 9am-3pm. Send a sack lunch. Choose full days or half days. Camp sales are good until Dec 19th. Pre-register online. Visit our website to see daily listing of Art Camp themes. Tickets: [www.artzonenixa.com](http://www.artzonenixa.com)

**Cookies with Santa @ Excel Dental from 2 – 4 pm.** Santa is coming to... Excel Dental. Join us for cookies, hot chocolate, and a photo booth with Santa! Everyone is welcome!

**Back to Work Breastfeeding Success @ 1000 E Primrose Street, Spfd from 6 – 7:30 pm.** Learn how to prepare you, your baby, and caregivers for your successful return to work including, maintaining milk supply, pumps and parts, breastmilk storage, and bottle feeding. Plan to attend in the first month of your maternity leave. Support person welcome to attend. Offered in-person or virtually. Two breasts pumps will be on display for those attending in-person to practice assembling parts and adjust settings. Call The Women's Center to register at 417-269-4664, option 2.

### Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>

**Living the Word – Women's Bible Study "every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday" @ Riverdale Baptist Church, Nixa from 10 am.** What to expect: Women's Bible study: Living the Word, Teacher: Janice Bowser, Location: In Sanctuary classroom.

### Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>



### Winter Solstice

**Homeschool: From Seed to Supermarket – 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade @ Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park from 9 am – Noon.** Hi Ho! Hi Ho! Off to work we go, to investigate the journey our goods take from the farm to the supermarket. This program will teach students how our beloved foods are transported through the chain of distribution to be on consumer shelves. Students will plan a garden and even plant some seeds. Age: 6th-12th grade, Fee: \$40, Time: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Please register by December 21 at <https://anc.apm.activecommunities.com/.../detail/24302...>



**December Holiday Market @ Farmers Market of the Ozarks from 4 – 8 pm.** Holiday Market is the perfect place for all your last-minute shopping! Come see us Wednesday, December 21st for a visit with Santa, locally made gifts, and all sorts of delicious holiday treats!

**Grandparenting @ 1000 E Primrose Street, Spfd from 6 – 8 pm.** FOR GRANDPARENTS ONLY. Provides tips for new grandparents as they transition to their new role. Discussion will include ways to prepare for new baby, latest safety and infant care, and how to support the new parents. Offered in-person or virtually. Call The Women's Center to register at 417-269-4664 option 2.

**Blue Christmas Service @ Christ Episcopal Church, Spfd from 6:30 pm.** Christ Church would like to invite you to a Blue Christmas Service. Blue Christmas? Yes, Christmas can be a painful time for some. It may be the first Christmas without a loved one; it may be a time that has always been difficult. The anguish of broken relationships, the insecurity of unemployment, the weariness of ill health, the pain of isolation... all these can make one feel alone during celebrating and holiday joy. An opportunity to acknowledge sadness and concern and to know that others share these feelings can offer encouragement for the days ahead. Come and hear prayers, readings, and music that acknowledges God's presence for those who mourn and struggle ... and that God's Word comes to shine light into the darkness. All are welcome.

#### Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Emergency First Response Class @ Diver's Oasis from 6:30 pm.** Emergency First Response Class. eLearning with classroom practical.

#### Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Eyes Wide Shut @ Alamo Drafthouse, Spfd from 3 pm.** In IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE, Jimmy Stewart's George Bailey, at the height of his suicidal despair and panic, imagines a world in which he doesn't exist. Stanley Kubrick goes one step further in sending Tom Cruise down an odyssey of sexual confusion and paranoia to learn the true meaning of Christmas. Adapted from the Austrian short story "Traumnovelle," Kubrick's final film peeks us into the privileged world of Dr. Bill Hartford and his wife Alice (Cruise and Kidman), two well-to-do attractive socialites who by all accounts have it made. In a marijuana-fueled argument, Alice reveals thoughts of infidelity that send Bill into an existential panic, leading to an absurdist walkabout through New York that involves – you guessed it – a mysterious sex cult run by a shrouded aristocracy. Did Kubrick make this to break up Cruise and Kidman's marriage? How much did he know about mysterious sex trafficking rings? Did Sydney Pollack originate the shirtless in suspenders look? Clearly, the film poses more questions than it does answers. For certain, EYES WIDE SHUT is a brutally funny sexscapade that puts an ellipsis at the end of Kubrick's storied career – and, most importantly – stands as a crucial text for our modern world. Fidelio!

**Live Music @ 4 X 4 Brewing – Galloway from 6 – 9 pm.** No Cover! Just great Music and great Beer! 'Randall Shreve brings his own wine-soaked flavor of indie rock to audiences around the country. His music, which has been described as "Vaudeville Rock," derives its unmistakable sound from influences such as Queen, Muse, The Beatles, and Jeff Buckley, but plays them against the dark and sultry backdrop of cabaret. While the rock is thoroughly modern, it exudes the ambition, grit and glamour of Old Hollywood, and manages to transport the listener back in time to an earlier era. Fans have come to expect not only exceptional musicianship from his live shows, but a unique entertainment experience. They never leave disappointed." Website: <http://www.randallshreve.com/...>

**Cellar + Plate / Holiday Special with Mark Barger from 7 – 9 pm.** Enjoy dinner music with Mark Barger at Cellar + Plate! Come crush a cup of wine!

**Jared Grimes Live @ Untouchables Brewery, Nixa from 7 pm.** Live music and cold craft beer

**Candlelight Service @ Unity of Springfield from 7 pm.** Unity of Springfield presents its holiday program. Please join us in person or via Facebook Live for a metaphysical interpretation and practical application of the Christmas story. There will also be singing of sentimentally favorite carols. A particularly meaningful moment for many congregants is the lighting of the candles and acapella singing of Silent Night. It is truly a beautiful experience. Be sure to come early as seating is at a premium. Nursery and childcare will be available during the service.

**Live Music: Molly Healey @ Tie & Timber Beer Co from 7:30 pm.** Join us for an evening of music with Molly Healey. 7:30 pm

**Karaoke Friday! @ Back Home Brewing, Ozark from 8 pm.** Sing up starts @ 8! Get your vocals warmed up for Karaoke!

**The Tumbleweeds @ Carrie's from 8 pm – Midnight.** Live Music by Reed Herron, Chester Ellis & Dave Ellis - The Tumbleweeds. Never A Cover & Great Drink Specials.

**Just a Phrase @ Kiss Bar & Grill from 9 pm – Midnight.** Just a Phase will be rocking out the Millennial nostalgia at Kiss Bar and Grill on December 23rd. Squeeze into those skinny jeans, slap on that studded wrist band and come jam out to your favorite early 2000's pop-punk and Emo songs!! \$10 cover

#### Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>



#### **Christmas Eve**

**Christmas Eve @ Fellowship Bible Church from 2 – 5 pm.** We are excited to spend Christmas Eve with you and your family! Join us at 2:00pm, 3:30pm, or 5:00pm for this year's Christmas Eve Service.

**Christmas Eve @ The Venues starting at 4 & 5:30 as well as online.** Service Times: 4:00 PM & 5:30 PM. All ages service, with children in the auditorium!

**Christmas Eve Service @ CrossPoint Fellowship, Republic from 5:30 – 6:30 pm.** Join us for a candlelight service and enjoy a hot chocolate bar with family and friends as we prepare to celebrate Christmas.

**Christmas Eve Service of Reading and Carols @ Immanuel Lutheran Church AFLC from 6 pm.** Join us as we celebrate glory to God in the highest.

**OCC Christmas Eve Service 2022 @ Ozark Christian Church from 6 pm.** Join the OCC church family for a special time to reflect on the meaning and message of Christmas.

**Christmas Eve Carols & Candlelight @ Hope Lutheran Church, Republic from 7 pm.** O come, let us adore HIM! The Christmas Eve at HOPE Lutheran is a time for joyous peace! O come, hear the story of Christmas; the story of God's gift of Himself to us! O come, make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation with beautiful and meaningful Christmas hymns! O come, let us share Christ's light—candlelight! O come, let us celebrate Christ's Birthday with HOPE! At 7 PM. Across Lyons Elementary School on 174

Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>



**Merry Christmas!**

**The Lord's Supper / no service – Christmas Day @ Riverdale Baptist Church of Nixa from 10:30 am.** We will not have services, but we will offer the Lord's Supper. Please join us, we are here for you!

**Christmas Day Worship @ Immanuel Lutheran Church AFLC from 11 am.** "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given..." – Isaiah. Join us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup>



**Happy Kwanzaa!**

**Art Camp: Pie @ ArtZone, Nixa from 9 am – 3 pm.** We will begin our day with painting. We'll switch over to clay after lunch. Art Camps are open to students 5 years old and up. Please send a sack lunch. Lunch will be held at 11:30am. Please notify Art Zone if your student has a known allergy. 1 Full Day \$35 or Half Day \$20. Register for all 5 full days and you'll get to use the pottery wheel! Discounts: Discounts are for the same student registered for multiple days. 3 Full Days: \$99. 4 Full Days: \$125. 5 Full Days: \$155. Sale Ends Dec 19. [www.artzonenixacom](http://www.artzonenixacom)

**1 Hour Pottery Wheel Classes @ ArtZone, Nixa from 11 am – Noon.** Come explore Wheel Throwing! This is a one hour exploration class in which participants will create a piece on the pottery wheel and glaze their work all in the same hour and a half! We have lots of fun in these classes so don't miss out. Each hour only has 8 spots available. This class is best suited for ages 8 and up, though younger may participate with parental assistance. Preregister online: [www.artzonenixacom](http://www.artzonenixacom)

Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>

**Art Camp: Tie Dye @ ArtZone, Nixa from 9 am – 3 pm.** We will begin our day with painting. We'll switch over to tie dye after lunch. Art Camps are open to students 5 years old and up. Please send a sack lunch. Lunch will be held at 11:30am. Please notify Art Zone if your student has a known allergy. 1 Full Day \$35 or Half Day \$20. Register for all 5 full days and you'll get to use the pottery wheel! Discounts: Discounts are for the same student registered for multiple days. 3 Full Days: \$99. 4 Full Days: \$125. 5 Full Days: \$155. Sale Ends Dec 19. [www.artzonenixacom](http://www.artzonenixacom)

**1 Hour Pottery Wheel Classes @ ArtZone, Nixa from 1 – 5 pm.** Come explore Wheel Throwing! This is a one hour exploration class in which participants will create a piece on the pottery wheel and glaze their work all in the same hour and a half! We have lots of fun in these classes so don't miss out. Each hour only has 8 spots available. This class is best suited for ages 8 and up, though younger may participate with parental assistance. Preregister online: [www.artzonenixacom](http://www.artzonenixacom)

Wednesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>

**Art Camp: Chinese Dragons @ ArtZone, Nixa from 9 am – 3 pm.** We will begin our day with metallic dragons! We'll switch over to clay after lunch. Art Camps are open to students 5 years old and up. Please send a sack lunch.

Lunch will be held at 11:30am. Please notify Art Zone if your student has a known allergy. 1 Full Day \$35 or Half Day \$20. Register for all 5 full days and you'll get to use the pottery wheel! Discounts: Discounts are for the same student registered for multiple days. 3 Full Days: \$99. 4 Full Days: \$125. 5 Full Days: \$155. Sale Ends Dec 19. [www.artzonenixa.com](http://www.artzonenixa.com)

**Books & Brews Book Club @ Hold Fast Brewing from 6 – 8 pm.** Hold Fast Brewing is thrilled to kick off the 3rd year of our Brewery Book Club! Who doesn't love curling up with a great book and an even better pint? Join us on the 4th Wednesday of the month to discuss this month's book! Join our public Facebook group page, Books & Brews at Hold Fast Brewing, to keep up to date with monthly book selections and online discussions!

#### Thursday, December 29<sup>th</sup>

**Art Camp: Mosaics @ ArtZone, Nixa from 9 am – 3 pm.** We will begin our day with collage mosaics. We'll switch over to concrete after lunch. Art Camps are open to students 5 years old and up. Please send a sack lunch. Lunch will be held at 11:30am. Please notify Art Zone if your student has a known allergy. 1 Full Day \$35 or Half Day \$20. Register for all 5 full days and you'll get to use the pottery wheel! Discounts: Discounts are for the same student registered for multiple days. 3 Full Days: \$99. 4 Full Days: \$125. 5 Full Days: \$155. Sale Ends Dec 19. [www.artzonenixa.com](http://www.artzonenixa.com)

**1 Hour Pottery Wheel Classes @ ArtZone, Nixa from 11 am – 2 pm.** Come explore Wheel Throwing! This is a one hour exploration class in which participants will create a piece on the pottery wheel and glaze their work all in the same hour and a half! We have lots of fun in these classes so don't miss out. Each hour only has 8 spots available. This class is best suited for ages 8 and up, though younger may participate with parental assistance. Preregister online: [www.artzonenixa.com](http://www.artzonenixa.com)

**Hey, Jealousy w/ Sound the Alarm @ Southbound Bar & Grill from 8 pm.** Come see Hey, Jealousy get together for one night with a new project from some former HJ members in Sound the Alarm at Southbound Bar & Grill. \$10 at the door.

#### Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup>

**Art Camp: Kusama @ ArtZone, Nixa from 9 am – 3 pm.** We will begin our day with painting in the style of artist Yoyai Kusam. After lunch we'll switch to paper mache. Art Camps are open to students 5 years old and up. Please send a sack lunch. Lunch will be held at 11:30am. Please notify Art Zone if your student has a known allergy. 1 Full Day \$35 or Half Day \$20. Register for all 5 full days and you'll get to use the pottery wheel! Discounts: Discounts are for the same student registered for multiple days. 3 Full Days: \$99. 4 Full Days: \$125. 5 Full Days: \$155. Sale Ends Dec 19. [www.artzonenixa.com](http://www.artzonenixa.com)

**1 Hour Pottery Wheel Classes @ ArtZone, Nixa from 11 am – 4 pm.** Come explore Wheel Throwing! This is a one hour exploration class in which participants will create a piece on the pottery wheel and glaze their work all in the same hour and a half! We have lots of fun in these classes so don't miss out. Each hour only has 8 spots available. This class is best suited for ages 8 and up, though younger may participate with parental assistance. Preregister online: [www.artzonenixa.com](http://www.artzonenixa.com)

**End of 2022 Gentle Flow and Soundbath with Angie & Tonya @ Sumits Hot Yoga, Spfd from 6 – 7:30 pm.** They will take you on a yogic journey to awaken and open your energetic pathways to allow the sounds of signing bowls to help heal and soothe your soul. Class will begin with Angie leading a candlelit, non-heated slow and gentle flow practice, focusing on opening energies within the body. Tonya will follow by providing the soothing sounds of crystal singing bowls, allowing you to fall into a deep meditation encouraging releasing and healing of the mind, body, and spirit. If you have them, please bring your own bolsters, blankets/and or pillows so you can be completely

comfortable for the soundbath. Investment is \$30, only 25 spots available so please sign up early to reserve your space! This is such a busy time of year, so don't forget.

**Wes Dickinson Live! @ Untouchables Brewery, Nixa from 7 pm.** Live music and cold craft beer!

**N2Deep @ Carrie's from 8 pm – Midnight.** Start your pre-party to the end of the year with classic rock by N2Deep. Never A Cover & Great Drink Specials!!!

Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>



**Happy New Year's Eve!**

**11<sup>th</sup> Annual Willard White Tiger Classic Open in Wrestling @ Willard High School from 8 am – 5 pm.** Willard Youth Wrestling would like to invite you to wrestle and "ring" in the New Year at our 11th Annual Willard White Tiger Classic. NEW...1st Place Rings for the Open!! We will continue to provide a large venue, split sessions, concessions, food trucks, apparel and will welcome in the New Year with fun activities! Come have a great time celebrating the 2023 New Year! Flyer: <https://www.willardyouthwrestling.com/white-tiger-classic>  
Trackwrestling: <https://www.trackwrestling.com/opentourn.../MainFrame.jsp...>

**The APARTMENT Brunch @ Alamo Drafthouse, Spfd from Noon.** It ain't spaghetti strained through a racket, we can tell you that much. A young upstart, C.C. Baxter (Jack Lemmon), will do anything to move up in the world...even loan out his apartment to the higher-ups for their romantic flings and extramarital trysts. All seems relatively fine and dandy until C.C. finds a romance of his own.

**Matteson Gregory @ Banter Brewing Company from 6 – 8 pm.** Come listen to Matteson as she performs a wide variety of acoustic covers from Paint it, Black all the way to Truth Hurts. Along with covers she will also be playing a few of her original songs. Check out Matteson's music here: <https://ffm.bio/mattesongregory>

**New Years Eve with Kenny Jones @ Uncle Bob's Brewpub, Nixa from 8 pm.** Come spend New Years Eve with us at Uncle Bob's Brewpub. Kenny Jones always brings his A Game to every gig. This local favorite will have you singing along in no time.

**New Year's Masquerade Party w/ Splinter & Bobo!!! @ Wacky Jacks Grill and Saloon, Highlandville from 8 pm.** Ring in the new year with a masquerade party & LIVE MUSIC by Splinter & Bobo! Drink specials ALL night, Champagne toast @ midnight.

**New Year, Old School – Prom 2023 @ Whiskey Tango from 8:30 pm.** Lets ring in the New Year with an old school theme. Will you go to prom with me in 2023!?

**New Year's Eve w/ The Dirty Saints & Damsel! @ Southbound Bar & Grill from 8:30 pm.** Saturday December 31st, come celebrate New Year's Eve with the Dirty Saints & Damsel! Only \$15 at the door!!

**New Year's Eve @ the Historic Gillioz Theatre from 10 pm.** The Historic Gillioz Theatre Presents: New Year's Eve Mardi Gras with The Mixtapes. Doors: 9:00PM and Show: 10:00PM. We're putting the Big Easy center stage for this year's festivities. That's right - this year it's time to break out the masks, the beads, the drinks, ALL the fun of MARDI GRAS for NYE! The Mixtapes are your musical hosts for the party of the season as you sing and dance to all the hits you know and love. Check these details out: VIP Experience is a 21 and up event. ID will need to be presented for

entry. LIMITED EDITION VIP Experience Includes: Reserved seat at the show, Exclusive party spread to keep your energy as you dance the night away! Access to exclusive VIP Lounge, Exclusive VIP Laminated lanyard, Commemorative Hurricane glass, Access to private bar with premium alcohol available only at the VIP lounge and through the Noble app. \*Reserved seats are located in the Balcony. VIP laminate allows access to the Orchestra Level. Seats to the VIP experience are sold as tables for up to a group of 2, 4 or 6. Non-VIP Tickets for this event are General Admission Orchestra and Reserved Balcony. All attendees over the age of 21 will receive a complimentary flute of champagne for a midnight toast. Must have valid Photo I.D. to participate in champagne toast. TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!



## Springfield Greene County Library

### Thursday, December 1, 2022

The Great Storybook Adventure, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library Children's Department, 10 a.m. for infants-age 6.

Our favorite storybook characters are running loose in the library! We'll share a fun book at the first storytime of each month, then join us anytime that month in the Children's Department to search for those beloved characters. Catch me if you can! "Gingerbread Baby" by Jan Brett.

Racing to Read Storytime, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library Children's Department, 10 a.m. for infants-age 6.

Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read.

Finding Files, Computer Training Center, 2 p.m.-4 p.m. for adults.

Learn to save, organize, copy, move, rename, delete, find and manage files and folders on your computer or external storage device.

\*Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation.

Stupendous Games n' Reads, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library Children's Department, 3:30 p.m.-5 p.m. for grades 3-6.

Stop by and have a blast playing new-to-you or familiar board and card games while meeting friends and getting great tips on the most popular graphic novels, comics and award books in our collection.

Feel Good Fiction, The Library Center Harrison Room, 7 p.m. for adults.

Discuss stories filled with kindness, humor, heroism, hope, empathy and compassion.

"The Sweeney Sisters" by Lian Dolan.

### Friday, December 2, 2022

Racing to Read Tiny Tots Storytime, The Library Station Story Hour Room, 10 a.m. for infants-36 months.

Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read.

Racing to Read Storytime, The Library Station Story Hour Room, 11:15 a.m. for infants-age 6.

Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read.

Open Lab, Computer Training Center, 1 p.m.-5 p.m. for adults.

Drop by the Computer Training Center any Friday afternoon to brush up on office skills like keyboarding, word processing, Excel spreadsheets and more. Interactive video lessons assess your skill level and allow you to learn at your own pace. No appointment needed.

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Teen Night: Gaming Night, The Library Station Frisco Room, 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. for grades 6-12.  
Get your game on with board and video games on the first Friday of each month.

First Friday Art Walk, Park Central Branch Library, 6:30 p.m.-9 p.m. for adults.

Join us for First Friday Art Walk, including the opening of a new exhibit.

Missouri State University art history graduate Hannah Herron presents "The Reconstruction of Alexander the Great in the Shahnama Illustrations." On Display: A Journey: Work of the Stars, a collaborative art exhibit by Misty Lane and Andrew Mann.

### **Saturday, December 3, 2022**

Holiday Store for Kids, For infants-age 18.

It's a Library tradition, where kids can afford to shop! Kids will love to see how their shopping dollars stretch at the Holiday Store, where they can buy gifts for friends and every member of the family – even the four-legged ones – at kid-friendly prices. Most items are priced from 25 cents to \$10, and we'll provide a checklist so they can keep track (and maybe practice a little math!) while they shop. The Between Friends Gift Shop staffers select fun and useful items all year, and arrange the "stores" in the libraries. Children of all ages up to 18 are welcome to shop the wide variety of jewelry, plush toys, ornaments, pet gifts, décor and more! For more information, call the Between Friends Gift Shop, 417-883-6936.

- 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m. The Library Center auditorium
- 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. The Library Station Frisco & Santa Fe Rooms

"All My Love, George... Letters From a WWII Hero", Willard Branch Library community room, 10 a.m. for adults.

Meet local author Darla Noble and learn about one of our state's true heroes, George Burks. This interactive presentation includes a hands-on display of WWII memorabilia, including George's original letters and war medals, a brief reading from the book and time for questions and discussion. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Craft & Tell, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library community room, 10:30 a.m. for adults.

Spend an hour working on a craft project you're in the middle of or begin something new while chatting with fellow crafters. If you enjoy fiber arts, needlework, drawing or any other craft that is portable, quiet and doesn't make a mess, this group is for you!

### **Sunday, December 4, 2022**

Holiday Store for Kids, The Library Center auditorium, 1 p.m.-4 p.m. for infants-age 18.

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Deck the Walls, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library community room, 2 p.m.-4 p.m. for all ages.

Be a part of the holiday season kickoff at the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch during this open house event. Help us make decorations to deck the walls, trim the library tree and join in an old-fashioned holiday sing-along. We'll also have tasty treats and a wrapping paper swap so bring your appetite and any leftover holiday wrapping paper rolls you have lying around. 2-3 p.m. Trimming the tree and decorating the branch with holiday decor; 3-4 p.m. Seasonal treats, wrapping paper swap & holiday sing-along led by musician Brett Johnston.

### **Monday, December 5, 2022**

Learning Windows 10 and 11, Computer Training Center, 10 a.m.-noon for adults.

Learn about the Windows 10 and Windows 11 operating system. Explore the Start Menu and Settings menu, and learn how to customize your computer. Use tiles to launch apps and to access other programs on the computer. \*Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation.

Holiday Store for Kids, The Library Center auditorium, 2:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. for infants-age 18.

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Racing to Read Pajama Storytime, The Library Center Story Hour Room, 6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6.

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#### Tuesday, December 6, 2022

Racing to Read Storytime, For infants-age 6.

Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read.

- 9:30 a.m. The Library Center Story Hour Room
- 10 a.m. Republic Branch Library community room
- 10 a.m. Strafford Branch Library community room

Racing to Read Tiny Tots Storytime, The Library Station Story Hour Room, 10 a.m. for infants-36 months.

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Racing to Read Storytime, For infants-age 6.

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- 10:30 a.m. The Library Center Story Hour Room
- 10:30 a.m. Willard Branch Library community room
- 11:15 a.m. The Library Station Story Hour Room

Holiday Store for Kids, The Library Center auditorium, 2:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. for infants-age 18.

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Donuts & Death, The Library Station Frisco Room, 6 p.m. for adults.

Horror has never tasted so sweet. Join our horror book club and sink your teeth into a good book while enjoying donuts.

"The Only Good Indians" by Stephen Graham Jones.

Racing to Read Pajama Storytime, The Library Station Story Hour Room, 6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6.

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#### Wednesday, December 7, 2022

Racing to Read Storytime, For infants-age 6.

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- 10 a.m. Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library community room
- 10 a.m. Republic Branch Library community room
- 10:30 a.m. Ash Grove Branch Library community room
- 11 a.m. Fair Grove Branch Library community room

Holiday Store for Kids, The Library Center auditorium, 2:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. for infants-age 18.

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Animals of Harry Potter, Ash Grove Branch Library community room, 4 p.m.-6 p.m. for grades K-5.

Join our friends from Dickerson Park Zoo to meet and talk about animals that can be found in the magical realm of Harry Potter, then get creative with magical crafts and activities for families throughout the library. Materials will be provided.

#### Thursday, December 8, 2022

iPhone Class for Seniors, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library community room, 10 a.m.-noon for adults.

If you're an older adult who would like to get more out of your iPhone or iPad, join us for free classes taught by veteran instructor Julie Mahaffey. Registration not required.

Racing to Read Storytime, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library Children's Department, 10 a.m. for infants-age 6.

Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read.

Book Discussion, Republic Branch Library community room, 2 p.m. for adults.

"Violeta" by Isabel Allende.

STEAM Explorers: Homeschool Thursdays, The Library Station Frisco Room, 2 p.m. for ages 6-12.

Use science, technology, engineering, art and math to solve exciting challenges! Play activities will be available in the room for siblings age 5 and under and teens ages 13-17 are welcome to come and learn alongside their younger siblings. Materials will be provided; seating is limited.

Explore biomechanics, the study of how living things move, and create a vertical jumping machine .

Registration starts December 1.

Internet Basics, Computer Training Center, 2 p.m.-4 p.m. for adults.

Learn how to navigate the internet using your browser's menus and toolbars. Access websites by typing in a web address or using search engines. Learn how to change your home page and add a website to your favorites. \*Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation.

STEAM Explorers, Willard Branch Library community room, 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. for grades 6-12.

Explore and create with a variety of hands-on STEAM activities.

Holiday Store for Kids, The Library Center auditorium, 2:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. for infants-age 18.

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STEAM After School, Fair Grove Branch Library, 3 p.m.-5 p.m. for grades K-4.

Stop by for science, technology, engineering, art and math-themed activities and exploration.

Downtown Book Club, Offsite Downtown Springfield Association, 134 Park Central Square, Suite 120, 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. for adults.

Join us every second Thursday of the month to chat about our monthly title while enjoying the urban skyline at this library-sponsored book group. Presented in partnership with the Downtown Springfield Association.

"The Reading List" by Sasha Nisha Adams.

Bricks and Books Club, The Library Center Story Hour Room, 6:30 p.m. for grades 3-5.

Love books and LEGO bricks? We've got a club for you! Each month we'll read a book, chat about it and build something related to the book of the month.

Talk about your favorite book of the year and build creation to go with it .

Winter Preparedness, The Library Station Frisco Room, 6:30 p.m. for adults.

From winter weather alerts and preparing your home to power outages and other risks, the Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) presents the hazards of winter and how to prepare for them.

### Friday, December 9, 2022

Racing to Read Tiny Tots Storytime, The Library Station Story Hour Room, 10 a.m. for infants-36 months.

Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read.

Northview Center Book Discussion, Offsite Northview Center, 301 E. Talmage St., 10:30 a.m. for adults age 55 and older.

Chat about our monthly title with other readers at this library-sponsored book group just for older adults.

"The ABC Murders" by Agatha Christie.

Racing to Read Storytime, The Library Station Story Hour Room, 11:15 a.m. for infants-age 6.

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Open Lab, Computer Training Center, 1 p.m.-5 p.m. for adults.

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Downtown Game Night, Offsite Green House Coffee + Affogato Bar, 431 S. Jefferson Ave. Suite 172, 5 p.m.-7 p.m. for adults.

Drop in to play various board and card games, and treat yourself to a coffee or affogato. Choose from our selection of games or bring your own.

Teen Night: Art Studio, The Library Station Frisco Room, 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. for grades 6-12.

Calling all artists! Make, practice or try new techniques using library materials on the second Friday of each month. No art experience required to attend.

### Saturday, December 10, 2022

Holiday Store for Kids, The Library Center auditorium, 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m. for infants-age 18.

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Building Block Voting Party, The Library Center Story Hour Room, 10 a.m.-noon for ages 2-6.

Stop by and celebrate picture books, read the Building Block Nominees and explore activities to go along with each book. Then help your children vote for their favorite to win the Missouri Building Block Picture Book Award.

Never Too Old for YA, Willard Branch Library community room, 10:30 a.m. for adults.

If you like to read young adult and teen literature, join the Never Too Old book group for monthly discussions on forgotten favorites and newly-released titles.

"The Grace Year" by Kim Liggett.

Racing to Read Storytime, Park Central Branch Library, 10:30 a.m. for ages 3-6.

Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read.

Pre-Parade Holiday Storytime, Park Central Branch Library, 1 p.m.-5:30 p.m. for all ages.

Stop by for a special interactive holiday storytime before the Downtown Springfield Christmas Parade! We'll have holiday crafts for families to make before or during the parade. Provided in a partnership with Springfield Regional Arts Council.

STEAM Explorers, The Library Station Frisco Room, 2 p.m. for ages 6-12.

Use science, technology, engineering, art and math to solve exciting challenges! Play activities will be available in the room for siblings age 5 and under and teens ages 13-17 are welcome to come and learn alongside their younger siblings. Materials will be provided; no registration required.

Explore biomechanics, the study of how living things move, and create a vertical jumping machine.

Introduction to Laser Engraving: Gift Tags and Ornaments, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library Maker Space, 2 p.m.-4 p.m. for adults.

Decorate your holiday gifts or tree with a custom wood tag or ornament. Library staff will teach you how to design and print using the Glowforge Laser Engraver. Materials will be provided. \*Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation.

Registration starts November 26; call 417-837-5011.

### **Sunday, December 11, 2022**

Holiday Store for Kids, The Library Center auditorium, 1 p.m.-4 p.m. for infants-age 18.

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### **Monday, December 12, 2022**

Internet Safety, Computer Training Center, 10 a.m.-noon for adults.

Learn what to do to protect yourself and your computer when you are connected to the internet. Learn about anti-virus programs, internet privacy, how to keep your personal information safe and create secure passwords. \*Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation.

Jingle and Mingle, Fair Grove Branch Library, 1 p.m.-3 p.m. for grades 7-12.

Let's get together for some holiday cheer! Whether you've been naughty or nice, don't think twice, jingle and mingle with us at our holiday arts and crafts party. Materials will be provided.

Racing to Read Pajama Storytime, The Library Center Story Hour Room, 6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6.

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### **Tuesday, December 13, 2022**

Racing to Read Storytime, For infants-age 6.

Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read.

- 9:30 a.m. The Library Center Story Hour Room
- 10 a.m. Republic Branch Library community room
- 10 a.m. Strafford Branch Library community room

Racing to Read Tiny Tots Storytime, The Library Station Story Hour Room, 10 a.m. for infants-36 months.

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Racing to Read Storytime, For infants-age 6.

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- 10:30 a.m. The Library Center Story Hour Room
- 10:30 a.m. Willard Branch Library community room
- 11:15 a.m. The Library Station Story Hour Room

Courthouse Chorale, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library, 12:30 p.m. for adults.

Enjoy light refreshments on the first floor while this vocal ensemble of Greene County officials and employees performs holiday favorites on the balcony. \*Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation.

Flying Needles, Ash Grove Branch Library community room, 1:30 p.m. for adults.

Bring your knitting and crochet projects and join other fiber artists on the second Tuesday of every month. Work on your current projects, share patterns and ideas, and check out our knitting and crochet resources. All levels of experience are welcome.

Mystery Book Club, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library upstairs meeting room, 1:30 p.m. for adults.

Discuss all manner of mystery, from classic to contemporary, cozy to thriller, series and standalone. \*Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation. "The Violin Conspiracy" by Brendan Slocumb.

SCORE Tuesdays @ Two, Virtual, 2 p.m. for adults.

Presented in partnership with Southwest Missouri SCORE. Register by calling or clicking below; a link to the virtual event will be shared with registered participants.

Is Federal Contracting Right for Your Business? Allen Waldo, of Missouri Procurement Technical Assistance Center, will offer an overview of federal government contracting and eligibility requirements for becoming certified so you can learn if federal contracting might be right for your business. Allen will also discuss various certification programs (Minority, Woman, Service Disabled Veteran) through the State of Missouri.

Registration starts December 1; call 417-883-1974.

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Family Pajama & Movie Night, Ash Grove Branch Library community room, 4 p.m.-6 p.m. for grades K-5.

Wear your coziest pajamas and bring your favorite blanket and stuffed animal for holiday movie night featuring "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas," rated PG, starring Jim Carrey. Hot chocolate and cookies provided.

Teen Tea, The Library Center teen area, 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. for grades 6-12.

Hang out at the library, meet new people and help plan upcoming teen programs. Enjoy coffee, tea and hot chocolate while we sit and chat; coloring pages, games and activities will also be available.

Evening Book Discussion, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library community room, 6:30 p.m. for adults.

Racing to Read Pajama Storytime, The Library Station Story Hour Room, 6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6.

Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read.

### Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Racing to Read Storytime, For infants-age 6.

Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read.

- 10 a.m. Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library community room
- 10 a.m. Republic Branch Library community room
- 10:30 a.m. Ash Grove Branch Library community room
- 11 a.m. Fair Grove Branch Library community room

Book Discussion, The Library Center meeting room B, 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m. for adults.

"Piranesi" by Susanna Clarke.

Book Discussion, Fair Grove Branch Library, 1 p.m. for adults.

"Recitatif" by Toni Morrison.

Willard Page Turners, Willard Branch Library community room, 2:30 p.m. for adults.

"The Handmaid's Tale" by Margaret Atwood.

FilmStubs, Offsite Moxie Cinema, 305 S. Campbell Ave. #101, 7 p.m.-9 p.m. for adults.

Both novice and seasoned cinephiles are welcome to join our free viewings of classic and cult films at The Moxie, with discussion after the

films. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.  
"Rare Exports," rated R, 2010.

#### **Thursday, December 15, 2022**

Library Playdate, Strafford Branch Library, 10 a.m.-noon for infants-age 4.

Come to the library for a playdate! We'll have fun activities for babies, toddlers and preschoolers. Drop in for fun and get to know other families.

Racing to Read Storytime, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library Children's Department, 10 a.m. for infants-age 6.

Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read.

Travelogue, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library community room, 2 p.m. for adults.

Sit back, relax and explore a new place on the third Thursday of each month.

Riviera Maya, Mexico. Adrienne Poulson will share photos and stories from her week-long, all-inclusive trip to Iberostar Selection Paraiso Lindo, including an off resort excursion .

Google Tools, Computer Training Center, 2 p.m.-4 p.m. for adults.

Learn to use Google tools including Gmail, Google Meet, Google Drive, Calendar, Docs and Sheets, and how to access your files across devices. Understand what the "cloud" is and how to use it for sharing your files and storing them online. \*Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation.

Coloring Club, The Library Station Frisco Room, 6 p.m.-8 p.m. for adults.

Relax after work with coloring pages and a movie. Our film will be audience choice from a selection of movies rated PG-13 or under in the listed genre. Materials will be provided.

Drama.

#### **Friday, December 16, 2022**

Racing to Read Tiny Tots Storytime, The Library Station Story Hour Room, 10 a.m. for infants-36 months.

Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read.

Racing to Read Storytime, The Library Station Story Hour Room, 11:15 a.m. for infants-age 6.

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Open Lab, Computer Training Center, 1 p.m.-5 p.m. for adults.

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Merry Grinchmas, Strafford Branch Library, 2 p.m.-5 p.m. for all ages.

Celebrate the holidays with Grinch-inspired crafts, activities and snacks while you watch "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas," rated PG.

Teen Night: RPG Night, The Library Station Frisco Room, 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. for grades 6-12.

Whether you're a seasoned role-playing gamer or totally new to the activity, join us for special library tabletop campaigns and LARPing nights on the third Friday of each month. Newcomers are welcome each week.

Attend our first RPG Night for a special Zombie LARPing session and discover the possibilities of RPGing at your library.

#### **Sunday, December 18, 2022**

Christmas Concert with The Wings of Swing, The Library Center auditorium, 4:30 p.m. for adults.

Local jazz legends The Wings of Swing will play the jazziest Christmas tunes to get your holiday season swinging!

#### **Monday, December 19, 2022**

Microsoft Word Basics, Computer Training Center, 10 a.m.-noon for adults.

Learn the basics of Microsoft Word: create, edit and save documents, change font size, style and color, create lists and use spell-check to

edit documents. \*Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation.

Family Winter Craft Night, Ash Grove Branch Library community room, 4 p.m.-6 p.m. for grades K-12.

From holiday cards to sock snowmen, have fun crafting as a family with a variety of projects to suit different age groups and skill levels. Materials will be provided.

### **Tuesday, December 20, 2022**

Racing to Read Storytime, 10 a.m. for infants-age 6.

Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read.

- Republic Branch Library community room
- Strafford Branch Library community room

Racing to Read Tiny Tots Storytime, The Library Station Story Hour Room, 10 a.m. for infants-36 months.

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Christmas Storytime, Willard Branch Library community room, 10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6.

Celebrate the season with a Christmas storytime filled with stories, songs and a craft, and our special guest – Santa!

Racing to Read Storytime, For infants-age 6.

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- 10:30 a.m. Willard Branch Library community room
- 11:15 a.m. The Library Station Story Hour Room

Ash Grove Bibliophiles, Ash Grove Branch Library community room, 1:30 p.m. for adults.

"The Sisters Sweet" by Elizabeth Weiss.

Racing to Read Pajama Storytime, The Library Station Story Hour Room, 6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6.

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### **Wednesday, December 21, 2022**

Racing to Read Storytime, 10 a.m. for infants-age 6.

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- Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library community room
- Republic Branch Library community room

Exploring Genealogy, The Library Center auditorium, 10 a.m. for adults.

Sponsored by Ozarks Genealogical Society.

Holiday Food Traditions from Around the World. Which country's ancestors had the best holiday recipes? Find out which are still popular today as we explore the origins of holiday foods from various countries with discussion led by member Mitzie Zerr. Bring copies and samples of family favorite recipes to share during our annual holiday program.

Special Holiday Storytime, Ash Grove Branch Library community room, 10:30 a.m. for infants-age 6.

We'll ring in the holidays with festive stories, crafts and activities. Materials will be provided.

Racing to Read Storytime, For infants-age 6.

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- 10:30 a.m. Ash Grove Branch Library community room

- 11 a.m. Fair Grove Branch Library community room

#### **Thursday, December 22, 2022**

iPhone Class for Seniors, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library community room, 10 a.m.-noon for adults.

If you're an older adult who would like to get more out of your iPhone or iPad, join us for free classes taught by veteran instructor Julie Mahaffey. Registration not required.

Microsoft Excel Basics, Computer Training Center, 2 p.m.-4 p.m. for adults.

Learn how to create and use spreadsheets in Microsoft Excel. Add data to a spreadsheet, perform calculations and set up spreadsheets for printing. \*Note: The elevator from the basement to the 2nd floor is not operational. Please contact us two weeks prior to a program if you need special accommodation.

STEAM Explorers, Willard Branch Library community room, 3 p.m.-5 p.m. for grades 3-6.

Explore and create with a variety of hands-on science, technology, engineering, art and math activities.

Communities Reading Together Book Club, Offsite BookMarx Book Store, 325 E. Walnut St., 5:30 p.m. for adults.

Meet with your neighbors to read books that have recently been in the news. We'll discuss the book, reasons for the item being banned or challenged and ideas surrounding intellectual freedom. Teens age 15 and older are welcome to attend with a parent or guardian.

"The Perks of Being a Wallflower" by Stephen Chbosky.

#### **Friday, December 23, 2022**

Racing to Read Tiny Tots Storytime, The Library Station Story Hour Room, 10 a.m. for infants-36 months.

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Racing to Read Storytime, The Library Station Story Hour Room, 11:15 a.m. for infants-age 6.

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Teen Night: Anime Night, The Library Station Frisco Room, 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. for age 14-grade 12.

Munch on popcorn while we watch some of our favorite anime, rated TV-14 or under, on Crunchyroll! Popcorn provided.

#### **Tuesday, December 27, 2022**

Racing to Read Storytime, 10 a.m. for infants-age 6.

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- Republic Branch Library community room
- Strafford Branch Library community room

Racing to Read Tiny Tots Storytime, The Library Station Story Hour Room, 10 a.m. for infants-36 months.

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Racing to Read Storytime, For infants-age 6.

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- 10:30 a.m. Willard Branch Library community room
- 11:15 a.m. The Library Station Story Hour Room

Racing to Read Pajama Storytime, The Library Station Story Hour Room, 6:30 p.m. for infants-age 6.

Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read.

### Wednesday, December 28, 2022

Racing to Read Storytime, For infants-age 6.

Our interactive storytimes introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read.

- 10 a.m. Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library community room
- 10 a.m. Republic Branch Library community room
- 10:30 a.m. Ash Grove Branch Library community room
- 11 a.m. Fair Grove Branch Library community room

### Friday, December 30, 2022

Racing to Read Tiny Tots Storytime, The Library Station Story Hour Room, 10 a.m. for infants-36 months.

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Teen Night: Mystery Night, The Library Station Frisco Room, 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. for grades 6-12.

In months with a fifth Friday, join us for a mystery program! Bonus: if you attend the other programs throughout the month you can help us plan our mystery program.

### Saturday, December 31, 2022

Noon Year's Eve Party, The Library Station Story Hour Room, 11:15 a.m. for infants-age 6.

Help us count down to the New Year at this special Racing to Read Storytime featuring stories, songs, crafts and more! Older siblings are welcome to attend.

Cookbook Book Club, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library community room, 3 p.m. for adults.

Whatcha got cookin'? Try at least one recipe from a cookbook, then meet with other culinary aficionados to discuss how everyone's recipes turned out and review the books. We'll also talk food news, cooking techniques, kitchen gadgets and all things delicious. All experience levels welcome, food pictures encouraged!





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**ARC of the Ozarks ([www.thearcoftheozarks.org](http://www.thearcoftheozarks.org)) 417-864-7887**  
**Champion Athletes ([www.championathletes.org](http://www.championathletes.org)) 417-890-1599**  
**Discovery Center ([info@discoverycenter.org](mailto:info@discoverycenter.org)) 417-862-9910**  
**Down Syndrome Group of the Ozarks ([www.ozarksdsg.org](http://www.ozarksdsg.org)) 417-885-9905**  
**MPACT – Missouri Parents Act ([www.missouriparentsact.org](http://www.missouriparentsact.org)) 800-743-7634**  
**Missouri Job Center (417-887-4343 and 417-874-2730)**  
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