



October 2024 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: The Good Life Group will also be hosting a monthly meeting. Please contact Kristie or Scott for information at kkliwer@abilitiesfirst.net or ssteelman@abilitiesfirst.com.

Autism FREE Virtual Parenting Summit: October 11th – 14th and is 100% Virtual Conference. Help children with autism Thrive. Join 30 experts in our FREE Autism Parenting Summit. Click <https://autismparentingsummit.com/> to get a FREE ticket today. The summit provides sessions on: Behavioral solutions, Speech & Communication, Social Skills, Sensory Solutions, Transitioning to Adulthood, Picky Eating, Executive Function & Motor Skills, Education, Dealing with Transitions, Mental Health & Anxiety, Self-care for Parents and much more... The event is FREE to join from Oct 11th-14th and is 100% virtual so you can attend from anywhere in the world.

ADHD Parenting Summit: October 21st, 22nd, & 23rd and is a FREE online event. Your child's ADHD isn't the problem. It's the outdated parenting playbook. Secure your spot at the ADHD Parenting Summit 2024 NOW... And let's rewrite the parenting playbook. Learn secrets from 25+ world-renowned experts to help your child with ADHD thrive. Plus, get a FREE ADHD-Friendly Routines Guide when you sign up. Don't miss out. Claim your FREE ticket now! www.ADHD-Summit-op.strategicparenting.com 25 + experts take you through 3 days of training. Day 1: Building routines & screen management, Day 2: Focus, Schoolwork and Productivity, and Day 3: Managing Emotions & Handling Tantrums.

Empower: abilities

empower : abilities Social Club October Activities: Please RSVP to Stacie Amscler @ 417-886-1188

10/09 – Social Club Event @ Dickerson Park Zoo from 1:30 – 3:30 pm. Join us at the Dickerson Park Zoo. Meet at the front gate to get discounted price. We have to go in together. Transportation is limited. Ages 3 – 12 \$7, Ages 13+ \$9. Circle of Friends Social Club is open to any adult with any disability to participate in activities within our community, make friends, and learn life skills. If you need assistance within a two-hour period, please bring an attendant to assist you.

10/10 – Youth Social Club (Ages 14 – 25) Pumpkin Painting. Must RSVP to Brooke Gober 417-886-1188 ext 108 or BGober@empowerabilities.org This group meets monthly at empower: abilities and in the surrounding community. This group is for any disability and ages 14 – 25. The group focuses on getting youth together with their peers who have disabilities and gives them the opportunity to interact, socialize and form friendships. Pumpkin Painting is at empower: abilities from 4:30 – 6:30 pm.

10/18 – Halloween Dance plus trick or treat at empower : abilities from 5 – 8 pm, \$1 hot dogs, \$1 sodas, and \$1 popcorn. Games, food, music and crafts. Fun for all ages. 1450 W Cambridge, Springfield. Please RSVP to 417-886-1188. Trick or treating will begin at 5 pm, followed by music and dancing at 5:30 pm.

10/23 – Potluck Lunch / Planning for 2025. Theme will be voted on prior to the event. Circle of Friends Social Club is open to any adult with any disability to participate in activities within our community, make friends, and learn life skills. If you need assistance within a two-hour period, please bring an attendant to assist you. Transportation is limited and provided for specific events.

10/30 – Disability Awareness Month – Crip Camp Movie from 1:30 – 4 pm. Disability History Awareness Month! Movie Event Crip Camp – On the heels of Woodstock, a group of teen campers are inspired to join the fight for disability civil rights. This spirited look at grassroots activism is executive produced by President Barack Obama and Michelle Obama.

Mark Your Calendar

Stop the Violence Conference: Monday, Oct 28th from 8 am – 5 pm. @ efactory, Downtown Springfield, MO. Please join us for the 2024 Annual Stop the Violence Conference, sponsored by Greene County Family Justice Center and Abilities First. Please join us for the 2024 Stop the Violence Conference! This free event brings national speakers to our community to discuss domestic and sexual violence and makes a call to action to stop interpersonal violence in SW Missouri. This event is hosted by many local victim services organizations in partnership with Abilities First, the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services and MSU Department of Criminology/Criminal Justice and can be attended in-person or virtually. To register, please visit <https://efactory.missouristate.edu/events/stop-the-violence/> Once all in-person spots are full, only virtual registration will be available.

Monster Bowling 2024 for Champion Athletes of the Ozarks: Saturday, October 26th. All money raised goes back into funding for Champion Athletes of the Ozarks. Bowl two games, receive Pizza, Drink and Event Shirt. You can pick your time to bowl at Enterprise Lanes (1625 S Enterprise Ave, Spfd) at 12:30 – 2:30 pm or 3:00 -5:00 pm. Tickets are \$200 for teams of 5. Register online @ Champion Athletes at www.championathletes.org. For more information, please call or email 417-890-1599 or Kylie@Championathletes.org



Fall festivals are returning across the Ozarks. Check out the schedule below.

Fall Festivals and Craft Shows

October 2nd – 6th – Hillberry Music Festival, Eureka Springs: <https://hillberryfestival.com/> The Harvest Moon Festival 2024. (5 Nights of Music and Camping). The best of the best of Americana, Bluegrass & Funk!) RV and Primitive Camping Available! Located @ The Farm in Beautiful Eureka Springs, AR. This has been voted the Best Festival in Arkansas. Tickets: \$20 - \$650 @ 888-762-7158.

October 4th – 5th – Republic Pumpkin Daze, Republic, MO: <https://republicpumpkindaze.com/> 33rd Annual Republic Pumpkin Daze Fall Festival @ JR Martin Park. Friday, Noon – 6 pm. Saturday, 8 am – 6 pm. Crafts, live music, food trucks, kids zone and more. Check out other giant pumpkins! The sole purpose of the Pumpkin Daze Fall Festival is to raise funds for scholarships and community grants. www.republicpumpkindaze.com

October 4th – 5th – Cackle Hatchery's Annual Chicken Festival, Lebanon, MO: <https://www.cacklehatchery.com> 2024 Annual Chicken Festival from 9 am – 6 pm. Don't be a chicken! Come experience the fun! FREE Event, FREE Parking Rain or Shine. Guest Speakers, Costume & Egg Eating Contest, Magic Show, Tours, Horse Drawn Rides, Show Birds, Games and Lunch Specials @ the Café. Friday and Saturday from 11 am – 4 pm come in your favorite chicken/poultry costume for the contest (1st place wins \$100). Clucking, Cackling or Crowing Contest also wins \$100.

October 4th – 5th – Open Doors United Methodist Church's 5th Annual Fall Craft Fair, Blue Eye: <https://www.facebook.com/Open-Doors-United-Methodist-Church-of-Blue-Eye-367309026618609> Hello Fellow Crafters: They are hoping you'll join us as a vendor on Oct 4th and 5th at their 5th Annual Fall Craft Fair. Friday 9 am – 5 pm and Saturday 9 am – 3 pm.

October 4th – 6th – Ozark Craft Fair, Ozark: <https://www.ozarkcraftfair.com/> This event has been a meeting ground for family & friends for almost a half century. We invite you to join us for a weekend of fun, food, shopping & craftsmanship. Friday & Saturday from 9 am – 6 pm and Sunday 9 am – 4 pm.

October 5th – Bear City Fall Festival, Willow Springs: [Bear City Fall Festival | WS Chamber](https://www.bearcityfallfestival.com/) Saturday October 5th will be here before you know it and this will be our 50th year of a Fall Festival in Willow Springs and Howell's County's biggest fall attraction and staple festival held in beautiful downtown Willow Springs. Downtown will fill with vendors and shoppers alike ready to enjoy this festival! This draws people from all over into downtown Willow Springs so you won't want to miss this opportunity!

October 5th – Junior League's Annual Fall Home Tour, Springfield: <https://www.jlspringfield.org/support/fallhometour> Join us in exploring beautiful homes in the area!

We will enjoy delicious flavors at each home, while admiring beautiful flower arrangements and live music. VIP guests will take home a swag bag of goodies to remember the special day! VIP Guests 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm and General Guests 10 am – 2 pm.

October 5th – Harvest Moon Festival, Forsyth: <https://forsythmissouri.org/events/harvest-moon-festival/> Harvest Moon Festival has vendor booths, entertainment, classic car show, motorcycles, and off-road vehicles. Food trucks, music, Pie eating contest, Miss Ozarks, and even a dog pageant are just a few of the activities that will take place and lots of food. The Highland Games is part of the festival and is in its third year. 10 am – 5 pm.

October 11th – 13th – Apple Butter Makin' Days, Mt Vernon: www.mtvchamber.com/apple-butter-makin-days.html 58th Annual Apple Butter Makin' Days, one of Missouri's most popular festivals, has been hosted on the courthouse square in Mt Vernon each October since 1967. The main attraction is apple butter, cooked using century-old methods in huge copper kettles over open fires. That craft is demonstrated on the southeast corner of the courthouse lawn starting shortly after dawn and continuing until early to mid-afternoon each day of the festival. The sale of apple butter has helped fund numerous charitable projects. While cooking apple butter is the prime attraction, other activities compliment the event and provide entertainment and fun! The craft and food festival also includes games, contests, food and entertainment for all ages. The festival draws an estimated 100,000 people from all over the country for the three-day weekend! Contests are patterned after the fun of yesteryear and include such things as peddle tractor races and a terrapin race. Other activities that have been favorites for years include the pet parade, bubble gum blowing contest, apple pie eating contest, mustache and beard contest, husband calling, and the crowning of the Apple Butter Queen and Princess. The weiner dog races in Spirit of '76 park always draw a crowd. Saturday is parade day.

October 5th – Niangua Fall Festival: Niangua (20+) Facebook 10 am = 4 pm (172 Hwy F, Niangua, MO). The Niangua Fall Festival is an annual festival held in Niangua, Missouri. Our festival celebrates all things Fall and is filled with vendors, musical entertainment, food trucks, games, and chili cook-off open to the public! This year's festival will be held on October 15, 2024 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Niangua Community Center and surrounding property. We will be hosting a costume contest, pumpkin carving contest, chili cook-off and will crown our Pumpkin Prince and Princess in addition to our other festival attractions. There is no entry fee to this event, so come on out to spend the day with us!

October 12th – Downtown Thayer Fall Festival, Thayer <http://www.thayer-chamber.clom/> 3 – 8 pm
Food, crafts, games, live music, car bash, pumpkin carving contest, corn hole, Crescite Club fall Festival Crowning at 7:30 pm.

October 12th – 2024 Jeepin for a Cure @ James River Jeep in Ozark from 8 am – 4 pm.
www.jeeplinforacure.com This is for Breast Cancer Foundation of the Ozarks to raise money and awareness for families that are battling breast cancer. 100% of the proceeds will go to them. Meet & Greet starts at 8 am with free breakfast, silent auction, T-shirt Sale, and vendor booths. Color Guard, National Anthem, Moment of Silence for those that we lost to Breast Cancer, Survivors Recognition, Food Trucks, Live Music, Vendor Booths, Bounce Houses/Climbing Wall, Driver's Meeting, Drive to TexPlex in Hollister, and Open Ride at TexPlex, Hollister. 1:30 pm – Open at TexPlex – Trail Rides for any Jeep, Vendors, FREE BBQ, Food Trucks, Live Music, and FIREWORKS. 417-894-6263

October 12th – 13th – 29th Annual Arts in the Park, Springfield <https://www.facebook.com/artcraftguild>
SW MO Art & Craft Guild to hold Arts in the Park from 10 am – 4:30 pm both days @ Sequiota Park, Spfd.

October 11th – 20th -- 58th Annual Maple Leaf Festival in Carthage:

<https://carthagechamber.com/maple-leaf> Oct 12th - Rodeo @ Carthage Saddle Club Arena starting at 6 pm, Oktoberfest 10 am – 5 pm @ Central Park, Maple Leaf Festival Baby & Toddler Show @ 10 am on the stage in Central Park, Maple Leaf Festival Chicken Pageant 1 – 4 pm @ Central Park. Oct 13th - Maple Leaf Festival Chili Cook-Off @ Central Park starting at 12 pm, Maple Leaf Dog Show/Dachshund Races @ Central Park starting at 3 pm, and Maple Leaf Festival Pageants @ Carthage R-9 Auditorium starting at 4 pm. Oct 14th – Maple Leaf Festival Touch a Truck @ Carthage Square starting at 5 – 7 pm and Quilt Crawl (14th – 18th @ Carthage Square & Art Central). Oct 15th – Maple Leaf Festival Taco Tuesday @ Central Park starting at 5 pm, Oct 16th – Maple Leaf Festival Night of Praise @ Stage in Central Park starting at 6 pm (bring lawn chairs), October 17th – Maple Leaf Festival 3 Minute of Fame @ Carthage R-9 Auditorium starting at 7 pm, Oct 18th – Maple Leaf Festival Carthage Rotary Brats on the Square @ starting at 11 am – 2 pm, Maple Leaf Festival 5K @ Fair Acres Family YMCA starting at 6 pm, Maple Leaf Festival FREE Concert on the Square featuring Members Only at 8 pm (Bring lawn chairs), Oct 19th – 58th Annual Maple Leaf Festival Parade & Vendors @ Carthage Square starting at 9 am, Maple Leaf Festival Car Show @ CRM on Grand starting at 8 am, Maple Leaf Festival Tractor Show @ Central Park at 8 am, Maple Leaf Festival Renaissance Festival @ Faith Lutheran Church starting at 2 – 6:30 pm, Maple Leaf Festival Truck and Tractor Pull @ Garner Downs starting at 5 pm, and Maple Leaf Festival FREE Concert on the Square featuring “Midnight South” starting at 7 pm (Bring your own chair), and Oct 20th - Maple Leaf Festival Renaissance Pipe Organ Hymn Sing & FREE Brat Lunch @ Faith Lutheran Church starting at 10:30 am.
www.carthagechamber.com

October 18th & 19th -- 53rd Pathways UMC 2024 Craft Fair, Spfd <https://pathwaysumc.org/> 52nd
Annual Pathway’s Women’s Craft Fair from 9 am – 3 pm both days. Come check out our Copper Kettle Apple Butter, Hand Crafted Items, Vintage Items, Christmas & All Season Décor, Baked Goods, Pathways’ Chili to Go, Gift Basket & Quilt Drawings: Saturday @ 1 pm.

October 18th & 19th -- Sparta Persimmon Days Festival, Sparta.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/688011803157385/> Join us for the 37th Annual festival located at Sparta Roller Park. Fun for all ages with Vendors, Parade, Games, Food, Trunk or Treat and Music! Both days from 9 am – 6 pm.

October 19th – Autumn Harvest, West Plains;

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1158714288006644/?ref=share>

October 20th – Branson Oktoberfest @ Faith Lutheran; <https://www.facebook.com/BransonOktoberfest/>

October 19th – Pets & Pumpkins, Springfield. <http://www.petsandpumpkins.com/home.html> Family Festival from 11 am – 4 pm at Park Central Square. Only \$2 entry fee per person & per pet. Any age/any pet.

October 19th & 20th – Warsaw Heritage Days: https://welcometowarsaw.com/tourism/festivals-and-events/?utm_source=madden&utm_medium=googlecpc&utm_campaign=semc-mo&utm_content=benton_county_events&gclid=Cj0KCOjw-NaJBhDsARIsAAja6dNFwgPIBm_M6PR59AG2uduLyCjU4P5a0JnXpng36DI2Hyopl3hCTKoaApxwEA

[Lw wcB](#) Over 200 handmade craft booths, food vendors, live music and more! Saturday 9 am – 5 pm and Sunday 9 am – 4 pm. Items set up in Drake Harbor, the Community Building and on Main Street for the weekend of Heritage Days in Warsaw.

October 26th – Cassville Annual Chili Cookoff, Cassville. <https://www.cassville.com/> Click your heels & follow the Yellow Brick Road to the Chili & Salsa Cook Off starting at 8 am. This all takes place on the Cassville Square.

October 26th – Hopedale Baptist Church Bazaar, Ozark.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100069245929081> 9 am – 1 pm @ Hopedale Baptist Church, Ozark. Homemade and Handcrafted foods, textiles, wood crafts and Holiday gifts galore!

October 26th – Greenfield Square Octoberfest, Greenfield; <https://www.greenfieldmochamber.com/>
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100071157664428> Handmade Craft F



Pumpkin Patches and Corn Mazes:

September 20th – October 31st – Pickin’ Patch Farm, Marionville, MO; www.pickinpatchfarm.com On a small farm just outside the city limits of Marionville, Missouri, Richard Witt had a dream to turn his portion of beautiful Ozark land into something everyone could enjoy. What started as a few rows of pumpkins and an old homemade sign quickly turned into a fall attraction that families from miles around visit year after year. Open 7 days a week: Sunday – Friday (Noon – 6 pm) and Saturday (10 am – 6 pm). Weekday mornings are reserved for group events. Admission is \$7 for Ages 3 and up. Children aged 2 and under are free. Admission includes access to the fields and a hayride. Pumpkins are sold separately and priced according to size. 417-258-7132.

September 21st – November 2nd – Aurora Maize, Aurora, MO; <https://auroramaize.com/hourstickets/>

September 28th – October 31st – Campbell’s Maze Daze, Clever, MO; <https://campbellsmazedaze.com/>

September 7th – November 3rd – Exeter Corn Maze: <https://www.exetercornmaze.com/> Oct Times: Saturdays 10:30 am – 10:30 pm, Sundays 10:30 am – 8:30 pm, Wednesdays 5 pm – 8:30 pm, and Fridays 2:30 pm – 10:30 pm. Haunting begins each night at 6 pm. Come enjoy fun and food, Sunflower fields, Pumpkin patch, Apple orchard, and Go-karts. Closed on Halloween.

September 13th – October 26th – Silver Dollar City: Harvest Festival Featuring Crafts & Pumpkins In the City: Thursdays – Mondays. <https://www.silverdollarcity.com/theme-park/festivals/harvest->

[festival/](#) Experience the delights of autumn days gone by as the hills come alive with vivid color, the smells of apple and pumpkin treats waft through the streets and the sounds of thrilling rides like Time Traveler® and Outlaw Run® fill the air with adventure. After sundown, family favorite Pumpkins in the City presented by Mercy illuminates the evening sky with the glorious glow of thousands of pumpkins and towering carved masterpieces standing over 30 feet tall!

[September 1st – November 10th-- Country Roads, Stotts City, MO, Pumpkin Patch & Corn Maze:](#)

<https://countryroads.farm/> Enjoy farm-filled fun with your whole family in every season at Country Roads! We offer huge outdoor play areas and activities for the fair weather days PLUS extensive indoor play areas and event space. Make memories on the farm no matter what the season or weather may bring! Giant Corn Maze, Outdoor Play, Indoor Play, Petting Zoo, and Food Trucks. Fall Party Weekends on October 12th & 19th from 11 am – 9 pm with special music by Jake Gill on Oct 12th and Liz Moriondo on Oct 19th.

[September 21st – October 26th-- Shepherd of the Hills: Shepherd's Pumpkinfest:](#)

<https://theshepherdofthehills.com/shepherds-pumpkinfest/> Get ready for an unforgettable family adventure at The Shepherd of the Hills Pumpkin Fest – your fun-filled pumpkin fall festival in Branson, MO! Enjoy breathtaking views of Branson in the fall as you stroll through the lively fall festival and take part in entertaining activities. Create family memories with delightful hayrides, picking out and painting pumpkins, and even the chance to make your own scarecrow. Don't forget to capture picture-perfect moments in front of the pumpkin house, iconic pumpkin chair, and many more photo ops throughout the pumpkin event. There are plenty of festival attractions at this fall event to amuse the entire family. Secure your spot at Pumpkin Fest today – don't miss out on the fall fun! Purchase your tickets now.

[September 21st – November 3rd -- Feemster's Twisted Corn Maze, Springfield, MO:](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100094718215574> We are a family-owned farm located just north of the Springfield, Missouri city limits in Southwest Missouri. The Feemster family has raised and milked dairy cattle for over 50 years and continues to operate a dairy business. We grow many crops including corn, soybeans, and wheat. The farm is comprised of over 600 acres and has been in the family for over a century. We take pride in the beauty of our land and thoroughly enjoy sharing the countryside with anyone who has an interest. We would love to welcome you to our corn maze for many years to come! Hours of operation are Saturday 10 am – Sunset and Sunday 1 pm – Sunset. Enjoy corn hole, corn pit, pumpkin bowling, rubber duck races, photo ops and our own stick horse corral. There is a live petting zoo. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$6 for kids (age 4-10) and 3 and under are FREE. Parking is free! www.feemsterscornmaze.com

[September 13th - October 31st – Barnhouse Pumpkin Patch, Brookline, MO:](#)

www.barnhousepumpkinpatch@gmail.com Open 7 days a week (no charge). There is a special unlimited wristband for all kids activities for \$10 Monday – Friday. Open 10 am – 7 pm. Pumpkin Patch, Mums, Fall Décor, Hay Maze, Bounce Houses, Games, Pumpkin Painting and Photo Ops. 5484 W Sunshine. 417-755-7470.

[September 28th – November 3rd – Spring Hill Pumpkin Patch, Near Bendavis, MO:](#)

www.springhillpumpkinpatch.com Where every Kid can be a Farm Kid for a day. Weekends (Saturdays - 11 am – Dark and Sundays - Noon – Dark) Weekdays (They are open for groups by appt only) 417-259-7837. Admission is \$12 (Ages 2 – Adult) Group Admission (\$10 for Group Rate).

Admission includes all activities: Corn maze, Train ride, Hay fort, Playhouse Cottage, Hay bale run, Hill slide, Playhouse Barn, and Pipe Slide. You are invited to enjoy our large picnic area. They have plenty of tables. Feel free to purchase food from our cabin or bring your own. Want to use one of the fire pits? Call ahead to reserve one – they fill up quickly. Call with date/time/approximate number in your group at 417-259-7837.



Trunk or Treats (Fall Parties/Dances)

October 11th – Night of the Dragons – Trunk or Treat (2120 W Calhoun St, Ozark) from 6 – 8 pm. This is a Sensory Friendly Trunk or Treat for all ages. Enjoy photo opportunities, a mystery box, face painting and more. If you would like to be part of the Trunk or Treat, please contact <https://thearcoftheozarks.networkforgood.com/.../77180...> For only \$25 you can have a parking spot and promote your business. Please mind “sensory friendly” with no balloons, strobe lights or very loud props. You will need to provide your own candy and decorations. Event by Infinity Academy and The ARC of the Ozarks.

October 19th – Trunk or Treat @ Sequiota Elementary Playground (3414 S Mentor Ave, Spfd) from 5:30 – 7 pm. Join them for their annual Trunk or Treat! This year, it will be held at the Sequiota playground! There will be 2 food truck there – food available for purchase – Tinga Tacos and Fizz Sips-n-Sweets! There will be prizes given for the top 3 trunks!! You don’t want to miss this incredible event. Sign up here to host a trunk: <https://www.signupgenius.com/.../70A0C45A8A82EA0F85...>

October 20th – Children’s Division Trunk or Treat @ Parking lot at Olive Street and Campbell Avenue in Springfield from 4 – 6 pm. Come and join them! All Children are welcome! Treats, games, entertainment and more.

October 21st – 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat @ 417 Aerial (116 W Sherman Way, Suite 10, Nixa) from 5 pm - ? They are excited to be hosting their 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat for the Nixa community! This event includes a family friendly haunted studio maze that kids trick or treat through, performances from our kids and teens, trunks for treating, photo booth, and so much more! They had such a successful night last year and cannot wait to make it bigger and better this year.

October 26th – Truck or Treat @ Springfield Rehabilitation and Health Care Center, Spfd (2800 S Fort) from 6 pm -? Hotdogs served to the first 100 kids! Come and join the fun!

October 26th – Trunk or Treat @ Air Services Heating, Cooling, Plumbing & Electrical (2145 W Sunset St, Spfd) from 6 – 8 pm. Family Friendly Trunk or Treat. Come have fun.

October 26th – Trunk or Treat @ Frisco Highline Trail Head, Willard, MO from Noon – 3 pm. This is a FREE family event! Get the family dressed in their Halloween best and join us for treats, tricks, decorating contest, and more! The fun all starts at the Frisco Trail Head! Community attendees will park at the Willard Middle School. Local businesses, organizations, and churches will be giving out candy and decorating their trunks for the ultimate Halloween Trunk or Treat!

If you are a group or business interested in participating as a trunk or becoming a sponsor for Trunk or Treat, please call the Event Coordinator at 417-742-5385 or email operations@cityofwillard.org for more information.

October 27th – IBEW 453 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat (2902 E Division St, Spfd) from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. The moment you've all been waiting for is here. Their 2nd annual Trunk or Treat is schedule. If you are interested in registering your vehicle, sponsoring a booth, or need further information, please call the IBEW Union Hall at 417-869-7251. Anyone who is interested can participate! They hope to see you all there.

October 28th – Hourglass Auction House 4th Annual Trunk or Treat @ Hourglass Auction House LLC (2343 E Kearney St, Spfd) from 5 – 10 pm. Hello friends. They are already looking forward to an amazing turnout that they are going to have this year at their annual trunk or treat. They've had such a wonderful community involvement every year and they are sure that this year will be no different. If you are interested in an RSVP for space, they would love to have you!! Not only do they serve food and drink to their participants, but they will also be enjoying bringing smiles to tons and tons of local children. RSVP to Hourglass Auction House on Facebook if you are interested in participating in having a trunk or space.

October 28th – Trunk or Treat @ Renegade Harley-Davidson, Spfd (3980 W Sunshine) from 11 am – 2 pm. Come have fun with them. Bounce house, food, and candy.

October 28th – Trunk or Treat @ Pathways United Methodist Church, Spfd (1232 E Dale St) from 4 – 5 pm. Put on your cookiest, spookiest, or funniest costume and trunk or treat your way through the cars! A fun and safe way to trick or treat.

October 28th – South Creek Church Trunk or Treat, Spfd (3145 W Republic Rd) from 2 – 4 pm. Join us rain or shine for a family friendly Trunk or Treat! Wear your costumes and get lots of candy. They can't wait to see you and your family.

October 28th – Sho-Me Jeepers Trunk or Treat, Spfd (1455 E Chestnut Expy) from 6 pm -? Sho-Me Jeepers Trunk or Treat is right around the corner. They are proud to be supporting Care to Learn, a non-profit organization. A coat, a meal, a pair of glasses, simple things like these often stand between a child and their ability to learn. Care to Learn partners with schools and community members to fill these gaps and help keep students focused on what matters most. This is not just for jeeps. Bring your rat rod, muscle car, truck or whatever you have. There will be a \$20 entry fee per vehicle and trophy awards for 3 different categories: Scariest vehicle, most decorated vehicle and people's choice. So get your décor on and don't forget the candy for the kiddos. Also accepting monetary donation, candy and auction items. We are still accepting sponsors for this fantastic event. This will be a fun night to be had by all!

October 28th – Trunk or Treat @ Sunset Church of Christ (1222 W Sunset, Spfd) from 4 – 6 pm. Trunks, treats, and plenty of safe neighborhood fun! Wear your costumes and join them. Event entrance will be off Sunset Street and South Fort Avenue will exit only.

October 28th – Rainbow Kids Trunk or Treat @ The GLO Center (518 E Commercial, Spfd) from 4 – 6 pm. Join at The GLO Center for Trunk or Treat! Wear your costumes and get candy! This is for LGBTQ+ Kiddos aged 5 – 11, accompanied by a grownup. Friends ages 5 – 11 and siblings of any age are also welcome. This is not a drop off event. Grownups must stay with their kids.

October 28th – 5th Annual Trunk or Treat @ Hidden Treasure Auction Barn (9898 Richland Rd, Willard) from 6 pm until all the candy runs dry. Hoist the skull and Crossbones and come join their crew. The captain of the barn is in search of the top 3 of the fiercest, most cunning and most ruthless pirates and wrenches to ever sail the 7 seas. Step 1 – Start at Hwy 13. Step 2 –Go North to The Springfield landfill. Step 3 – Turn Right. X will mark the spot. Candy, Candy, Candy! Entertainment by DJ Coveredd. Trophies will be awarded for top 3 adults, kids and trunks. There will also be an Adult and Kis Costume Contest.

October 28th – Highway Harvest Festival Trunk or Treat @ Walnut Grove First Baptist Church (417 S Washington, Walnut Grove from 5 – 7 pm. See you there for Trunk or treats, arts and crafts and games.

October 28th – Trunk or Treat @ Union Hill Church of Christ (865 N Nichols Rd, Nixa) from 4:30 – 6:30 pm. Join them for some fall fun with candy, bounce houses, hay rides, crafts, and more! Free to the public! <https://unionhillcofc.com/>

October 28th – Field of Screams Trunk or Treat @ Summers at the River (2142 N Sports Complex Ln, Nixa) from 3 – 5 pm. Haunted Trunk or Treat Extravaganza! This is a FREE event. Get ready for a spook-tacular Halloween experience like no other! Join us at Field of Screams Haunted Forest for an unforgettable evening of frights and delights at their Haunted Trunk or Treat event! You should expect Trunk or Treating with decorated cars and trunks filled with candy and treats that await the bravest of trick-or-treaters! Explore our eerie rows of creatively adorned vehicles and gather Halloween goodies. Venture into the heart of our spine-chilling attraction the haunted maze. They will take the kids/parents on a guided day time walk through their attraction where actors are scattered throughout handing out candy.

October 28th – Mystery Masquerade Ball, Fordland <https://www.castleshire.org/events.html> 7 pm until Midnight @ Castleshire in Fordland. Come to Chateau Charmant for a Halloween Extravaganza, and join us for an unforgettable night of mystery and fun. The Mystery Masquerade Ball is open to everyone, but space is limited! Arrive dressed in your most elegant attire with your choice of mask to match our Venice mystery night theme setting. All guests will enjoy a 4-course French dinner, music, dancing, and a guided tour of the castle while trying to uncover the truth of who murdered whom. Space is limited to only 200 guests, so complete your registration now!

October 28th – Greenfield Square Octoberfest, Greenfield. <https://www.greenfieldmochamber.com/> It starts at 5 pm on the Greenfield Square. Halloween costume contest and parade, chili cook off and businesses Trunk or Treat

October 29th – Trunk or Treat @ Living Hope Christian Church (110 W Clinton, Rogersville) from 5 – 7 pm. Please feel free to join them for their trunk or treat! They will be located in the gravel lot just north of the storm shelter. More details to come soon on their FB page.

October 29th – Trunk or Treat @ Holiday Avenue Salon & Barber (1921 S Glenstone Ave, Spfd) from 3 – 5 pm. Bring the family out for some trunk or treat fun!

October 29th – TrUUnk or Treat @ First Unitarian Universalist Church of Spfd (2434 E Battlefield) from 4 – 6 pm. First UU will have allergy-friendly candy and non-food treats at each station. They hope to see you there.

October 31st – Trunk or Treat @ Northside Christian Church, Spfd (4902 N State Hwy H) from 6 – 8 pm. Wear your favorite costume and join NCC for their annual FREE Trunk or Treat. Their free event will include candy, inflatables, hot dogs, popcorn, crafts and more!
www.NorthsideChristianChurch.net/trunk/

October 31st – Trunk or Treat @ Grace Church , Fremont Hills, MO from 6:30 – 8 pm. Come one, COME ALL! Another FUN round of TRUNK OR TREAT this year at Grace Church! Bring the older kids, bring the younger kids...kids be sure to bring your PARENTS!! There will be fun for everyone...candy, bounce houses, Frito Chili Pie, hot chocolate, coffee, Live DJ, balloon animals, face painting, and a BEST TRUNK contest that we need YOU to vote for!



Tuesday, October 1st

Panera Dine Out for The Summit Prep @ Panera Bread (4100 S Campbell Ave, Spfd) from 4 – 8 pm. Raise some dough and support The Summit Preparatory School. 20% of sales will benefit this school and their students. Visit today between the hours of 4 – 8 pm In Café, Drive Thru, Pick-Up and Delivery by entering promo code FUND4U at online checkout for this Campbell store only. You can also bring the flyer or show the electronic version posted in this event, to the cashier when you place your order and they'll donate a portion of the proceeds from your purchase!

Pasta Class @ Italian Kitchen (540 W McDaniel, Spfd) from 6 – 8 pm. We are back with pasta classes!!! Come learn how to make fresh Italian egg pasta, like fettuccine, tagliatelle, lasagnette. Pasta Class (is back)! Come join us at Italian Kitchen on West McDaniel Street in Springfield, MO, USA for a fun and interactive pasta-making experience! Our Pasta Class is finally back, and we can't wait to share our love for Italian cuisine with you. Whether you're a beginner or a pasta pro, this hands-on event is perfect for anyone looking to learn the art of making fresh pasta from scratch. Get ready to roll up your sleeves, get messy, and enjoy the delicious fruits of your labor. Don't miss out on this tasty opportunity to elevate your cooking skills and impress your friends and family with homemade pasta! As usual the class includes dinner, created by us, the class and the pasta that you will take home. The event is BYOB!

College and Career Fair @ Kickapoo High School from 5 – 7 pm. This includes Tech and Trade Schools and looks like a great opportunity to share with parents! The Springfield, Missouri Regional College and Career Fair will be on October 1, 2024, from 5:00-7:00 pm at Kickapoo High School, Springfield, Missouri. Representatives from colleges and universities, trade and technical schools, the military, and financial aid organizations will be present to assist students. The High School Counselors of Springfield Public Schools host this annual event. In addition to visiting with the many exhibitors, students and parents can attend the following breakout session: **"Paying for College."** The

first session will be held at 5:15 pm and will be repeated at 6:00 pm. Registration is open for this event and can be found here. <https://tinyurl.com/SPSCCF24>

Wednesday, October 2nd

Ed-Rec BINGO Night @ The ARC of the Ozarks (Pythian Gym) from 5:30 – 7 pm. RSVP by Monday, September 30th @ 417-864-7887 or aholland@thearcoftheozarks.org or ldressler@thearcoftheozarks.org Cost is \$2.

2024 Midwest Animal Sheltering Conference @ Oasis Hotel & Convention Center from Oct 2nd – Oct 4th. Get ready for an inspiring and informative experience at the 2024 Midwest Animal Sheltering Conference! This is your chance to connect with like-minded individuals, learn from industry experts, and help shape the future of animal rescue and care. The 2024 Midwest Animal Sheltering Conference will take place at Oasis Hotel and Convention Center in Springfield, MO October 2-4, 2024. Hotel rooms will be available at Oasis Hotel at a block rate. Registration starting at only \$49 and opening on May 1, 2024. Full event schedule at <https://www.missourianimals.org/schedule2024>. Please e-mail masc@missourianimals.org if your organization would like to sponsor or exhibit at the conference.

Country Music & Friends @ Southbound Bar & Grill from 6:30 – 9:30 pm. One of the most popular country music concert series in the Ozarks returns to Southbound Bar & Grill Oct 2nd, 6:30 pm! Chelsey James, Wes Dickinson, Zach Clift, Tyler Dunlap, Joe Majerus, Johnny Meyer, Josh Cherry and Isaac Kenneth will be co-hosting the show, and welcoming Liz Moriondo and Buster Clifton Davis as featured guests! Sample Southbound's food and drink menu and enjoy an unparalleled listening experience exploring the stories and the artists behind the songs. Only \$10 at the door, bring your friends and don't miss your favorite monthly country music concert habit!

Thursday, October 3rd

Friday, October 4th

Ozark Fall Farmfest @ Ozark Empire Fairgrounds from Oct 4th – Oct 6th (9 am – 4 pm daily). Come see our show at the Ozark Fall Farmfest. Ozark Empire Fairgrounds, 3001 N. Grant Ave, Springfield. For more information about the Ozark Fall Farmfest please visit: <https://ozarkfallfarmfest.com/>

Fall 2024 Pearson Creek Monitoring @ James River Basin Partnership from 9 am – 2 pm. Are you looking to sharpen your "Benthic Boogie" skills? Want to get out in the water and help JRBP as we monitor Pearson Creek? We need you! JRBP staff will be conducting water quality monitoring on Friday, October 4. In case of high water, a rain date will be announced. This sampling event is part of our Upper James 319 Grant. is a Missouri Stream Team (No. 1365). Attendees will receive credit for their work through Stream Teams. Interested volunteers should sign up through the JRBP website or email our Project Manager Todd Wilkinson at toddwilkinson@jamesriverbasin.com. Be sure to mark "Water Sampling" and hit submit. Todd will be contacting volunteers with all the details (times, where to meet, etc) about the event soon.

Fall Fest @ Muffin's Goodies (306 E Primrose Lane, Republic) from 9 am – 3 pm. Stop by for your fall baked goods in this 2 day event! Trifle cups, our popular brownies, gooey butter bars & pumpkin gooey butter bars plus our fall decorated sugar cookies & multipacks of cupcakes!!! So many goodies!! PLUS custom made jewelry!! While your out and about, don't forget to attend the annual Republic Pumpkin Daze!!!

Red Leather "Get Out of My Head 2024 Tour @ The Regency Live, Spfd, MO from 7 pm. Red Leather's, "Get Out of My Head Fall 2024 Tour". Tickets: www.app.opendate.io/e/red-leather-october-04-2024-551966

Psychobilly Cadillac! @ Southbound Bar & Grill from 8 pm. Join us for a night of all your favorite country hits from yesteryear and today!

Saturday, October 5th

Grand Opening @ The Pickle & Chilly Dill (3350 E Montclair, Springfield) from 9 am – 5 pm. You are invited to the Grand Opening for a fun-filled day! Pickleball, cryotherapy and more. FREE for guests one day only! Food Truck by Platinum Smoke; Bounce house and drinks available for purchase! Join us for an exciting day in Springfield's newest state of the art facility. www.thepickle.com

Springbike's Fall Metric Century Ride 2024 @ South Street Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) from 7 am. Join SpringBike as we enjoy a nice autumn outing around the Ozarks. Starting in downtown Springfield, the route exits different then from previous years, but once outside of Springfield the route is the same. Options of 37 and 63 miles. 63 mile route <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/40936288> 37 mile route <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/40936320> This ride is free for Springbike members. Non-members, please join before the ride to make your riding experience smoother and to have access to the route with cues in RidewithGPS.

Dash for the Dress @ Norman's Bridal from 8 am – 6 pm. It's almost here ... the 12th annual Dash for the Dress! The BIGGEST and BEST Sal of the year. In stock bridal gowns will be 25%, 50% and up to 80% off of amazing dresses. Get ready and get in line before the doors open at 8 a.m to have first choice on gorgeous designer gowns marked down at unheard of prices. This year Normans will have more bridal gowns than ever on sale! Designers that will be included are: Allure, Allure Romance, Allure Couture, Essence of Australia, Stella York, Martina Liana, Justin Alexander, Lillian West, Mori Lee, Sincerity, Sweetheart, and many more. Help us clear the racks and make room. Mark your calendars. No appointment needed for the sale, it is first come first serve. Doors open early at 8 am. Line up early to get in first. If you aren't interested in sale merchandise or just want to make sure you see it all, you are welcome to schedule a regular bridal appointment to work with a personal consultant. This sale is self-serve, so be sure to bring someone to help you into the dresses. We WILL have staff to help hang and return the dresses as well as answer any questions you might have. READY.....SET.....SHOP.....SAVE. ALSO, this year we will have a selection of veils starting at \$25! Follow us on Facebook for our Dash for the Dress Event page. We will feature daily sneak peeks! You won't want to miss it.

Inspire the Roar 5K @ MSU Campus Recreation from 8 am. A complete 5K race all on the MSU campus! Benefiting cancer research. First 150 people to register get a free T-shirt!!! Anyone can register for only \$25! Tickets: www.recportal.missouristate.edu/Program/GetProgamDetails

The Climb – Postpartum Awareness Walk & Resource Event @ Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park from 9 – 11:30 am. Join us for The Climb!! FREE and Family Friendly Event. Register ahead of time using the link. You must create a fundraising page but you are not required to fundraise. <https://give.postpartum.net/springfieldmo> What to expect: A short walk on the greenway trail by Rutledge Wilson. (less than 1 mile and will be stroller friendly); Learn what resources are available in our area for postpartum families. Each of our vendors offers a specialized postpartum need that you may not know if offered in our area!; Fun giveaways!; and Activities for your kiddos! Our Super Star Sponsor, Bloom Well Family Wellness, has covered the first 25 kids that check in for the bounce house!

Roasts N' Rides @ Plaza Shopping Center (1914 S Glenstone Ave) from 10 am for all makes, models, eras, and classes of cars. Come support local businesses and check out cool rides! All makes, models and eras of cars are welcome. The unique and exciting new coffee truck, Vixen's Brews will be out to serve coffee as well, give them a shot! Time in the simulators will be first come, first serve. Online booking is recommended and can be done at the flyinglap.com

Brunching Around The World: European Delights @ Vino Cellars from 10:30 am. Embark on a gastronomic journey with 'Brunching Around the World: European Delights' on October 5th! Indulge in a feast of European-inspired dishes meticulously crafted to tantalize your taste buds. Experience the rich and diverse culinary traditions of Europe with our 3-course menu, perfectly complemented by exquisite wine pairings. For just \$40 per person, including gratuity, immerse yourself in a delightful brunch experience like no other. Join us for a morning filled with

delectable flavors, warm ambiance, and unforgettable memories. Secure your spot now for an unforgettable culinary adventure! Reserve online today, www.shopvinocellars.com, or by calling 883-8466.

Harvest Fest @ 14 Mill Market from Noon – 5 pm. Get ready to celebrate the season at our annual Harvest Fest! Join us for a day full of fall fun, delicious food, and festive activities for the whole family. Event Highlights: Drink Specials: Enjoy seasonal drink specials all day long, perfect for toasting the harvest season from Wisner Bar. Food Specials: Savor a variety of fall-inspired food specials that are sure to delight your taste buds from all our 10 restaurants. Explore an array of local artisans offering unique crafts, products, and goodies. Admission: Free! Bring your friends and family to make the most of this festive day. Don't forget to dress in your autumn best and enjoy all that Harvest Fest has to offer. See you there for a fantastic fall celebration!

Cheesecakes of the World Baking Class @ Pickwick & Cherry – Fine Foods & Gourmet Gifts @ 1 – 3:45 pm. Join us for a unique culinary adventure with our "Cheesecakes of the World" baking class! In this class, you'll learn to create delicious and sophisticated cheesecakes from various regions across the globe. From an Alsatian cheese cake with Greek yogurt and rum-soaked raisins to the ethereal Japanese Cotton cheesecake, a cannoli-inspired cheesecake with fresh ricotta, a Mediterranean cheesecake with figs, orange, and mascarpone, and a blue cheesecake with cherries inspired by a recent trip to Norway, we've got something to please every palate. In this hands-on class, we will guide you through each step of the cheesecake-making process, from choosing the right ingredients to perfecting your baking techniques. You'll leave the class with the skills and knowledge to impress your friends and family with these unique and delicious cheesecake creations. So come join us for an unforgettable culinary experience that will take your cheesecake game to the next level! Tickets: www.pickwickandcherry.com/events/list

ARktoberfest 2024 @ Rapp's Barren Brewing Co (601 S Baker St, Mt Home, AR) from 2 – 7 pm. Pull out your lederhosen, load up the family and join us for our 3rd Annual ARktoberfest Celebration on the Mountain Home Square! Live polka music sets the stage for multiple Arkansas and Missouri breweries serving up their finest. An official beer mile run kicks off the festivities with many German inspired games and bounce houses for the kiddos to follow. Don't miss the EPIC stein hoisting contest at the end of the evening! ALL proceeds go to fund the Backpack Food for Kids program in Mountain Home. VIP Pre-Access Starting at 1:00 PM

<https://www.eventbrite.com/.../arktoberfest-2024-tickets...>

Celebrate Springfield @ Springfield Cardinals from 4 – 8 pm. Get ready to party, Springfield! For the 3rd year running, we're throwing a fantastic free event right at our beloved Hammons Field, and you're invited! Get hyped for: Free entry to the iconic Hammons Field, Awesome music and live concerts, Free games and activities, Cool info booths from local organizations, Delicious bites from a variety of food trucks, A refreshing beverage garden, Awesome swag bags, and Plus, tons more surprises! Don't miss out on the fun —celebrate our city with us, and truly love where you live! Check out our website for all the details and other cool things happening in Springfield: <https://celebratesgf.com/>

Jacquees @ The Regency Live from 8 pm. Doors open at 8 pm and show starts at 9 pm. All ages.

<https://theregencylive.com>

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy @ Gillioz Theatre from 8 pm. Join us for an unforgettable evening with the one and only Big Bad Voodoo Daddy! Get ready to swing and sway to their infectious blend of jazz, swing, and big band music the will have you on your feet all night long. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to experience their high-energy performance live. Grab your tickets now and let's make memories that will last a lifetime!

Sunday, October 6th

Baker Creek Fall Harvest Festival @ Baker Creek in Mansfield from Oct 6th – 7th (10 am – 7 pm daily). Enjoy expert speakers, local food, unique vendors, greenhouse and garden tours, and old-fashioned entertainment at Baker Creek's Mansfield farm! Join thousands of gardeners, farmers, and craftspeople to celebrate heirloom gardening at our Missouri homeplace. Become a vendor or exhibitor or join us as a guest! The parking ticket is \$15 per vehicle.

Admission is free, but limited parking requires purchasing a ticket before the festival. Tickets:

www.rareseeds.com/baker-creek-harvest-festival-october-2024-per-vehicle

C-Art Art Market @ C-Street City Market from 11 am – 4 pm. C-Art is hosting an Art Market on Historic Commercial Street!! We have 40+ Artist Vendors, Participating C-Street Businesses, Live Art and 2 commercial street food vendors, Big Momma's and Blue Heron! Join us for the newest Spfd Art Market on the North Side!

Drink & Shop Vintage Market @ The Where House Bar from 11 am – 6 pm. There will be vintage clothing, plants, food trucks, jewelry, bloody mary's, bottomless mimosas (from 11-2), local artists and much more! This is a family and pet friendly event! If you are interested in becoming a vendor please contact Betsy at the Where House Bar or Lily@thriff_faced on Instagram. We are the only ones accepting vendors for this event!!

Kundalini Immersive with Har Dev @ Essential Yoga Studio from 2 – 3:30 pm. Join Essential Yoga Studio as we welcome Kundalini yoga instructor Har Dev for our monthly Kundalini Immersive. Har Dev has been practicing Kundalini since 2020 and received her Kundalini Yoga Teacher certification through Evolving Kundalini and Ravi Singh. \$25 for members of Essential Yoga Studio; \$30 for non-members. Please book your spot in advance via the ticket link.

ZZ Top "The Elevation Tour" @ Black Oak Amphitheater in Lampe from 6 pm.

www.tickets.mycityrocks.com/results-ticket

Monday, October 7th

Fall 2024 Fasnicht Creek Monitoring @ James River Basin Partnership from 8:30 am – 2 pm. Are you looking to sharpen your "Benthic Boogie" skills? Want to get out in the water and help JRBP as we monitor Fasnicht Creek? We need you! JRBP staff will be conducting water quality monitoring on Monday, October 7. In case of high water, a rain date will be announced. This sampling event is part of our partnership with the City of Springfield. JRBP is a Missouri Stream Team (No. 1365). Attendees will receive credit for their work through Stream Teams. Interested volunteers should sign up through the JRBP website or email our Project Manager Todd Wilkinson at toddwilkinson@jamesriverbasin.com. Be sure to mark "Water Sampling" and hit submit. Todd will be contacting volunteers with all the details (times, where to meet, etc.) about the event soon.

Johnston Industrial Charity Golf Tournament – benefiting Tunnel to Towers @ Millwood Golf and Racquet Club from 9 am. A four-person scramble, and each player receives breakfast, lunch and a goodie bag. Featured competitions: Longest Drive and Longest Putt, Complete the attached registration form or visit

<https://www.johnstoncompanies.com/golf>

Tuesday, October 8th

Just Between Friends Happy Hour @ Metropolitan Grill from 4:30 – 7:30 pm. Join us for Just Between Friends(.) Happy Hour! Let's come together for a purpose, raise awareness and make a positive impact. To combat period poverty and provide support for girls in foster care, CASA of Southwest Missouri aims to stock the Clubhouse with essential feminine hygiene products for older youth. Join us at any time throughout the event at Cheri's Place inside Metropolitan Grill! (Brief program at 5:30). How You Can Help: Donate Funds: <https://givebutter.com/6t4ZHz> Donate Products from the Wish List: go to (Be sure to include your contact details so that we can thank you for donations) <https://www.amazon.com/regist.../gl/guest-view/2ZV4PN7BZBU3V>

Vino Cellars University: Wine & Cheese Pairing @ 2137 W Republic Rd, Spfd from 6 pm. Indulge in an unforgettable experience at Vino Cellars University! Join us on 10/8 for a delightful Wine & Cheese Pairing event that promises to educate, entertain, and tantalize your taste buds. Immerse yourself in the world of wine as you discover the perfect harmony between wine varietals and artisanal cheeses. Delve into the intricacies of flavor profiles and learn the secrets behind creating a sensational pairing. Unwind in a relaxed and interactive setting, where you'll not only savor exquisite flavors but also gain the confidence to host your own wine and cheese soirées. For just \$40 per

person, including gratuity, treat yourself to an evening of culinary bliss. Reserve your spot now and elevate your hosting skills to new heights! Reserve online at www.shopvinocellars.com or by calling 883-8466.

Wednesday, October 9th

Nurse Blake @ Gillioz Theatre from 7 pm. "Join us for a night of laughter and entertainment with Nurse Blake! Nurse Blake is a hilarious performer who brings his unique blend of humor and healthcare experiences to the stage. Get ready to laugh until your sides hurt as Nurse Blake shares his funny anecdotes and witty observations about life as a nurse. Don't miss this one-of-a-kind event that will have you rolling in the aisles! Grab your tickets now at the link below: See you there! [#NurseBlake](#) [#ComedyNight](#) [#HealthcareHumor](#)" Tickets: www.ticketshelper.com/tickets/6329800/nurse-blake-tickets-wed-oct-9-2024-gillioz-theatre

Prescribed Fire Field Day @ Robert E Talbot Conservation Area from 5 pm. When used in controlled, supervised conditions, fire can be a beneficial land management tool. However, it's important to stress that prescribed fire involves planning and on-site management. People interested in learning how to use fire as a management tool should register for a two-part controlled burn workshop being put on by the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC). The field day portion of the workshop will be Oct. 9, but in order to take part in that, program participants must first complete the online portion of the class. A link to the online portion of the workshop will be given to people when they register. The online portion can be completed in two to four hours and is a mandatory prerequisite to the field day. Upon completing the online portion of the event, people will receive a certificate of completion which they must bring to the Oct. 9 demonstration burn. The demonstration burn on Oct. 9 will be from 5-7 p.m. at MDC's Robert E. Talbot Conservation Area in Lawrence County. During this part of the workshop, people will get hands-on experience on how to execute a prescribed burn for grassland management. Topics that will be covered by MDC Private Land Conservationist Meghan Lawler include equipment, burn line installation, safe weather parameters, ignition operations and other aspects needed to conduct a safe and successful prescribed burn. Appropriate dress for the burn will be leather boots, leather gloves, cotton pants, cotton long-sleeve shirt, and safety glasses. People can register at: <https://mdc-event-web.s3licensing.com/.../EventDet.../202805> To get more information about this event or directions to the event, contact Lawler at Meghan.Lawler@mdc.mo.gov .

Making Sense of Money: 4-week course @ Community Partnership (2535 N Kansas Expy, Spfd) from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. Join us for a FREE 4-week Making Sense of Money course! Let's shift from surviving to thriving financially. Learn to manage money, develop good habits, and set up a realistic budget. You will learn to: Manage your money instead of it managing you, Develop habits to reach your financial goals, Establish a basic and reasonable budget. What's in it for you? Be eligible to earn \$100 Savings Match! Complete ALL 4 weeks & earn a \$50 credit towards your utility bill! Open a zero-fee savings account! Wednesday evenings - October 9, 16, 23, & 30, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. @ The Library Station ~ 2535 N. Kansas Expwy., Springfield, MO **Cost: Free!** Registration is required. Contact Kelly at kpaparella@cpozarks.org or 417-720-2000 (call or text) to register!

Thursday, October 10th

Wine, Women & Shoes @ White River Conference Center from 5:30 pm. Grab your girlfriends and join us for a night to remember! This exciting event offers a vibrant marketplace, raffles, live entertainment, a live and silent auction, wine tasting, and delicious food. It's the perfect chance to enjoy a great evening out while making a meaningful impact. Tickets: www.winewomenandshoes.com/event/thevictimcenter

Chuck Briseno (Acoustic) @ Archies Lounge from 6 pm. Chuck Briseno will be performing at ARCHIES LOUNGE! RSVP, Share, and Like to join us for an incredible night of music! linktr.ee/chuckbriseno

Tech N9ne @ Gillioz Theatre from 8 – 11 pm. Tickets: www.bransonticketfinder.com/buy-tickets/10-10-2024/tech-n9ne/2493237.html

Friday, October 11th

David Phelps "The Speak of Love Tour" @ First Baptist Church, Bolivar from 7 pm. Tickets @ www.DavidPhelps.com/tour

Apple Butter Makin' Days @ Mt Vernon, MO from Oct 11th – 13th. Come visit our booth in downtown Mt Vernon, Mo during Apple Butter Makin' Days. We will have our Jack Skellington and Sally dolls, Chiefs dolls, some new crochet keychains, crochet dolls with animal hats and our crocheted pioneer dolls @ Wild This-N-That.

X-Con 2024: Into the Rabbit Hole @ Oasis Hotel & Convention Center from Oct 11th – 13th. Unexplained Phenomena: Paranormal – UAPs – Cryptids – Presented by OZ UFO and the Un-X Network (Oct 11th-1 – 10 pm), (Oct 12th-9am – 10 pm, and Oct 13th-9 am – 4:30 pm). Top speakers – Vendors – Raffle – Film Premieres – Paranormal Investigation – Workshops – Costume Party – Banquet. Location: The Very HAUNTED Oasis Hotel and Conference Center, 2546 Glenstone Ave, Spfd; 417-866-5253 or 888-532-4338.

Night of Dragons – Trunk or Treat @ Infinity Academy from 6 – 8 pm. Join us for a free sensory-friendly evening of Halloween fun for all ages! Enjoy photo opportunities, a mystery box, face painting and more. Business Sponsorship: Reserve a parking spot for \$25 to host a trunk and promote your business. Please provide your own candy and trunk decor—no balloons, strobe lights, or loud props allowed. All proceeds go toward Infinity Academy! For trunk opportunities, please visit <https://thearcoftheozarks.networkforgood.com/.../77180...>

Citywide Worship Nights @ Evangel University from 7 pm. Prepare for an unforgettable Night of Worship led by: - Voice of Bethel Music: BETHANY WOHRLE- 2x Grammy Winning Worship Leader SKYE REEDY- Maverick City Music's RYAN OFEI. Gather with believers throughout your community for a powerful evening full of beloved Worship Classics! Evangel University: 1111 N Glenstone Ave. Springfield, MO 65802. Tickets & Information: <https://showops.co/e/963/citywide-worship-nights-springfield>

Exploring Feminine Movement: Journey to Liberation @ Essential Yoga Studio from 7:30 – 9:30 pm. Join us for the fourth session of "Exploring Feminine Movement: Journey to Liberation," a six-month series, on Friday, October 11 at 730p; theme TBD! Here you'll find a warm and supportive environment to explore and express feminine movement, connect deeply with other women & with yourself, and celebrate the unique rhythm that resonates within each of us. Join the sisterhood as we dance, celebrate, and let our souls bloom and express. While each month builds upon the last, newcomers are ALWAYS welcome, any month and for as many sessions as they'd like to attend! Whether you attend every month or drop in just when you can, there will always be something to learn and to gain about yourself! Please dress comfortably for movement. This special class is limited to only 10 women to maintain a comfortable intimate setting. Feel free to invite friends you feel would benefit from or add to this special space. \$33 per person; please book your spot in advance via the ticket link. www.essential-yoga.com/events

Saturday, October 12th

Queen City Sertoma 2nd Annual Charity Yard Sale @ 1538 S Enterprise, Spfd from 8 am – 2 pm. Join Queen City Sertoma for our 2nd Annual Charity Yard Sale! We will have plenty of women's clothing sizes ranging from Medium to 2XL with various other options to shop. So, come by and say hi 🙌 to our members to find the next item you didn't know you needed!

Native Plant Sale @ Wire Road Brewing from 10 am – 2 pm. Come join us for a series of plants sales in collaboration with Wire Road Brewing! Pick up your shopping list of Native plants and grab a pint of your favorite craft beer!

35th Annual Wine & Food Celebration @ White River Conference Center from 2 – 5 pm. We are excited to announce that our 35th annual Wine & Food Celebration this year will be on Saturday, October 12th. This year's event will feature esteemed celebrity chef Lidia Bastianich as well as a variety of food and wine vendors from the Springfield area. There will also be a photo booth, Plinko, raffle, wine pull, and live music available to all attendees. Limited advance Gold tickets are available for \$100 and offer an early entry at 1 p.m., a meet & greet with Lidia, valet

parking, reserved seating, and a commemorative wine glass. Silver tickets are \$40 in advance (\$60 at the door) and offer food and drink samples from 2-5 p.m. 100% of the proceeds from this event go directly towards PBS KIDS programming on Ozarks Public Television. Please note, this event is for guests 21+ only. Tickets: \$40 - \$100 @ www.eventbrite.com/e/2024-wine-food-celebration-ft-lidia-bastianich-tickets-938624159127

Simply Sunshine Trunk or Treat @ Simply Sunshine Boutique from 4 – 6:30 pm. Hello! Come join us for a free trunk or treating event!! There will be vendors set up for shopping, local businesses set up to hand out candy, & other fun vendors that we will announce soon! We hope to see you all!! For vendor info please reach out for more info, small fee for businesses who want to set up & sell. Free for businesses to set up their trunks or tables to hand out candy.

Trunk or Treat @ Environmental Works, Inc. from 5:30 – 7 pm. Sho-Me Jeepers Jeep Club will meet at 4 pm to decorate their jeeps and then the little ghouls and goblins will start their trick or treat at 5:30 pm.

Shaun Munday @ White River Brewing Company from 6 - 9pm. Shaun Munday is a one-of-a kind talent and blends soul-drenched vocals with show-stopping bass guitar technique. Website: <https://shaunmunday.com/>

October Moontacular '24 @ MoonTown Sound from 6 pm. Three of the shop's favorite bands combine forces with live artists and the best production crew in the 417 to bring you a night of impeccable vibes and tasteful debauchery. \$20 at the door, \$15 if you're in a costume. 6pm-Doors open, 8(ish)pm-Blüme sets the mood, 9:15(ish)pm-The KURSK ramps it up a bit, 10:30(ish)pm-Lilac Cruise brings it home, tucks it into bed, gets it a glass of water, and reads it a bedtime story. With live painting by Samantha Hubler and Garrett Melby for you space cadets to stare at during the show, and a booth set up by the fine people at Clever Kaiju for you to interact with before and during the music, the night promises to deliver something at least approaching lighting, bottled fresh. BYOB, concessions and merch sold on site, respect the venue, respect the neighborhood, respect each other.

Richard O'Brien's The Rocky Horror Show LIVE @ Martha's Vineyard from 7:30 & 11:45 pm. "The Rocky Horror Show" is a cult classic musical that combines science fiction, horror, and outrageous humor in a satirical tribute to mid-20th-century B-movie horror and science fiction films. The story follows the innocent and newly engaged Brad and Janet, who find themselves stranded during a storm and seek shelter in the eerie mansion of Dr. Frank-N-Furter, a mad scientist from another planet. Inside, they encounter a bizarre and lively cast of characters, including the rock-and-roll loving, leather-clad Eddie, and the newly created muscleman, Rocky Horror. As the night progresses, Brad and Janet's perception of reality is turned upside down in a whirlwind of eccentricity, music, and dance. This iconic show, featuring memorable songs like "Time Warp" and "Sweet Transvestite," promises a thrilling and unique theatrical experience. Come be a part of this audacious adventure that celebrates individuality, freedom, and the joy of breaking conventional boundaries! Directed and choreographed by Jake Deck, music directed by Kathryn Cole, and assistant directed by Grace Billingsley. Featuring: Joshua David Smith, Grace Billingsley, Michaela Karr, Roland Netzer, Lavelle Johnston, Joseph Galetti, Alia Barker, Allegra Schaeffer, Elaina Vanderflight, Hadleigh Callahan, Wesley Bryan, and Lyndsey Williams. An audience participation prop bag is included with every ticket purchased. Rated R. The Rocky Horror Show is presented through special arrangement with Concord Theatricals www.concordtheatricals.com

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Sunday, October 13th

Hops & Harmony @ Mother's Brewing Company from 4 – 6 pm. Springfield Chamber Chorus is teaming up with the folks at Mother's Brewing Company in October for an exciting evening of singing, food, and beer: Hops & Harmony! The event will be on Sunday, October 13th, from 4-6pm at Mother's. As a part of our mission statement, SCC is dedicated to integrating choral music into the life of our community through meaningful experiences for both

singer and audience. Through our collaboration with Mother's Brewing Company, we have created a choir concert/beer tasting experience for the Springfield community! Audience members will be treated to a diverse selection of choral music while being served some delicious pairings of Mother's beer. The brewmasters at Mother's will also be premiering a specialty beer that was created for this event! Tickets can only be purchased in advance through our website: <https://springfieldchamberchorus.org/events/>. No tickets will be sold at the door. The event begins at 4pm, so be sure to arrive early to secure your spot!

The Goblin Night Market Sober Sip and Shop @ Arrow Creative Reuse from 6 – 9 pm. Join us for a sober sip and shop Halloween Party Arrow Creative Reuse style! Arrow will be OPEN on a Sunday Night OoOoOo. [SoCurious.co](https://www.socurious.co) will be popping up with a Mocktail bar inside and admission includes one drink to enjoy while you shop 15+ vendors play games, make some art, and MEET THE GOBLIN KING! Get your fortune told by Zigzag the goblin and participate in the costume contest and silent auction! This is a fundraiser for Arrow Art Supply Inc, so your \$10 suggested donation is appreciated and will help us with our seasonal operational costs! Hope to see you for some spooky fun! Heads up! PARKING is NOT available on site as we will be using the back and front lots for this event! Please carpool if possible and be prepared to walk our enchanted alleyway to get to the shop! The main parking lot is 3 blocks away across from our annex building at 1342 E St Louis Street.

Yoga & Pumpkin Carving: A Community Builder @ Essential Yoga Studio from 6 – 8:30 pm. Join Essential Yoga Studio's owner & instructor Sunni Nutt for an evening of autumn-themed fun! This community builder is FREE for members and just \$15 for non-members - pumpkins and all supplies included! Yoga & Pumpkin Carving will begin with a gentle, grounding yoga practice. Then, we'll switch on some classic spooky music and carve pumpkins in the Studio! Pumpkins, pumpkin carving supplies, hot apple cider, hot tea, and water will be provided. Feel free to bring anything to share that might be helpful for our crafting - paints, googly eyes, colorful push pins, whatever crafty things you'd like! Ziploc baggies will be available for anyone who'd like to take their pumpkin seeds home for roasting and tea lights for inside your pumpkin will also be provided. This event is FREE for members and \$15 for non-members. Note: you MUST book your spot in advance via the ticket link. This event is adults only.

Monday, October 14th

Parent/Caregiver Support Group @ NOVA Center of the Ozarks (1311 E Woodhurst Drive, Springfield) from 5:30 – 6:30 pm. Come join other parents and caregivers and support each other. RSVP by 10/07/2024 to Abby at 417-299-4379 or arobbins@teamncoto.org *There is childcare available upon request. *

Tuesday, October 15th

Wednesday, October 16th

Jelly Roll "The Beautifully Broken Tour" @ Great Southern Bank Arena from 7 pm. Jelly Roll in concert. Tickets: www.ticketturnup.com/performers/jelly-roll

Thursday, October 17th

MaMa Jean's 22nd Birthday Extravaganza! @ (1110 E Republic Rd, Ste 112, Spfd) from 4 – 7 pm. Get ready for an epic party, Springfield! MaMa Jean's is turning 22, and we're inviting YOU to be part of the festivities! This FREE outdoor event is our way of saying THANK YOU for being part of MaMa's incredible journey. For 22 years, we've been bringing fresh, organic, local goodness to your tables. Now it's time to party! Mark your calendars Thursday, October 17th at our 1110 Republic Road location from 4:00 - 7:00pm. Let's create memories and celebrate community! Come hungry, bring your dancing shoes, for a day of pure, local joy! Let's make MaMa Jean's 22nd birthday unforgettable!

French Wine Dinner – Exploring the Loire Valley @ Vino Cellars from 6 pm. Indulge in an unforgettable French Wine Dinner as we journey through the picturesque Loire Valley on 10/17. Immerse yourself in the charm of France and savor the amazing wines this region has to offer, including the exquisite Gamay, Pinot Noir, Sauvignon Blanc, and Chenin Blanc. With 4 delicious courses perfectly paired with 4 unique wines, this experience promises to delight your taste buds and ignite your passion for wine. At just \$65 per person, which includes gratuity, this fun and relaxed evening is a steal. Join us for an evening filled with laughter, incredible flavors, and the magic of the Loire Valley! Get your tickets online at www.shopvinocecellars.com or by calling 883-8466.

Yoga & Music @ Finley Farms from 6 – 7:30 pm. Gather ‘round the firepit by the serene Finley River for an evening of relaxation and connection. Join E-RYT200 Leslie Smith for a Gentle Yoga Flow, accompanied by the soulful acoustic music of local musician and yoga teacher, Cori Jay. This 1 hour and 30-minute Yoga, Firepits & Music session concludes with 20 minutes of communal music, drumming, and rhythm around the fire. Drums and shakers are provided, but you’re welcome to bring your own. Embrace the warmth, the music, and the community. Learn more: <https://finleyfarmsmo.com/events/yoga-music/>

Aries Full Moon Candle-Making Workshop + Mini Astrology Readings @ 330 S Avenue, Spfd from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Full moons happen when the Moon forms a 180-degree opposition from the Sun, reflecting the Sun's light for all to see. This opposition calls us to balance the way we assert our identities in the outer world and how we receive these experiences within —shining a spotlight of awareness on what needs to be released as we move into the waning phase. For October’s Full Moon in Aries, we’re called to balance our needs between self and other. Oftentimes, maintaining harmony with others requires us to set aside our own internal needs and impulses. At the same time, we cannot rely so much on the external validation of others that we aren’t being authentic to self. This is a dynamic lunation, forming a T-square to this moon’s ruler —Mars in Cancer— however, the two are in mutual reception with opportunity to thrive when taking action to nurture your emotional needs. What do you need to release to make that happen? You’re invited to join this workshop at Forming Art Studios to find your lunar balance in the form of candle-making. Astrologer Misty Lane will provide an overview on the meaning of this lunation with mini astrology readings for each participant. Artist Laura Ingalsbe will then guide us through making intention candles to aid your process of release. Spots are limited! Reserve yours at formedgallery.com/classes.

Richard O’Brien’s The Rocky Horror Show – Relaxed Performance presented by Abilities First @ Martha’s Vineyard from 7:30 – 10:30 pm. This performance is designed to create a welcoming and comfortable arts experience for people with autism, sensory sensitivities, or other social, learning or cognitive disabilities. Modifications for this performance may include: – lower sound levels– lights remaining on at a low level during the performance– a reduction of strobe lighting and lighting focused on the audience– guests are free to talk and leave their seats during the performance– space throughout the venue for standing and movement. For more information, please email info@hightidesgf.com. “The Rocky Horror Show” is a cult classic musical that combines science fiction, horror, and outrageous humor in a satirical tribute to mid-20th-century B-movie horror and science fiction films. The story follows the innocent and newly engaged Brad and Janet, who find themselves stranded during a storm and seek shelter in the eerie mansion of Dr. Frank-N-Furter, a mad scientist from another planet. Inside, they encounter a bizarre and lively cast of characters, including the rock-and-roll loving, leather-clad Eddie, and the newly created muscleman, Rocky Horror. As the night progresses, Brad and Janet’s perception of reality is turned upside down in a whirlwind of eccentricity, music, and dance. This iconic show, featuring memorable songs like “Time Warp” and “Sweet Transvestite,” promises a thrilling and unique theatrical experience. Come be a part of this audacious adventure that celebrates individuality, freedom, and the joy of breaking conventional boundaries! Rated R. The Rocky Horror Show is presented through special arrangement with Concord Theatricals www.concordtheatricals.com

Friday, October 18th

Ed-Rec Trunk or Treat @ The Arc of the Ozarks Pythian Parking Lot from 5 – 6:30 pm. Please join us for our 5th Annual Trunk or Treat. Come dressed up in your favorite Halloween Costume. At arrival we will provide you with

a bag to get goodies, a map of which way to walk and a slip to vote for your favorite trunk. Please Park at the Regional Office which is south of the Pythian building. We will have staff directing traffic. RSVP by Wednesday, October 16th to Amy Holland or Liz Dressler at 417-864-7887 or email aholland@thearcoftheozarks.org or ldressler@thearcoftheozarks.org.

Schools Out Day Camp @ Wonders of Wildlife from 8 am. Sign your Kindergartener through 5th grader up for a one-day camp to learn all about The Legend of Bigfoot! Uncover the legends of a mammoth creature said to be still roaming the forests today, Bigfoot! We will learn more about this giant beast through crafts, games, and looking at our museum's hairiest animals! Learn more and register: wondersofwildlife.org/camps

Young Bakers Camp, Halloween Edition for Ages 10-16 @ Pickwick & Cherry from 9 am – 3 pm. We are opening our doors for a very special day-long baking class for kids ages 10-16! We'll be making a variety of fun and spooky baked goods that participants will get to take home to share (or not). Sign up quickly, because space is limited! Cost is \$85/Student. Tickets: www.pickwickandcherry.com/event/young-bakers-camp-halloween

MRA SW's Annual Trivia Night, Halloween Edition! @ Relics Event Center from 5 pm. Make sure to mark your calendars and RSVP for SW chapter's annual trivia night! By popular demand, this event has been moved back to the fall, in time for a spooky Halloween theme you won't want to miss! SW MRA's trivia night is our premier fundraiser, allowing for continued effort to advocate for legislation and policy for equitable opportunities for all individuals who have a disability! All funds raised stay in our local region, providing support directly to individuals with unmet needs who are utilizing Vocational Rehabilitation services.

Dance Alchemy with Madison Morrigan @ Essential Yoga Studio from 7:30 – 9 pm. Join Essential Yoga Studio as we welcome Madison Morrigan for an evening of exploration and healing. This is a monthly event and we're honored to provide the space for your expression! Dance Alchemy creates space to explore being in a body outside structured and prescribed standards. Rooted in choice, this class supports you to melt frozen spaces in the body, alchemize stuck emotions, express healthy aggression and create space for joy, play and freedom by exploring authentic, instinctual and emergent self-expression. All genders are welcome. You can participate at your own level of comfort and choose how you want to move your body, even if that means laying down and simply taking in the music. We will start with 15 minutes of facilitated movement with the Alignment Sequence™ to establish bodily safety and presence, followed by 60 minutes of ecstatic dance, ending with a guided meditation and an optional closing circle. Please register in advance via the ticket link. \$20 for members of Essential Yoga Studio; \$25 for non-members. Tickets: www.essential-yoga.com/events

Saturday, October 19th

Thriller on C-Street from 7pm. The C-Street Zombie Corps is back with Thriller on C-Street 2024: The Macabre Promenade – the 15th Annual spine-chilling parade! Catch the zombies creeping through 6 blocks of Commercial Street with multiple performances starting at 7 pm. Don't miss the ultimate Thriller experience! They will move east performing 4 more times, between Campbell and Boonville, then between Boonville and Robberson and Jefferson, and the final performance between Jefferson and Benton. The entire production is expected to span approximately 90 minutes.

Flea Market Days @ The Neighborhood Tribe (204 W 1st Street, Mtn View, MO) from 9 am – 3 pm. Flea Market Days, HAVE some good junk to get rid of? forget the garage sale, sell it at Flea Market Days. Sign up to sell by sending a msg to the shop on Facebook. Or inquire in person at the shop. • Up to 10 ft long pop-up table space \$10. • Small furniture, clothing, new or used, vintage items, candle makers, beauty makers, art vendors & more welcome. For more details and to sign up please inquire. Indoor / outdoor event.

Watershed Natives Plant Sale @ 3452 S Fm Rd 119, Brookline from 10 am – 2 pm. Fall is one of the best times to plant! Come visit our native nursery and shop through trees, shrubs, wildflowers and grasses. Make sure to bring

containers to carry home your new plants! Located next to the Yard Waste Recycling Center. Watershed Natives Nursery.

Fall Festival – Trunk or Treat @ Campbell United Methodist Church from 5 – 7 pm. Invite your friends and have fun at our annual Fall Festival! Wear your Halloween costumes and have a wonderful evening with your friends, family, and community. We'll have food, games, and Trunk or Treat! Event starts at 5:00pm, Trunk or Treat starts at 6:30pm. Want to hand out candy for Trunk or Treat? Sign up in the Fellowship Hall. Car decorations encouraged but not required. Individually wrapped candies and snacks can be donated in the Fellowship Hall.

6th Annual Truck or Treat @ Battlefield Mall, Spfd from 5:30 – 8:30 pm. We hope that we can make it the best turn out yet!

Fall 2024 Music Vespers Concert @ Spfd Seventh-day Adventist Church from 7 pm. This is a fundraiser for the Springfield Adventist Academy. Refreshments will be served in the school gym and the SAA Veggie Food Store will be open following the concert. There will be a full orchestra performing and more!

Southall @ Midnight Rodeo from 7 pm. Southall is coming to Midnight Rodo as part of their "Get Busy Tour!" Tickets: www.bit.ly/southall1019

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Sunday, October 20th

Arm Balance Exploration with Elise Ferrer @ Essential Yoga Studio from 2 – 4 pm. Join Essential Yoga Studio as we collaborate with Elise Ferrer for Arm Balance Exploration on Sunday, October 20, from 2-4p. In this workshop, we'll explore our fun and curious side through preparation and ease into arm balances! We'll learn how to properly stretch and strengthen the body to set up for poses such as crow, flying splits, side crow, firefly, and more! Come play with Elise! Dress comfortably for movement; hot tea and water provided in-studio or you're welcome to bring your own! \$30 per person. Please book your spot in advance via the ticket link. Tickets: www.essential-yoga.com/events

Monday, October 21st

Tuesday, October 22nd

Painting with a Splash: Bat @ Wonders of Wildlife from 6 – 8 pm. Halloween is right around the corner! Paint along with your instructor as she leads you step-by-step in creating this bat-tastic spooky painting while enjoying snacks and beverages! *This class is available for ages 8 and up. Learn more and sign up: wondersofwildlife.org/events

Wednesday, October 23rd

And That's Why We Drink: The Pour Decision Tour @ Gillioz Theatre from 7:30 pm. A Paranormal and True Crime podcast by Christine Schiefer, Em Schulz, and Boxed Wine. Tickets: <http://livemu.sc/GetConcertTickets>

Thursday, October 24th

Joanne Shaw Taylor @ Gillioz Theatre from 7:30 pm. Described as a guitar prodigy and one of the most exciting blues rock musicians of our time, Joanne Shaw Taylor is sure to captivate you with her soulful voice and electrifying performances. Don't miss this opportunity to experience her raw talent and passion on stage. Get your tickets now at the link below and get ready for a night to remember! For more information and to purchase tickets, visit: [Joanne Shaw Taylor Tickets] (<https://www.ticketshelper.com/performers/joanne-shaw-taylor>)"

Trunk or Treat Event @ Elan Adams, Home Loan Officer from 6 – 8 pm. An event at Cadence Bank on 3211 E Battlefield Rd, Spfd.

Trunk or Treat @ Springfield Rehabilitation and Health Care Center from 6 pm. Free hot dog dinner for the first 200 kids (hot dog, chips, cookie and drink)! First come, first served!

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Trunk or Treat @ Sherwood Elementary from 5:30 – 7 pm. The Sherwood Elementary PTA Trunk or Treat will be from 5:30-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25. All of our students, staff and their families are invited to this annual event hosted by the PTA! If you would like to host a trunk, register at <https://forms.gle/M1dEGwx9wXZ4xxZa6> Please, no weapons (toy or otherwise). If you have any questions, please email us at info@sherwoodmopta.org. Thank you for helping us making Trunk or Treat a wonderful event for our students and their families!

BOOgie Bash @ The Amp (JR Martin Park, Republic) from 5:30 pm. This event features games, face painting, balloon art, pumpkin launch, corn pit, hayrides, concessions, and a costume contest followed by two short films on

the big screen. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: 5:30 PM: Event Begins/Activities Open, 6:30 PM: Costume Contest Begins, 7:30 PM: Toy Story of Terror Begins/Activities Close, 8:00 PM: Monsters vs. Aliens: Mutant Pumpkins Begins, and 8:30 PM: Event Ends. COSTUME CONTEST: The costume contest begins at 6:30 p.m. and will have divisions for ages 0-12 and Family! No registration necessary.

Shaun Munday @ Vino Cellars from 6 – 8 pm. Shaun is a one-of-a kind talent and blends soul-drenched vocals with show-stopping bass guitar technique. Website: <https://shaunmunday.com/>

Lancaster Station – Live @ Galloway Station Bar & Grill (Galloway Station) from 7 – 10 pm. Lancaster Station is bringing our fun variety of music styles from Amy Winehouse to Steely Dan, to Doobie Brothers, to Heart and so much more, back to Galloway Station! And, we'll be having a ton of fun doing it! See ya there!

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Saturday, October 26th

Spooktacular Market! @ Farmers Market of the Ozarks from 8 am – 1 pm. We implore you to haunt the market in your Halloween costume and do some trick-or-treating a couple days early! Some of the vendors and our Market Hub will have candy that we will be giving out, it's going to be a grand time!

Moth Market – A Place to Buy Curious Things @ Where House Bar from 11 am – 6 pm. A treasure trove of the unique and unusual, for your shopping pleasure! Here, you'll discover an eclectic array of items that go beyond the ordinary found at craft shows. Browse through an assortment of vintage curios, handmade oddities, and rare artifacts that you won't find anywhere else. Our market promises an unforgettable shopping experience, because spooky season needs to last forever!

Springfield's Early Halloween Classic Beer Mile! @ Springfield Brewing Co from 4 pm. Save yourself \$5 and sign up online for just \$15, plus tax. Day of sign up will be \$20, plus tax! Tickets: www.bit.ly/SBCHalloweenBeerMile2024 Must be of age and sign a full waiver on race day. Race day registration will open at 3:30 pm and will end at 3:50 for the pre-race briefing at 3:55. Prizes for men and women: 1st: 6 pack; 2nd: Free pint + standard shot; 3rd: Free pint; and Last: Standard shot. Best Outfit/Costume: Free 6 pack.

(Participation Trophy/Award for every runner who finishes: the four beers you just drank. Congrats on a great job.)
RULES: 1. 4 laps around SBC, a full 12oz can of beer (5.0% minimum ABV) BEFORE each lap. The start and finish line will be at the garage door of the Brewery on McDaniel Street; 2. Beer must be consumed before the lap is begun, within the transition area which is the 10-meter zone before the start/finish line on a ¼ mile loop/track; 3. No specialized cans or bottles may be used; 4. Each beer can must not be opened until the competitor enters the transition zone on each lap. Beer cans must not be tampered with in any manner; 5. Competitors who vomit before

they finish the race must complete one penalty lap at the end of the race; and 6. Tip the empty beer can over your head at the end of a chug to verify an empty vessel. Click Going so we know how much beer we need. [#fortheloveoftheBeerMile](#) Also - want to do your own non-alcoholic beer mile? Folks did just that at the Summer Camp Beer Mile - brought their own NA beer and got it done - you are welcome to do that too if you want.

Trunk or Treat @ Sunset Church of Christ from 4 – 6 pm. Trunk, treats, and plenty of safe neighborhood fun! Wear your costumes and join us at Sunset Church of Christ at the entrance off Sunset Street, south Fort will be exit only.

Frog family reptile shop trunk or treat @ Frog Family Reptile & Amphibians from 5 – 7 pm. Get ready for a spooktacular night at Frog Family Reptile & Amphibians as we celebrate Halloween with our annual Trunk-or-Treat event! Our shop will be transformed into a Halloween wonderland, perfect for families and kids of all ages. The first 280 kids through the door will receive a special goodie bag filled with Pokémon cards, candy, and the chance to win awesome prizes, including a \$30 gift certificate to our shop and other cool surprises! We're also hosting a fundraiser to support an educational facility, helping them raise funds so that all their students can afford memberships to our Junior Herpetologist Club. Every donation counts, and your contribution will directly impact the education and passion of young herpetologists in our community. Want to get involved? We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to set up their own Halloween-themed vehicles for the trunk-or-treat. It's a great way to join in the fun and support a worthy cause! ****How to Participate: *- **Set Up Your Vehicle: **** Reach out to reserve a spot for your Halloween-themed vehicle in our trunk-or-treat area. - ****Donate: **** Contact us to contribute to our fundraiser and help make the Junior Herpetologist Club accessible to all students. Don't miss out on this frightfully fun evening! For more information or to reserve your spot, please contact us today. See you there for a night of tricks, treats, and terrifically spooky fun!

"Not so Bad Trunk or Treat" presented by Bad Reputation CC and hosted by Advanced Auto Parts from 5 – 8 pm. This is the 2nd year for the "Not So "Bad" Trunk or Treat event to be held at the Advance Auto Parts store on Battlefield. PepBoys will be choosing the Top three for the best setup, so come ready to show case your skills. it will be held from 5pm-8pm. This event is no different than a Cars&Coffee event or Rides&Coffee event: Be responsible, respectful and courteous. Please show them a fabulous welcome. Support a great store and its staff and show Advance Auto Parts how strong the Car Community is in the 417.

The Carnival @ Hourglass Auction House Trunk or Treat Event from 5 – 11 pm. This will be our 5th annual trunk or treat in the Lurvey shopping center at 2343 East Kearney St. in East Springfield. We are so excited that our theme this year is carnival/circus. We can't wait to see all the kids dressed up! We will have professional photography this year and a photo booth as well as tons of fun carnival games for the kids and lots of wonderful treats!! This event will be rain or shine!!! if anyone would like to donate candy to the event or would like to register to participate in this event with us, please comment or message me personally. You must have a clean vehicle trunk that you can dress up and good quality treats for the kiddos. We would love to have you or your business RSVP. This is a great way to promote your business and hand out info to the parents while you give treats to the kids. We will also have a lot of great raffles and prizes that the parents can enjoy too!! Feel free to set up or make any fun carnival games that you think the kids might enjoy. I will also be serving refreshments to any person or vehicle that RSVPs. Also, back by popular demand, we will have a large bake sale with tons of great baked goods. We can't wait to see you; this is our biggest event of the year and the one we look most forward to! We can't wait to see our car clubs this year too! Please don't forget your tent or pavilion in case of inclement weather

20th Annual Freistatt Lions Club Trunk or Treat @ Erntefest Freistatt Lions Club from 5:30 – 9 pm. Volunteers needed for decorating trunks and passing out candy, making desserts, and kitchen help. Please contact Lacy Creed if you would be willing to help 417-236-6191.

Vino Epicurean Nights: Pasta @ Vino Cellars from 6 pm. Indulge in an unforgettable culinary adventure at Vino Epicurean Nights: Pasta Edition. Join us for a night filled with exquisite wine pairings, gourmet pasta dishes, and a truly immersive culinary experience. This is the third installment of our popular event series, promising a fun-filled,

relaxed atmosphere where you can interact with fellow food and wine enthusiasts. For just \$45 per person, gratuity included, treat yourself to an evening of gastronomic delights that will tantalize your taste buds and leave you craving for more. Secure your spot now for a pasta night like no other! Reserve online at www.shopvinocellars.com or by calling 883-8466.

Truck or Treat @ Metro Eats from 6:30 – 9:30 pm. Bring your family out to Metro Eats. Wear your costumes and get some candy (And maybe dinner too!!) from the Food Trucks and businesses at Metro Eats!

Richard O'Brien's The Rocky Horror Show LIVE @ Martha's Vineyard from 7:30 pm and 11:45 pm. "The Rocky Horror Show" is a cult classic musical that combines science fiction, horror, and outrageous humor in a satirical tribute to mid-20th-century B-movie horror and science fiction films. The story follows the innocent and newly engaged Brad and Janet, who find themselves stranded during a storm and seek shelter in the eerie mansion of Dr. Frank-N-Furter, a mad scientist from another planet. Inside, they encounter a bizarre and lively cast of characters, including the rock-and-roll loving, leather-clad Eddie, and the newly created muscleman, Rocky Horror. As the night progresses, Brad and Janet's perception of reality is turned upside down in a whirlwind of eccentricity, music, and dance. This iconic show, featuring memorable songs like "Time Warp" and "Sweet Transvestite," promises a thrilling and unique theatrical experience. Come be a part of this audacious adventure that celebrates individuality, freedom, and the joy of breaking conventional boundaries! Directed and choreographed by Jake Deck, music directed by Kathryn Cole, and assistant directed by Grace Billingsley. Featuring: Joshua David Smith, Grace Billingsley, Michaela Karr, Roland Netzer, Lavelle Johnston, Joseph Galetti, Alia Barker, Allegra Schaeffer, Elaina Vanderflight, Hadleigh Callahan, Wesley Bryan, and Lyndsey Williams. An audience participation prop bag is included with every ticket purchased. Rated R. The Rocky Horror Show is presented through special arrangement with Concord Theatricals www.concordtheatricals.com

Little River Band @ Gillioz Theatre from 7:30 pm. Doors open at 6:30 pm and Show starts at 7:30 pm. Tickets: www.etix.com/ticket/p/41314138/little-river-band-springfield-gillioz-theatre With the late Glenn Frey dubbing Little River Band "the best signing band in the world," the band continues to deliver high quality, memorable shows to the concert attendees making new fans nightly. LRB live concerts showcase the pristine harmony vocals known worldwide and deliver moments that spark back memories while making new with the next generation. Headed by 40-year LRB Veteran Wayne Nelson, the band continues to deliver those distinctive harmonies that are part and parcel of Little River Band's history. To date, Wayne has contributed his talents on 24 of Little River Band's albums/CDs. Their worldwide album, CD, and digital downloads amass to more than 350 million sold and their live presentation of the hits refreshed does not disappoint. Fans nostalgic for such tunes as "Cool Change" or "The Night Owls" can join us to hear the current incarnation for a night of fantastic music, memories and more.

BAM! Live @ Carrie's Halloween Bash from 8 – 11:59 pm. BAM! Showing up and showing out with their brand of rock and metal covers to blow your minds at the longest bar in Springfield where there is never a cover.

Sunday, October 27th

North Springfield – Local New Coat Distribution @ Sacred Heart Church from 2 pm. All kids are welcome, from babies to teens. No income requirements. The child must be present to try on the coat.

Fall Fest Tailgate Trunk or Treat @ Oak Grove Assembly from 4 – 6 pm. Join us in the parking lot for this fun Tailgate themed Fall Fest for the whole family! There will be inflatables, train rides, corn hole, hot dogs, candy, music and prizes.

Monday, October 28th

Restoration Celebration: Worship + Testimony @ Hope Church from 5 – 6:30 pm. Uplifting worship, encouragement, and powerful testimonies. Come be encouraged by the incredible journey of men and women graduating from the Restoration Program! Leaving behind incarceration, addiction, homelessness, and brokenness, they are walking in freedom. PRAISE GOD! You'll hear firsthand how God has transformed their lives, as they share

their powerful testimonies of redemption and hope. Coffee and snacks will be provided as we gather to be encouraged by the life-changing power of the Gospel.

Tuesday, October 29th

Preschool Learning Classes @ Wonders of Wildlife from 10 am - 12:30 pm. Join us for another Preschool Adventures Learning in Science class this October! Did you know there are 23 vulture species in the world? To learn more cool facts about these eerie birds, join us for this month's PALS program that is all about vultures! Through activity stations, a book, and a craft, you will learn about vultures, why they are important, and why they may not be as spooky as you think! *For ages 2-6 with a parent. Learn more and register: wondersofwildlife.org/homeschool

Trunk or Treat @ Woodland Manor from 2 pm. Decorate your car, yourself, and bring treats. The residents will love this.

Queen City Sertoma Taco Tuesday @ Sertoma Event Center from 5 – 7 pm. Hey friends! Are you ready to spice up your Tuesday night? Join us on October 29th from 5 – 7 pm for the first Queen City Sertoma Taco Tuesday. But wait, there's more! We will also be holding a raffle for a chance to win a fabulous gift basket. And for all you beer and margarita lovers, we've got you covered with some tasty options available for donation Trust us, you don't want to miss this fiesta! So, mark your calendars and join Queen City Sertoma for a delicious and fun-filled evening. See you there! Tickets: www.zeffy.com/ticketing/34c6a701-27e4-47d9-9829-3e5026bce81f

Wednesday, October 30th

Springfield Trunk or Treat @ Phoenix Home Care & Hospice from 6 – 8 pm. Open to the public! Join us for a scary night of fun!

Woodland Manor Trick or Treat @ Woodland Manor Senior Nursing Facility from 6:15 – 7:30 pm. Bring your kiddos to celebrate Halloween at Woodland Manor. Wear your favorite costume and bring a bag to collect some delicious treats. For staff, families and local neighborhoods. This will be held in the Activities room. We will meet in there and then give instructions on how to collect candy in the most efficient way throughout our center.

Thursday, October 31st

Trick or Treat Through Rogersville @ City of Rogersville from Noon – 5 pm. Bring your kids to trick or treat at our local participating businesses!

Trunk or Treat @ Academy of Hair Design from 5:30 – 8:30 pm. This is a family-friendly event featuring decorations, costumes and candy! Enjoy an outdoor showing of movies like Hocus Pocus and free face painting! This event is free, and we encourage you to invite your friends and family! Please note: We will be closed for services during the event.

Trick or Treating @ Tales for the Westside from 6 pm. Tales From the Westside is a lawn haunt in Springfield, MO. Check us out on Facebook and Instagram for more information. We welcome trick-or-treaters of all ages and offer plenty of candy and free photo opportunities message me for further details and address.

Trunk or Treat 2024 @ Northside Christian Church from 6 – 8 pm. Wear your favorite costume and join NCC for our annual FREE Trunk or Treat from 6-8 PM on Thursday, Oct. 31. Our free event will include candy, inflatables, hot dogs, popcorn, crafts and more! All activities and trick-or-treat stations will be outdoors. Are you part of our Northside family and want to volunteer? Get the link to sign up online at www.NorthsideChristianChurch.net/trunk/.

Murder Mystery Dinner: Murder in Sin City @ Vino Cellars from 6 pm. Step into the thrilling world of Sin City with our Murder Mystery Vino Dinner: Murder in Sin City event on 10/31. Immerse yourself in an interactive dinner experience like no other, where an intriguing plot and suspenseful twists await around every corner. What happens

in Vegas, stays in Vegas, and this evening promises to be no exception. Indulge in 4 exquisite wines perfectly paired with 4 delectable courses, all for just \$55 per person, gratuity included. Don't miss out on this unforgettable night of mystery, wine, and culinary delights. Secure your spot now for an evening that will keep you on the edge of your seat! Get the gang together and plan to join us! Reserve today at www.shopvinocellars.com or by calling 417-883-8466.



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 or \$5 per project. *There is an additional charge for certain items. Please note fee adjustment. Session #1: Oct 2 - 23 from 9 am – Noon. Or Session #2: Oct 30 – Nov 20 from 9 am – Noon. Register online at ParkBoard.org or by calling 417-837-5808.

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 or \$5 per project. *There is an additional charge for certain items. Please note fee adjustment. Session #1: Oct 2 - 23 from 3:30 – 5:30 pm. Or Session #2: Oct 30 – Nov 20 from 3:30 – 5:30 pm. Register online at ParkBoard.org or by calling 417-837-5808.

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 or \$5 per project. *There is an additional charge for certain items. Please note fee adjustment. Session #1: Oct 3 - 24 from 9 am – Noon. Or Session #2: Oct 31 – Nov 21 from 9 am – Noon. Register online at ParkBoard.org or by calling 417-837-5808 before Sept 29.

Bowling @ Enterprise Park Lanes from 3:30 – 5:30 pm. Mondays Oct 7 – 28. 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 or www.ParkBoard.org/AR.

Disc Golf with Accessible Rec from 9:30 – 11 am @ Oak Grove Park (4-week sessions) \$20 per session. Oct 1 - 22 on Tuesdays. Classes will cover basics of the game including rules, short and long throws and good form – all in a fun and supportive environment! Pre-registration required: for questions or registration, call 417-837-5808.

Groovin' Abilities (Tuesday Classes from 3:30 – 4:30 pm) \$5 per class. Oct 8th & 22nd @ Northview Center (305 E Talmage, Spfd). Come rock out with Jen Keet and Accessible Rec! GROOVE is a unique way to make dance easy, accessible, and fun for everyone! It's healthy movement for all – so see you on the dance floor! This class is for anyone age 16 and up with a disability. Call 417-837-5808 with questions & registration. If you can move, you can GROOVE!

FAST (Fun Accessible Social Time) Farm Visit on Tuesday, Oct 22nd from 3:30 – 6 pm at Rutledge Wilson Farm Park. Join us for a fall filled evening. Registration required. 16 years and up with a disability. \$10/person Call 417-837-5808 or email mwinzen@springfieldmo.gov to sign up. Payment can be made the day of unless otherwise noted.

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. \$7 for Adults and \$6 for Seniors 55+ and students or children 3 and up + \$3 Skate rental fee. Annual passes are also available. 635 E Trafficway St, Springfield. **October 25th – Themed Public Skate Night – Fright Night/Halloween for all ages from 6 – 8 pm. FEE: \$7 Adult, \$6 Child/Student/Senior and FREE for Kids ages 3 and under; \$3 skate rental or bring your own. Enjoy activities, prizes, music and more to celebrate that month’s theme.**

Dickerson Park Zoo, daily 9 am-5 pm, March – October including all summer holidays. \$19 Adults and Teens, \$16 Adults 60+, and \$14 for Children 3-12, and Children aged 2 and younger and Friends of the Zoo members are admitted free. 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>. **October 1st from 6 – 8 pm is Friends of the Zoo (FOZ) Fall Festival and October 26th is Wizards and Fantastic Beasts Day all day. There will be inflatables, face painter and craft stations from 10 am – 1 pm.**

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.

Daily: Water Aerobics at Chesterfield—Chesterfield Aquatic Center will be closed Oct 14th – 23rd for scheduled annual maintenance and deep cleaning, which requires draining the pool and hot tub. Aquatics classes at Chesterfield will not be held during the closure. Available at Chesterfield Family Center. A great way to get in shape with minimal impact on your muscles and joints. *Chesterfield Family Center 891-1616.* Mon-Fri 8:30 am; Mon, Wed, and Fri 9:30 am and 5:30 pm; Sat 8:30 am and 9:30 am. Chesterfield Family Center. FREE for Members and Daily Fee for Non-members.

Daily: Water Aerobics at Doling Available at Doling Family Center. A great way to get in shape with minimal impact on your muscles and joints. *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—Chesterfield Aquatic Center will be closed Oct 14th – 23rd for scheduled annual maintenance and deep cleaning, which requires draining the pool and hot tub. Aquatics classes at Chesterfield will not be held during the closure.

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 April and October weather permitting. **1:30-4:30 FREE.** www.parkboard.org

Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden – Open daily 10 am – 6 pm. Closed November – March except for special events. **417-891-1515** 2400 S Scenic, Springfield.

Roston Native Butterfly House – Closed October – April. **Open May – September 10 am – 6 pm.** 417-891-151, 2400 S Scenic, Springfield.

Railroad Historical Museum – Seasonal Hours Open Saturdays from 2 – 4 pm, Memorial Day Weekend – October. 417-343-6838, 1401 N Grant Street, Springfield.

The Miracle League @ Miracle League Ball Field (Dan Kinney Park, 2701 S Blackman Rd, Spfd, MO) Fall (Early Sept – Late Oct times vary. Fee: \$30 per player. Registration is now open. Spring and Fall leagues held at the Betty and Bobby Allison Miracle League Ball Field in Dan Kinney Park. Leagues for youth and adults with disabilities. Scholarships may be available. Volunteer coaches and buddies are needed, training is provided! Registration now open. Miracle League Ball Field 417-874-2944. Ages 5 years and up with disabilities.



This Month in Parks (October)

October 1st

Pickleball for Beginners – An instructor-led course focusing on the rules and fundamentals of Pickleball. Fun for teens and adults of all ages! All equipment provided. Register in advance, space is limited. Doling Family Center, 417-837-5900 Age: 14 yrs. and up
Time: Tues. and Fri., 7-9 p.m. Fee: \$20/Member, \$30/Non-member

Training for the Trot – Get ready for the 30th Annual Turkey Trot 5K by training with a group, at a new Parks location each week. For individuals who want to run their first 5K race, get back into running, or just train with others. Includes eight training sessions, full Turkey Trot registration and a Training for the Trot t-shirt. Dan Kinney Family Center 891-1500
Chesterfield Family Center 891-1616 Age: 16 yrs. and up Time: Tues., 6 p.m.
Fee: \$50/Runner Register By: Sept 27

October 2nd

Little Farmers – Learn all about farm animals and crops through crafts, story time and activities. Adult must accompany student. Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park 417-837-5949 Age: 2-5 yrs., with an adult Time: Wed. and Sat., 10-11 a.m. Fee: \$10/Student

October 4th

Ritter Springs Camping Weekend – A fun overnight campout at beautiful Ritter Springs Park. Includes kayaking, hiking, outdoor games, dinner, breakfast and more. Some camping equipment available for rent. Youth scholarships may be available. Register by Oct. 3. Ritter Springs Park 417-833-8647 Age: All ages Time: Fri., 5 p.m.-Sat., 12 p.m. Fee: \$10/Person

Intro to Outdoor Lead Climbing @ Horseshoe Canyon Ranch – Specialized lead climbing instruction includes cleaning anchors, lead belaying, mindset and technique while clipping and climbing. Previous climbing and top rope belay experience recommended. Includes climbing equipment and Saturday transportation to Horseshoe Canyon Ranch, AR. Friday night is at Chesterfield Family Center. All day Sat. will be spent at Horseshoe Canyon Ranch, AR. Register by Oct. 3. Outdoor Initiatives 417-833-8647 Age: 14 yrs. and up (14-17 yrs. with an adult) Time: Fri. 6-8 p.m., Sat. 8 a.m.- 6:30 p.m. Fee: \$100/Person

Pickleball for Beginners – An instructor-led course focusing on the rules and fundamentals of Pickleball. Fun for teens and adults of all ages! All equipment provided. Register in advance, space is limited. Doling Family Center, 417-837-5900 Age: 14 yrs. and up
Time: Tues. and Fri., 7-9 p.m. Fee: \$20/Member, \$30/Non-member

October 5th

Just Kick It Kickball Tournament – Coed Kickball tournament for ages 14 & up. Park Board Rules are used. Register by team in person at Killian Sports Complex. Call for more information 417-837-5817. All Day Tournament @ Meador Park (2600 S Fremont Avenue).

Lantern Walk – Celebrate National Pedestrian Safety Month with an evening stroll with your neighbors. Bring a lantern, or learn how to build one, and join planned one-mile walks in the Delaware, Galloway, Rountree, West Central and Woodland Heights neighborhoods, while learning about traffic safety, crosswalks and safe walking routes. Public Works 417-864-1801 Age: All ages
Time: 6:30 p.m. Fee: Free

October 5th, 6th, 12th, 13th, 19th, 20th, 26th, and 27th

Harvest Fest – A Midwest fall tradition, weekends in October at Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park. Includes pumpkin patch, a 2.5-mile corn maze, hayrides, cow train, inflatables, pony rides, farm animals, kettle corn and more! Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park 417-837-5949. Age: All ages. Time: Sat., 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Sun., 12-6 p.m. Fee: Free admission, most activities have a fee. Corn Maze: \$4/12 yrs. and up. \$3/5-11 yrs. Free/4 yrs. and under.

October 6th

Harvest Moon Float – Fall begins with a beautiful Harvest Moon, and we'll have a front row seat. Our evening with a relaxed sunset kayaking session. We stay on the water to view the full moon rise, discussing phases of the moon and spotting star constellations, before paddling back to the Boathouse. Bring a headlamp and bug repellent. Registration required by 5 p.m. the day prior. Age: 8 yrs. and older. Fee: \$30/Person

October 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th

Gigs in the Garden – Peace Through People Pavilion in Springfield Botanical Gardens at Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park (2400 S Scenic Ave, Spfd) starting at 2 pm. Outdoor concerts on Sundays. Admission is FREE with a \$10 suggested donation to support garden projects. Beverages are available for purchase and kids will love the playground nearby. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy a variety of local performance groups in an extraordinary setting. 417-891-1515. (Dallas Jone and Molly Healey, Johnnie Angelia King and the Anointed Voices, Jin J X, and Aaron Mayer.

October 7th

Homeschool Indoor Climbing @ Zenith – Learn to tie a Figure 8 knot at Dan Kinney Park, and then climb with us at Zenith Climbing Center. Drop off/Pick up at Dan Kinney Park Pavilion. Drop off 10 a.m., pickup 2 p.m. Register Oct. 6. Outdoor Initiatives 417-833-8647. Age: 8-15 yrs. Time: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Fee: \$20/Student

October 9th

Pumpkins – Become scientists by dissecting a pumpkin and learning about the pumpkin lifecycle. Adult must accompany student. Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park 417-837-5949. Age: Grades 1-5, with an adult. Time: 9-11 a.m. Fee: \$15/Student

October 12th

Giboney Cave Tours – Explore the myths, facts, and history of Giboney Cave at Doling Park. Shoes will get muddy. Bring your own headlamp or flashlight if you have one. Dates subject to weather and bat activity. Space is limited. Register online or in person at the cave. Outdoor Initiatives 417-833-8647. Age: 4 yrs. and up (4-17 yrs. with an adult). Time: Sat., 1, 2 and 3 p.m. Fee: \$5/Person, \$16/Family of 4.

Pickleball Clinic – Beginner Level – An instructor-led course focused on beginner fundamentals - Pickleball Terminology, Paddle Fundamentals, Serving and Returning, Proper Court Rotation, Learning the Rules, and Learning how to Keep Score. Ideal for beginner players with 0-3 months experience who are just starting out or have only played recreationally. Open to ages 13+. Wear athletic (gym) shoes and bring your own paddle. Extra paddles available from the instructor. Please register in advance as space is limited! 5 – 7 pm @ Dan Kinney Family Center (2701 S Blackman Road) Register online.

October 12th and 13th

4th Annual Route 66 Paddle Battle – Pickleball tournament at Meador Pickleball Courts. Team tournament “MLP Style” with two men and two women per team. 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, and 4.5+ divisions offered. Meador Park 417-837-5800. Age: 12 yrs. and up. Time: Sat. and Sun., 8 a.m. Fee: \$50/Player

October 14th

Homeschool Outdoor Rock Climbing – A certified AMGA Instructor leads an outdoor climbing adventure at Horseshoe Canyon Ranch in Arkansas. Drop off/pick up at Dan Kinney Park Pavilion. Drop off 8 a.m., pickup 6 p.m. Register by Oct. 13. Outdoor Initiatives 417-833-8647. Age: 8-15 yrs. Time: 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Fee: \$35/Student

October 15th

Billiards Tournament (9 Ball) – Northview Billiards tournaments happen on the third Tuesday of each month. Open to anyone age 55 yrs. and older. \$3/Tournament

October 16th

Fall Homeschool Field Trip Day – Join us for a fun-filled day at the farm. We are inviting homeschool families for some fall activities at the farm. Enjoy inflatables, the 2.5-mile maze, a hayride*, scavenger hunt, animal encounters and get a mini pumpkin. *Your hayride will start at the time you reserve. Please arrive 15 minutes before your scheduled time. Registration is required. Age: For all ages. Fee: \$7/2 yrs. and older; \$3/Adults

October 17th

Planting for Pollinators – Caroline Griesmer, Master Gardener and teaches this class on supporting pollinators throughout the seasons. Botanical Center 417-891-1515. Age: 15 yrs. and up. Time: 6-7 p.m. Fee: Free

October 18th

Float & Pumpkin Spice Flight – Fall has unofficially become "pumpkin spice season" and we are embracing that! We plan to take a float on the James River to view the fall scenery and then gather at the Boathouse for the coziest of possible snack flight themes: pumpkin spice? Items will include pumpkin bread, spiced-themed coffee, and more! Age: 8 yrs. and older. Fee: \$30/Person

Camp Roar and Score: Fossils, Caves, and Tennis Galore – Explore fossils and cave creatures in Doling Park's Giboney Cave with Outdoor Initiatives, then learn tennis with Cooper Tennis staff. All equipment provided. Bring extra shoes for the cave and a sack lunch. Register by Oct. 16. Doling Park 417-864-1332. Age: 7-10 yrs. Time: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Fee: \$20/Camper

October 19th

History in our Park Walk – A guided park tour, focused on history that makes each location special, and conservation efforts currently taking place. Meet in main parking lot of each park. No registration required. Outdoor Initiatives 417-833-8647. Age: 8 yrs. and up (8-17 yrs. with an adult). Time: 5:30-7 p.m. Fee: Free

Youth Pickleball Clinic – An instructor-led course focused on beginner fundamentals for youth ages 10+ - Pickleball Terminology, Paddle Fundamentals, Serving and Returning, Proper Court Rotation, Learning the Rules, and Learning how to Keep Score. Ideal for beginner players with 0-3 months experience who are just starting out or have only played recreationally. Wear athletic (gym) shoes and bring your own paddle. Extra paddles available from the instructor. Please register in advance as space is limited! Age: 10-18 yrs. Fee: \$20/Members, \$30/Non-members

Mother-Son Sports Night – Boys, treat your mom, stepmom, aunt, grandma or special lady to a night together. Wear your favorite sport gear and team up for basketball skills, cornhole, carnival-style games and swimming. Includes dinner and door prizes. Register by Oct. 12. Doling Family Center 417-837-5900. Age: 5-14 years, plus an adult. Date: Sat., Oct. 19. Time: 5:30-8 p.m. Fee: \$20/Couple, \$5Addl. Child

October 19th & 20th

Horseshoe Canyon Climbing & Camping Weekend – Climb and camp at Horseshoe Canyon Ranch. Rock climbing equipment, day pass, camping pass and transportation included. Major camping equipment may also be available request. Register by Oct. 18. Outdoor Initiatives 417-833-8647. Age: 8 yrs. and up (8-17 yrs. with an adult). Time: Sat., 8 a.m.-Sun., 8 p.m. Fee: \$75/Person

October 20th

Pumpkin Plunge – Swim in a pool full of pumpkins and pick out the perfect one! Take home a decorating kit with paints and stickers to decorate your pumpkin. Register by Oct. 17. Doling Family Center 417-837-5900. Age: 2-14 yrs. Time: 4-5 p.m. Fee: \$15/Family Center member, \$25/Non-member

October 21st

Homeschool Hiking Skills and Leave No Trace – Learn Leave No Trace guidelines through fun and educational games on a two-mile hike at Lost Hill Park. Drop off/pick up at Lost Hill Park. Drop off 10 a.m., pickup 2 p.m. Register by Oct. 20. Outdoor Initiatives 417-833-8647. Age: 8-15 yrs. Time: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Fee: \$15/Student

October 23rd

Dissection: Owl Pellet – Discover the fascinating diet of owls as you carefully dissect real owl pellets to uncover bones, fur, and more. Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park 417-837-5949. Age: Grade 6-12. Time: 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Fee: \$35/Student

October 25th

Themed Public Skate Night – Fright Night/Halloween – Every 4th Friday of the Month come enjoy a themed public skate. There's a different theme each month, like western, Dad Rock, Christmas in July and more. Enjoy activities, prizes, music and more to celebrate that month's theme. Jordan Valley Ice Park 417-866-7444. Age: All ages. Time: 6-8 p.m. Fee: \$7/Adult, \$6/Child/Student/Senior, FREE/Kids ages 3 yrs. and under; \$3/Skate rental or bring your own.

October 26th

Country Dance featuring Country Revere – Join Advisory Council in these country casual dances, open to all ages. Bring a packaged snack to share. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Music begins at 7 p.m. Fee: \$6/person Dates and Bands are subject to change

Pickleball Clinic – Novice/Intermediate – An instructor-led course focused on beginner skill progression including technique and strategy for - Serving, Returning the Serve, 3rd Shot Drop/Drive, Rules Clarification, and Court Positioning. Ideal for players with 3-12 months experience who know the basic rules and want to play consistently at the Intermediate (3.5+) Skill Level. Open to ages 13+. Wear athletic (gym) shoes and bring your own paddle. Extra paddles available from the instructor. Please register in advance as space is limited! 5 – 7 pm @ Dan Kinney Family Center.

Wizards and Fantastic Beast at the Zoo – Harry Potter – inspired activities and animal enrichment at Dickerson Park Zoo. Dickerson Park Zoo 417-833-1570. Age: All ages. Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (crafts and activities 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.). Fee: \$19/Adults and teens, \$14/3-12 yrs., \$16/60 yrs. and up

Halloween Fest – Celebrate the season with Halloween-themed activities at Springfield Botanical Gardens at Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park! Wear a costume and join in the family scavenger hunt, games and crafts. Register by Oct. 24. Botanical Center 417-864-1332. Age: All ages. Time: 1 p.m.-3 p.m. Fee: Free

October 28th

Homeschool Intro to Rappelling – Learn to rappel and other useful ways to use rope or paracord, with certified a certified AMGA climbing instructor at Lost Hill Park. Drop off and pick up at Lost Hill Park. Drop off 10am, pickup 2pm. Register by Oct. 27. Outdoor Initiatives 417-833-8647. Age: 8-15 yrs. Time: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Fee: \$15/Student

October 29th

Pickleball Clinic – Beginner – The Fieldhouse will be hosting monthly pickleball clinics for those who are new to the sport. These clinics are intended for beginner level participants with the purpose being to enhance player's skills/knowledge of the game. All clinics will be instructed by registered pickleball instructors. Pickleballs will be provided but participants must bring their own paddles. Age: All ages. Fee: \$30/Player

October 31st

Jam Session – Bring your instrument and join your friends to play, sing or just listen to a variety of music. Time: 1-4 p.m. Fee: \$1 Donation. Northview Center (305 E Talmage).



Macaroni KID Events -- <https://springfieldmo.macaronikid.com/events>

Springfield Missouri Events -- <https://www.springfieldmo.org/events>

417 Magazine -- <https://calendar.417mag.com>

Facebook Events – <https://www.facebook.com/events/>

Finley Farms, Ozark – <https://finleyfarmsmo.com>

Springfield Greene County Park Board – www.parkboard.org

Moxie Cinema Mornings – www.moxiecinema.com/films/moxie-mornings

It's All Downtown – www.itsalldowntown.com/calendar?id=4467150084@long_events=1&full-0&ajaxCalendar=1&mo=7&yr=2023

Community Partnership – <https://cpozarks.org/our-programs/>

Dream Center – <https://www.springfielddreamcenter.com/calendar>



Springfield Greene County Library

Tuesday, October 01

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Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months, 10:00am - 10:45am, Library Station - Story Hour Room (30). 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.

Tiny Tots Socktober Storytime - for infants-36 months, 10:00am - 10:45am, Library Station. Celebrate Socktober with storytimes! Drop off new packages of socks and enjoy a very special Socktober Storytime at your favorite branch.

Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6, 10:00am - 11:00am, Strafford Branch Library - Community Room (40). 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.

Socktober Storytime - for infants-age 6, 10:00am - 11:00am, Strafford Branch Library. Celebrate Socktober with storytimes! Drop off new packages of socks and enjoy a very special Socktober Storytime at your favorite branch.

Microsoft Excel Basics, 10:00am - 12:00pm, Library Center - Harrison Conference Room (15). Invest in yourself with free computer skills classes at the Library. Registration required. Join the wait list

Socktober Storytime - for infants-age 6, 10:00am - 11:00am, J.R. Martin Park - 300 E. Hines St., Republic. Celebrate Socktober with storytimes! Drop off new packages of socks and enjoy a very special Socktober Storytime at your favorite branch.

Stories in the Park - for infants-age 6, 10:00am - 11:00am, J.R. Martin Park - 300 E. Hines St., Republic. Young children are invited to enjoy stories, songs and activities at a special outdoor storytime.

Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6, 10:30am - 11:30am, Willard Branch Library - Community Room (40). 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.

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LEGO Brick Builders - for families with children of all ages, 4:00pm - 5:30pm, Willard Branch Library - Community Room (40). Bring the whole family to our LEGO brick free-for-all and challenge yourself to build something together.

Meet the Library's New Executive Director, 4:00pm - 6:00pm, Library Center - Auditorium (100). Join us in welcoming the Library's new Executive Director, Ed Walton.

Spooky Friends Book Club - "The Warm Hands of Ghosts", 6:00pm - 7:00pm, Library Station - Frisco Community Room (70). Ghosts, goblins, gore and so much more to read about in our horror book club.

Pajama Storytime - for infants-age 6, 6:30pm - 7:15pm, Library Station - Story Hour Room (30). 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.

Socktober Storytime - for infants-age 6, 6:30pm - 7:15pm, Library Station. Celebrate Socktober with storytimes! Drop off new packages of socks and enjoy a very special Socktober Storytime at your favorite branch.

Wednesday, October 02

Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6, 10:00am - 11:00am, Republic Branch Library - Community Room. 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.

Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months, 10:00am - 10:30am, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Community Room (100). 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.

Socktober Storytime - for infants-age 6, 10:00am - 11:00am, Republic Branch Library. Celebrate Socktober with storytimes! Drop off new packages of socks and enjoy a very special Socktober Storytime at your favorite branch.

Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6, 10:30am - 11:30am, Ash Grove Branch Library - Community Room (25). 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.

Socktober Storytime - for infants-age 6, 10:30am - 11:30am, Ash Grove Branch Library. Celebrate Socktober with storytimes! Drop off new packages of socks and enjoy a very special Socktober Storytime at your favorite branch.

Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6, 11:00am - 12:00pm, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Community Room (100). 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 - for infants-age 6, 11:00am - 12:00pm, Fair Grove Branch Library - Fair Grove Branch. 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.

Boost Your Brain, 12:30pm - 1:30pm, Republic Branch Library - Community Room. The Greene County MU Extension Office will teach you how to improve your brain health by forming new habits.

Creative Aging Mosaic Course - for adults age 55 and older, 1:00pm - 2:30pm, The Fairbanks Community Hub - 1126 N. Broadway Ave. Join Christine Schilling of MosaicaRose Studio for an 8-week workshop focusing on basic mosaic techniques. Registration required.

Voice Your Writing, 6:00pm - 7:00pm, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Community Room (100). Share a sample of your writing in a casual setting with like-minded individuals.

English Conversation Club, 6:00pm - 7:00pm, Library Center - Auditorium (100). Is English your second language? Practice your English-speaking skills, meet new people and learn about life in America in a casual setting. Adult and student speakers of all languages are welcome.

Thursday, October 03

Midtown Storytime at the Fairbanks - for infants-age 6, 10:00am - 11:00am, The Fairbanks Community Hub - 1126 N. Broadway Ave. The Midtown Carnegie Branch might be closed for construction, but our storytimes haven't missed a beat! Come to the Fairbanks for stories, songs and activities with the Midtown librarians.

Lunch & Learn: Women in Business Leveraging social media, 12:00pm - 1:30pm, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Community Room (100). Christine Morton, Lori Robertson, Sandy Higgins and Cassie Potts will discuss how they use social media to drive success, build brands and create communities. Join the wait list.

Library Apps, 2:00pm - 4:00pm, Library Center - Harrison Conference Room (15). Invest in yourself with free computer skills classes at the library. Registration required.

The YA Book Crew - "This Woven Kingdom", 4:00pm - 5:00pm, Ash Grove Branch Library - Community Room (25). If you like to read young adult and teen literature, join the group for monthly discussions on forgotten favorites and newly-released titles.

Reading Pals - for ages 5-12, 4:30pm - 5:30pm, Republic Branch Library - Community Room. Practice your reading skills with our furry friends from Pet Therapy of the Ozarks. Registration required.

Bricks and Books Club - for ages 8-12, "Things in the Basement", 6:30pm - 7:30pm, Library Center - Story Hour Room (45). 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.

Feel Good Fiction - "The Chinese Groove", 7:00pm - 8:00pm, Library Center - Grafton Conference Room (8). Discuss stories filled with kindness, humor, heroism, hope, empathy and compassion.

Next Level Book Club - for ages 11-14, "Summer Vamp", 7:30pm - 8:30pm, Library Center - Story Hour Room (45). Love books and being creative? Meet other readers and talk about our monthly read while crafting, building with LEGO bricks or playing a game that goes along with the book.

Friday, October 04

Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months, 9:30am - 10:00am, Library Center - Story Hour Room (45). 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.

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Socktober Storytime - for infants-age 6, 11:15am - 12:00pm, Library Station. Celebrate Socktober with storytimes! Drop off new packages of socks and enjoy a very special Socktober Storytime at your favorite branch.

Local History Roundtable, 4:30pm - 5:30pm, Ash Grove Branch Library - Community Room (25). Join guest speakers and fellow history lovers in a roundtable discussion of Ash Grove's history and share projects you've been working on.

Bluey Bash - for ages 2-8, 5:30pm - 7:30pm, Library Center - Auditorium (100). Join us for a Bluey-themed beach party with crafts, sensory activities, music and more.

Teen Night! - for ages 12-17, 6:00pm - 7:30pm, Library Station - Frisco Community Room (70). If it's Friday night, there's something going on at the Station just for teens. Stop in weekly for games, crafts, hangouts and more. On September 13, The GLO Center will join us.

First Friday Art Walk, 6:30pm - 9:00pm, Park Central Branch Library. Join us for First Friday Art Walk and the opening of a new exhibit.

Helping to Bring the Humanities to the Public Square - for all ages, 6:30pm - 7:30pm, Park Central Branch Library. "Celebrating Native American Cultures of the Ozarks Region" exhibit opening reception and presentations.

Saturday, October 05

Craft & Tell, 10:30am - 11:30am, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Community Room (100). Work on a craft while chatting with fellow crafters. We welcome any craft that is quiet and doesn't make a mess. Whether starting a project or struggling to finish one, this group is for you!

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TTRPG Exploration - for ages 12-17, 2:00pm - 4:30pm, Library Station - Santa Fe Community Room (50). Try out tabletop role-playing games, like Dungeons & Dragons and others. Join one-shot campaigns with pre-built characters or librarian-generated ones (there won't be time for character creation).

Haunted House Makeover, 4:00pm - 6:00pm, Library Center - Community Room B (30). Get in the spooky spirit of the season by transforming a small dollhouse into a haunted house luminary. This Oh, the Horror! event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Monday, October 07

Superhero Afternoon - for ages 13-18, 3:00pm - 5:00pm, Willard Branch Library - Community Room (40). Munch on snacks while watching some of our favorite superhero movies, rated PG-13.

Pajama Storytime - for infants-age 6, 6:00pm - 7:00pm, Library Center - Story Hour Room (45). 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.

Exploring Genealogy - Navigating the Online Genealogy Database Ancestry, 7:00pm - 8:00pm, Library Center - Auditorium (100). Certified Genealogist® Patti Lee Hobbs will discuss the treasures Ancestry holds, from methodologies, search strategies and limitations to the differences between the available subscription levels.

Tuesday, October 08

Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months, 9:30am - 10:00am, Library Center - Story Hour Room (45). 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.

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Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6, 10:00am - 11:00am, Strafford Branch Library - Community Room (40). 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.

Meet the Computer, 10:00am - 12:00pm, Library Center - Harrison Conference Room (15). Invest in yourself with free computer skills classes at the library. Registration required.

Stories in the Park - for infants-age 6, 10:00am - 11:00am, J.R. Martin Park - 300 E. Hines St., Republic. Young children are invited to enjoy stories, songs and activities at a special outdoor storytime.

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Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6, 11:15am - 12:00pm, Library Station - Story Hour Room (30). 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.

Mystery Book Club - "The Second Murderer", 1:30pm - 2:30pm, Hidden Grounds Coffee House - 1126 N. Broadway Ave. Discuss all manner of mystery, from classic to current, cozy to thriller, series and standalone.

Flying Needles, 1:30pm - 2:30pm, Ash Grove Branch Library - Community Room (25). Work on your latest knitting and crochet projects with fellow fiber artists.

Scary Books Babble and Brew - for ages 8-13, 6:00pm - 7:00pm, Library Center - Story Hour Room (45). Do you delight in thrills and chills down your spine? Enjoy a children's horror book tasting, preview and discuss age-appropriate scary books while enjoying a treat that will revive your spirits.

Evening Book Discussion - "Wuthering Heights", 6:30pm - 7:30pm, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Community Room (100). Chat about our monthly title with other literary lovers in the community.

Pajama Storytime - for infants-age 6, 6:30pm - 7:15pm, Library Station - Story Hour Room (30). 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, October 09

Baby Book Club - for infants-12 months, 9:30am - 10:00am, Library Center - Story Hour Room (45). Read, sing and play at our special babies-only playtime.

Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6, 10:00am - 11:00am, Republic Branch Library - Community Room. 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.

Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months, 10:00am - 10:30am, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Community Room (100). 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.

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Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6, 11:00am - 12:00pm, Fair Grove Branch Library - Fair Grove Branch. 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.

Socktober Storytime - for infants-age 6, 11:00am - 12:00pm, Fair Grove Branch Library. Celebrate Socktober with storytimes! Drop off new packages of socks and enjoy a very special Socktober Storytime at your favorite branch.

Boost Your Brain, 12:30pm - 1:30pm, Republic Branch Library - Community Room. The Greene County MU Extension Office will teach you how to improve your brain health by forming new habits. Register.

Book Discussion - "The Only One Left", 1:00pm - 2:30pm, Library Center - Community Room B (30). Chat about our monthly title with other literary lovers in the community.

Book Discussion - "Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone", 1:00pm - 2:00pm, Fair Grove Branch Library. Chat about our monthly title with other literary lovers in the community.

Willard Bibliotaphs - BYOB (Bring Your Own Book), 1:30pm - 2:30pm, Willard Branch Library - Community Room (40). Whatever we want? Yes! Bring any title from your favorite adult fiction author to discuss with other bibliotaphs in the community.

FilmStubs - "Tremors," rated PG-13, 7:00pm - 9:00pm, Moxie Cinema - 305 S. Campbell Ave. #101. 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.

Thursday, October 10

iPhone Class for Seniors, 10:00am - 12:00pm, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Community Room (100). If you would like to get more out of your iPhone or iPad, join us for free classes taught by veteran instructor Julie Mahaffey. This is a six-part series that covers different topics at each session.

Midtown Storytime at the Fairbanks - for infants-age 6, 10:00am - 11:00am, The Fairbanks Community Hub - 1126 N. Broadway Ave. The Midtown Carnegie Branch might be closed for construction, but our storytimes haven't missed a beat! Come to the Fairbanks for stories, songs and activities with the Midtown librarians.

Craft & Chat - Spooky Wooden Spoons, 1:00pm - 3:00pm, Fair Grove Branch Library. Meet and connect with fellow crafters while working on a new craft project and trading ideas. Materials will be provided. Register

Book Discussion - "Lone Women", 2:00pm - 3:00pm, Republic Branch Library - Community Room. Chat about our monthly title with other literary lovers in the community.

STEAM Explorers: Homeschool Thursday - for ages 6-12, 2:00pm - 3:00pm, Library Station - Frisco Community Room (70). Develop creative, problem-solving skills through exciting STEAM activities and challenges. Registration required.

Finding Files, 2:00pm - 4:00pm, Library Center - Harrison Conference Room (15). Invest in yourself with free computer skills classes at the library. Registration required.

Dabbling in Art - for age 15-adult, 4:00pm - 5:00pm, Ash Grove Branch Library - Community Room (25). Join us for an evening of sketching, painting or crafting! Whatever your skill level, try your hand at something new, learn from others and have a creative time. Materials will be provided.

Teen Craft Craze - for ages 13-18, Spooky Vibes, 5:30pm - 6:30pm, Library Center - Story Hour Room (45). Craft to your heart's content with us! We will provide the materials and some ideas for you to build, make and create something that goes with our monthly theme.

Teen Silent Reading Cafe - for ages 12-17, 6:00pm - 8:00pm, Library Station - Frisco Community Room (70). Relax at the Station with your current read, followed by an optional book chat with fellow enthusiasts.

Downtown Book Club - "A Special Place for Women", 6:00pm - 7:30pm, Downtown Springfield Association - 134 Park Central Square, Suite 120. Join us 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.

Cosplay Crash Course - for ages 13-18, "Little Nightmares", 7:00pm - 8:30pm, Library Center - Story Hour Room (45). Get tips for creating your own cosplay from items you may already have on hand.

Spooky Ozarks Stories, Lore and More, 7:00pm - 8:00pm, Library Center - Auditorium (100). Kaitlyn McConnell from Ozarks Alive will share local tales that have fascinated the Ozarks for many generations.

Friday, October 11

Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months, 9:30am - 10:00am, Library Center - Story Hour Room (45). 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.

Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months, 10:00am - 10:45am, Library Station - Story Hour Room (30). 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.

Brainy Bodies - for ages 3-6, 10:00am - 11:00am, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Community Room (100). Learn about movement and STEAM concepts through play with Missouri State University dance students Sadie Nehlsen and Caroline Wolfe.

Northview Center Book Discussion - for age 55 and older, "James", 10:30am - 11:30am, Northview Center - 305 E. Talmage St. Chat about our monthly title with other readers at this library-sponsored book group just for older adults.

Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6, 11:15am - 12:00pm, Library Station - Story Hour Room (30). 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.

Teen Night! - for ages 12-17, 6:00pm - 7:30pm, Library Station - Frisco Community Room (70). If it's Friday night, there's something going on at the Station just for teens. Stop in weekly for games, crafts, hangouts and more. On September 13, The GLO Center will join us.

Downtown Game Night, 6:00pm - 8:00pm, The Coffee Ethic - 124 Park Central Square. Drop in to play board and card games, and treat yourself to a coffee or tea. Choose from our selection of games or bring your own.

Powwow with the American Indian Center of Springfield - for all ages, 6:00pm - 7:00pm, Library Center - Auditorium (100). Learn about Native American culture and traditions from the American Indian Center of Springfield.

Flights & Frights Trivia Night - for age 21 and older, 6:00pm - 8:00pm, 4 By 4 Brewing Company - 2811 E. Galloway St., Suite A. Sink your fangs into pop culture horror trivia with your friends and family. Proceeds benefit the Library Foundation. Registration is required.

Books and Boards – Boop, 6:30pm - 8:00pm, Village Meeple Board Game Cafe - 1570 E. Battlefield Road, Suite F. Board games and books make the perfect pairing! Play a board game, hear about books that match the game's theme and chat about your favorite games and books. Admission is free to participants.

Saturday, October 12

Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6, 11:00am - 12:00pm, Library Station - Story Hour Room (30). 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.

Library of Nightmares Escape Room, 11:30am - 6:30pm, Library Center - Community Room B (30). Work together to solve clues and break out of the Library of Nightmares. Registration required.

People's Garden: Don't Throw That Out! - for ages 8-12, 1:00pm - 3:00pm, Library Station - Frisco Community Room (70). Learn how to make tasty bowls and stone soup using leftover garden produce. Registration required.

Deathly Hallows Wreath, 2:00pm - 3:00pm, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Community Room (100). Calling all crafty witches and wizards to make a Harry Potter-themed Deathly Hallows wreath for the autumn season. Materials will be provided. Register

Medicare: Open Enrollment Best Practices, 2:00pm - 3:00pm, Library Center - Auditorium (100). Questions about enrolling in Medicare? Stephanie Hohenshell, founder of Hohenshell Financial, will walk you through how to navigate the Medicare process.

Dungeons & Dragons - for ages 12-18, 4:00pm - 5:00pm, Library Center - Story Hour Room (45). Come along for a fun-filled adventure through the Forgotten Realms. Bring your own character or use one of our premade ones.

Sunday, October 13

Cookbook Book Club – Sandwiches, 3:00pm - 4:00pm, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Community Room (100). Whatcha got cookin'? Try a recipe from a cookbook, then meet with other culinary aficionados to discuss how everyone's recipes turned out. All experience levels welcome, food pictures encouraged!

Tuesday, October 15

Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months, 9:30am - 10:00am, Library Center - Story Hour Room (45). 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.

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Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6, 10:00am - 11:00am, Strafford Branch Library - Community Room (40). 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.

Learning Windows 11, 10:00am - 12:00pm, Library Center - Harrison Conference Room (15). Invest in yourself with free computer skills classes at the library. Registration required.

Stories in the Park - for infants-age 6, 10:00am - 11:00am, J.R. Martin Park - 300 E. Hines St., Republic. Young children are invited to enjoy stories, songs and activities at a special outdoor storytime.

Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6, 10:30am - 11:30am, Willard Branch Library - Community Room (40). 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.

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Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6, 11:15am - 12:00pm, Library Station - Story Hour Room (30). 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.

Ash Grove Bibliophiles - "The Librarian of Burned Books", 1:30pm - 2:30pm, Ash Grove Branch Library - Community Room (25). Chat about our monthly title with other literary lovers in the community.

Pajama Storytime - for infants-age 6, 6:30pm - 7:15pm, Library Station - Story Hour Room (30). 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.

Books on Tap - "Hidden Pictures", 7:00pm - 8:00pm, 4 By 4 Brewing Company - 2811 E. Galloway St., Suite A. Brewing off-beat discussions about books that aren't in the mainstream.

Wednesday, October 16

Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6, 10:00am - 11:00am, Republic Branch Library - Community Room. 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.

Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months, 10:00am - 10:30am, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Community Room (100). 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.

Exploring Genealogy - A Case Study Using Geographic Information Systems, 10:00am - 11:00am, Library Center - Auditorium (100). Learn how Geographic Information Systems can help answer your research questions.

Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6, 10:30am - 11:30am, Ash Grove Branch Library - Community Room (25). 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 - for infants-age 6, 11:00am - 12:00pm, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Community Room (100). 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 - for infants-age 6, 11:00am - 12:00pm, Fair Grove Branch Library - Fair Grove Branch. 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.

Rosie Book Club - "Lessons in Chemistry", 4:00pm - 5:00pm, J.O.B. Public House - 319 E. Walnut St. Leadership Springfield's Rosie project is teaming up with the Library for a bimonthly book group for women in business. Registration required.

Thursday, October 17

Midtown Storytime at the Fairbanks - for infants-age 6, 10:00am - 11:00am, The Fairbanks Community Hub - 1126 N. Broadway Ave. The Midtown Carnegie Branch might be closed for construction, but our storytimes haven't missed a beat! Come to the Fairbanks for stories, songs and activities with the Midtown librarians.

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Travelogue - Malaysia's Multicultural Kaleidoscope, 2:00pm - 3:00pm, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Community Room (100). Enjoy a relaxing afternoon in Malaysia.

Internet Basics, 2:00pm - 4:00pm, Library Center - Harrison Conference Room (15). Invest in yourself with free computer skills classes at the Library. Registration required.

Book Discussion - "The Hacienda", 4:00pm - 5:00pm, Strafford Branch Library - Community Room (40). Chat about our monthly title with other literary lovers in the community.

So You Want to Learn to Crochet - for ages 12 and older, 6:00pm - 7:00pm, Library Center - Story Hour Room (45). Learn crochet basics on the third Thursday of every month. We'll cover new terms, techniques and stitches and start projects together. No previous experience necessary. Materials will be provided.

Friday, October 18

Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months, 9:30am - 10:00am, Library Center - Story Hour Room (45). 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.

Alzheimer's and Dementia Awareness - Finding Joy in the Holidays, 10:00am - 11:00am, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Community Room (100). The Alzheimer's Association Greater Missouri Chapter will discuss Alzheimer's and dementia signs to watch for in you or your loved ones.

Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months, 10:00am - 10:45am, Library Station - Story Hour Room (30). 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 - for infants-age 6, 11:15am - 12:00pm, Library Station - Story Hour Room (30). 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.

Silver Screen Surfers - "The Ghost Breakers," not rated, 1:30pm - 3:30pm, Ash Grove Branch Library - Community Room (25). Delve into the intrigue as we watch these silver screen gems full of mystery.

Mini Tour of the Globe - for all ages, 4:00pm - 6:00pm, Library Station - Santa Fe Community Room (50), Frisco Community Room (70). Travel the globe in one afternoon at this come-and-go-event where Missouri State University international students will share art, dance, music and more from a diverse array of cultures.

Teen Night! - for ages 12-17, 6:00pm - 7:30pm, Library Station - Frisco Community Room (70). If it's Friday night, there's something going on at the Station just for teens. Stop in weekly for games, crafts, hangouts and more. On September 13, The GLO Center will join us.

Saturday, October 19

Notorious Incidents in Greene County History, 10:30am - 11:30am, Republic Branch Library - Community Room. Historical author Larry Wood will discuss infamous people and incidents throughout the history of Greene County and the Ozarks. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Candy & Sweets Science - for ages 6-10, 10:30am - 11:00am, Library Center - Story Hour Room (45). Conduct science experiments using candy and other sweets, observe their changes, replicate organic systems and engineer structures using confections and other materials. Materials will be provided. Register.

Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6, 11:00am - 12:00pm, Library Station - Story Hour Room (30). 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.

STEAM Explorers - for ages 6-12, 2:00pm - 3:00pm, Library Station - Story Hour Room (30). Develop creative, problem-solving skills through exciting STEAM activities and challenges.

Haunted House Pop-up Book, 2:00pm - 4:00pm, Library Station - Frisco Community Room (70). Add some boo to your bookshelf by creating and decorating a haunted house pop-up book. Materials will be provided. Register

Collection Connection with the Springfield Art Museum - Roots and Reflections: Exploring Midwest Artworks, 2:00pm - 3:00pm, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Community Room (100). Explore Midwest art from the 1930s to 2000s with local artist Shauna Le Ann Smith.

Halloween Horror Pumpkin Extraction - for ages 10-14, 2:00pm - 3:00pm, Library Center - Story Hour Room (45). Want to know what pumpkin DNA looks like and how to find it? Look no further! Explore the fascinating world of pumpkin DNA and learn how to see it for yourself.

Sunday, October 20

Check Mates and Board Game Buddies - for ages 5-18, 2:00pm - 4:00pm, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Benway Conference Room (8). Play against your friends or meet a new match with our selection of chess sets and board games. Stop by for a game or three, have a snack and make a new buddy.

Monday, October 21

Navigating the Apple Watch, 10:00am - 12:00pm, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Community Room (100). Explore the health-tracking capabilities of the Apple Watch in a hands-on class with veteran instructor Julie Mahaffey.

Science Time with STEM Kits - for ages 5-12, 2:00pm - 3:00pm, Willard Branch Library - Community Room (40). Come explore science with the Library's STEM Kits, featuring a different kit each month.

Foundation Directory for Nonprofits, 2:00pm - 4:00pm, Library Center - Harrison Conference Room (15). Explore how to find grant funding for your nonprofit with Candid's Funding Information Network. Register

We Love Comics - for ages 6-9, "Duck and Moose: Duck Moves In!", 4:30pm - 5:00pm, Library Center - Story Hour Room (45). Explore how art and story work together in graphic novels perfect for emerging readers. We'll have a related activity for each monthly book selection.

Teen Art Studio - for ages 12-17, 6:00pm - 8:00pm, Library Station - Frisco Community Room (70). Come to the Station on the third Monday of the month to practice your art, try a new technique and meet fellow teen artists. No prior skill is required. Materials will be provided.

Board Game Academy - Fury of Dracula, 6:00pm - 8:00pm, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Community Room (100). Master a new or classic game with experienced instructor and library staffer Adam Slemper.

Pajama Storytime - for infants-age 6, 6:00pm - 7:00pm, Library Center - Story Hour Room (45). 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.

Socktober Storytime - for infants-age 6, 6:00pm - 7:00pm, Library Center. Celebrate Socktober with storytimes! Drop off new packages of socks and enjoy a very special Socktober Storytime at your favorite branch. Rescheduled

Pajama Storytime - for infants-age 6, 6:30pm - 7:00pm, New date Monday, October 21: 6:00pm - 7:00pm, Library Center. 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.

Tuesday, October 22

Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months, 9:30am - 10:00am, Library Center - Story Hour Room (45). 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.

Tiny Tots Socktober Storytime - for infants-36 months, 9:30am - 10:00am, Library Center. Celebrate Socktober with storytimes! Drop off new packages of socks and enjoy a very special Socktober Storytime at your favorite branch.

Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months, 10:00am - 10:45am, Library Station - Story Hour Room (30). 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 - for infants-age 6, 10:00am - 11:00am, Strafford Branch Library - Community Room (40). 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.

Gmail Basics, 10:00am - 12:00pm, Library Center - Harrison Conference Room (15). Invest in yourself with free computer skills classes at the library. Registration required. Join the wait list

Stories in the Park - for infants-age 6, 10:00am - 11:00am, J.R. Martin Park - 300 E. Hines St., Republic. Young children are invited to enjoy stories, songs and activities at a special outdoor storytime.

Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6, 10:30am - 11:30am, Willard Branch Library - Community Room (40). 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.

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Banned Book Club - "Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark", 2:00pm - 3:00pm, Library Center - Community Room A (20). Read books that have recently been in the news for being banned or challenged. We'll discuss the book, the reasons it was banned or challenged and ideas surrounding intellectual freedom.

Growing Your Business in Southwest Missouri, 4:00pm - 5:00pm, Republic Branch Library - Community Room. Explore the no-cost or low-cost assistance available to entrepreneurs in Missouri with Krishin Thadani from the U.S. Small Business Administration. Register

Pajama Storytime - for infants-age 6, 6:30pm - 7:15pm, Library Station - Story Hour Room (30). 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, October 23

Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6, 10:00am - 11:00am, Republic Branch Library - Community Room. 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.

Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months, 10:00am - 10:30am, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Community Room (100). 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 - for infants-age 6, 10:30am - 11:30am, Ash Grove Branch Library - Community Room (25). 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 - for infants-age 6, 11:00am - 12:00pm, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Community Room (100). 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 - for infants-age 6, 11:00am - 12:00pm, Fair Grove Branch Library - Fair Grove Branch. 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.

Thursday, October 24

iPhone Class for Seniors, 10:00am - 12:00pm, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Community Room (100). If you would like to get more out of your iPhone or iPad, join us for free classes taught by veteran instructor Julie Mahaffey. This is a six-part series that covers different topics at each session.

Midtown Storytime at the Fairbanks - for infants-age 6, 10:00am - 11:00am, The Fairbanks Community Hub - 1126 N. Broadway Ave. The Midtown Carnegie Branch might be closed for construction, but our storytimes haven't missed a beat! Come to the Fairbanks for stories, songs and activities with the Midtown librarians.

Healthy Living for the Brain & Body, 10:30am - 11:30am, Republic Branch Library - Community Room. The Alzheimer's Association Greater Missouri Chapter will discuss choices you can make that may help keep your brain and body healthy as you age.

Afternoon Book Discussion - "The Great Divide", 1:30pm - 2:30pm, Library Station - Santa Fe Community Room (50). Discuss a wide range of books in various genres, including both fiction and non-fiction titles.

Google Tools, 2:00pm - 4:00pm, Library Center - Harrison Conference Room (15). Invest in yourself with free computer skills classes at the library. Registration required.

Twisted Tropes: The Feminist Horror of Rachel Harrison, 7:00pm - 8:00pm, Library Center - Auditorium (100). National bestselling author Rachel Harrison will discuss how she uses darkly humorous horror stories to explore modern feminist issues.

Friday, October 25

Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months, 9:30am - 10:00am, Library Center - Story Hour Room (45). 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.

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Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months, 10:00am - 10:45am, Library Station - Story Hour Room (30). 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.

Itsy Bitsy Science Club: Halloween Edition - for ages 4-7, 10:00am - 11:00am, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Community Room (100). Explore, build, calculate and create with Halloween-inspired activities designed to support the development of science, technology, engineering, art and math skills. Dress for a mess!

Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6, 11:15am - 12:00pm, Library Station - Story Hour Room (30). 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.

Teen Anime Night - for ages 14-17, 6:00pm - 7:30pm, Library Station - Frisco Community Room (70). Munch on popcorn while we watch some of our favorite anime, rated TV-14 or under, on Crunchyroll! Popcorn provided.

Show Me Trivia Night, 6:00pm - 7:30pm, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Community Room (100). Gather your smartest friends and have fun with five rounds of trivia goodness hosted by Show Me Trivia. Feel free to bring a snack.

"Trick 'r Treat" at The Moxie, 8:00pm - 10:00pm, Moxie Cinema - 305 S. Campbell Ave. #101. Watch Michael Dougherty's "Trick 'r Treat", rated R, on the big screen.

Saturday, October 26

STEAM It Up Saturdays - for ages 5-11, 10:00am - 12:00pm, Strafford Branch Library - Community Room (40). Explore electrical circuits, simple machines, gears and more through challenges and activities designed to support the development of science, technology, engineering, art and math skills.

Exploring the U.S. Census Records, 10:30am - 11:30am, Republic Branch Library - Community Room. Library assistant Dean Barker will examine the differences in census years from 1790 to 1950, explaining what information can be obtained and how to find people who may not be indexed properly.

Monster Mash Costume Parade - for infants-age 6, 11:00am - 11:45am, Library Station. Show off your costume at our annual parade! We'll meet in the Children's Department for not-so-scary stories, then parade through the library and collect treats. Older siblings are welcome.

Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6, 11:00am - 12:00pm, Library Station - Story Hour Room (30). 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.

Graphic Novel Party! - for ages 6-12, "Phoebe and Her Unicorn", 2:00pm - 3:00pm, Library Station - Frisco Community Room (70) Celebrate these fan-favorite graphic novels with games, crafts, trivia and more.

Brainy Bodies - for ages 3-6, 3:00pm - 4:00pm, Library Center - Auditorium (100) Learn about movement and STEAM concepts through play with Missouri State University dance students Sadie Nehlsen and Caroline Wolfe.

Dungeons & Dragons - for ages 12-18, 4:00pm - 5:00pm, Library Center - Story Hour Room (45) Come along for a fun-filled adventure through the Forgotten Realms. Bring your own character or use one of our premade ones.

Brainy Bodies - for ages 7-12, 4:00pm - 5:00pm, Library Center - Auditorium (100). Learn about movement and STEAM concepts through play with Missouri State University dance students Sadie Nehlsen and Caroline Wolfe.

Monday, October 28

Pajama Storytime - for infants-age 6, 6:00pm - 7:00pm, Library Center - Story Hour Room (45) 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.

Exploring the Docuverse - "FredHeads: The Documentary," not rated, 6:00pm - 9:00pm, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Community Room (100) Journey through the vast cosmos of documentary films with us. Each month, we'll explore new real-life stories that shed light on diverse topics, including history, science, culture and society.

TikTok Made Me Read It - "Mexican Gothic", 7:00pm - 8:00pm, Library Center - Community Room A (20) Discuss trending books made popular on BookTok and connect with fellow readers.

Tuesday, October 29

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Monster Mash Storytime - for infants-age 6, 10:00am - 11:00am, Strafford Branch Library. Join us for a frighteningly fun time with some not-so-scary stories, crafts and activities.

Microsoft Word Basics, 10:00am - 12:00pm, Library Center - Harrison Conference Room (15). Invest in yourself with free computer skills classes at the library. Registration required.

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Halloween Crafternoon - for ages 12-18, 3:30pm - 5:00pm, Fair Grove Branch Library - Fair Grove Branch. Embrace the Halloween spirit with ghostly fun and spooky creations. Materials will be provided.

History Explorers, 6:30pm - 7:30pm, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Community Room (100). Members of the Ozark Mountain Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution will explore a fascinating topic from the Revolutionary War.

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Ozarks Wintertime Tales and Yuletide Terrors, 7:00pm - 8:00pm, Library Center - Auditorium (100). Join us for an evening of ghostly tales, folk ballads and crankies presented by local artists.

Wednesday, October 30

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Pumpkin Palooza: Mad Science - for ages 7 and older, 3:30pm - 4:30pm, Fair Grove Branch Library - Fair Grove Branch. Get icky and sticky with pumpkin-themed experiments, crafts and snacks. Materials will be provided.

Fall Reading Pals - for ages 5-12, 3:30pm - 4:30pm, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Community Room (100). Fall for reading this season and practice your reading skills with our furry friends from Pet Therapy of the Ozarks. Registration starts October 16; call 417-616-0713.

Short Horror Stories - for ages 12-18, 6:30pm - 7:30pm, Library Center - Community Room A (20). Create your own short horror stories; perhaps even a ghost or two will come along to listen to them. Spooky ambiance and prompts will be provided.

Thursday, October 31

Halloween Storytime - for infants-age 6, 9:30am - 10:00am, Library Center - Auditorium (100). Dress up and enjoy some not-so-spooky stories, songs and a trick-or-treat parade around the Library.

Midtown Storytime at the Fairbanks - for infants-age 6, 10:00am - 11:00am, The Fairbanks Community Hub - 1126 N. Broadway Ave. The Midtown Carnegie Branch might be closed for construction, but our storytimes haven't missed a beat! Come to the Fairbanks for stories, songs and activities with the Midtown librarians.

What Scammers Don't Want You to Know, 10:00am - 11:00am, Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Community Room (100). Learn how to spot and avoid social media scams with Pamela Hernandez, regional director for the Springfield Better Business Bureau.

Not-So-Scary Storytime - for infants-age 6, 10:00am - 11:00am, The Fairbanks Community Hub - 1126 N. Broadway Ave. Enjoy spooky stories, songs and more during our Halloween-themed storytime that won't keep you up at night. Costumes are encouraged.

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Microsoft Excel Basics, 2:00pm - 4:00pm, Library Center - Harrison Conference Room (15). Invest in yourself with free computer skills classes at the Library. Registration required.



Local Resources



ARC of the Ozarks (www.thearcoftheozarks.org) 417-864-7887
C3A Autism Support (C3ASPF@gmail.com)
Champion Athletes (www.championathletes.org) 417-890-1599
Discovery Center (info@discoverycenter.org) 417-862-9910
Down Syndrome Group of the Ozarks (www.ozarksdsg.org) 417-885-9905
MPACT – Missouri Parents Act (www.missouriparentsact.org) 800-743-7634
Missouri Job Center (417-887-4343 and 417-874-2730)
Empower Abilities (www.empower.org) 417-886-1188
Southwest Missouri Autism Network (www.swmoautismnetwork.org) 417-890-1399
Special Olympics Young Athletes (417-624-5505) Ages 8 and under
Special Olympics Springfield Missouri (spingfieldmospecialolympics@gmail.com)
Springfield-Greene County Park & Recreation (www.Parkboard.org/AR) 417-837-5808