



December 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 kkliewer@abilitiesfirst.net or ssteelman@abilitiesfirst.com.

Upcoming Events

Abilities First presents Season of Giving Bash @ White River Conference Center from 6 – 8:30 pm. Join us for live music, dancing, hord 'oeuvres, a cash bar, and more – all while supporting Friends of Abilities First. Mark, your calendar and secure your spot today! \$25 Tickets <https://checkout.square.site/.../EOVRT6YRK4A6E465CV7HB627> Questions? Reach out to Rebecca Muckelrath at Rebecca@abilitiesfirst.net for ticket info or sponsorship opportunities. Featuring a live performance by Members Only

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

12/02 – Disability Support Group (age 65 and under) @ 1450 W Cambridge Street, Springfield, from 4 – 6 pm. The Disability Support Group is for individuals under 65 years of age who are recently disabled or struggling with obtaining or receiving needed services. Can't join in person? A zoom option is also available.

12/03 – Open House / MO SHIP Expo @ 1450 W Cambridge Street, Springfield, from 10 am – 3 pm. Come and meet the staff, gather resources and information, get assistance with your Medicare and much more!

12/04 – Live & Thrive Personal Goals on Zoom (<https://zoom.us/j/9624681026?>) from 1:30 – 2:30 pm. Join us for a community education event. We will join SGF Yields to help pass out information about sidewalk safety and how to help keep pedestrians and those living with disabilities safer in our community. Live & Thrive is a series of workshops and classes that focus on various aspects of

independent living. Giving you the tools to not only have independence but to live your best life. All workshops are open to anyone with any disability.

12/06 – Stacie’s Social Hour – Virtual on Zoom (<https://zoom.us/j/93411783994>) from 3 – 4 pm. Join Stacie’s Social Hour.

12/06 – Social Club – Reunion Holiday Dinner at 1450 W Cambridge Street, Springfield from 5 – 7 pm. Annual Social Club Reunion Holiday Dinner is open to all consumers, caregivers, family and friends. RSVP is required due to the meal provided. Limited Transportation is provided for this event. Cost is \$2 suggested donation. 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.

12/10 – Blind and Low Vision Peer Support Group @ 1450 W Cambridge Street, Springfield from 10 – 11 am. Join the blind and visually impaired support group here at empower: abilities hosted by Taleisha Davis. We will talk about independent living skills, health and wellness, and assistive technology. We plan to schedule guest speakers from people in the community as well. For more information or to RSVP contact Afton at aftonh@empowerabilities.org

12/11 – Social Club Event – Holiday Movie @ 1450 W Cambridge Street, Springfield from 1:30 – 3:30 pm. 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. Join us for a Movie and a hot chocolate bar. This is a FREE event.

12/13 – Stacie’s Social Hour – Virtual on Zoom (<https://zoom.us/j/93411783994>) from 3 – 4 pm. Join Stacie’s Social Hour.

12/13 – Empower: abilities gaming club (5-20) @ 1450 W Cambridge Street, Springfield from 4 – 6 pm. Join us for the empower: abilities Gaming Club! FREE play sessions for board games and video games. - Themed game nights, - Instructional sessions (upon request) and -Exciting tournaments for healthy competition. Let’s game together and create lasting connections! See you there!

12/18 – Live & Thrive Group @ 1450 W Cambridge Street, Springfield from 1:30 – 2:30 pm. Do you have a desire to be healthier? Do you have barriers or struggles? Come join our group. We focus on overall wellness. Mental, Emotional, and Physical Wellness? We meet on the first and third Wednesday of the month. This group is intended for adults 18+ with any disability. We wrap up the Healthy Relationship series with a discussion on positive relationships at work and maintaining healthy boundaries in the workplace. We meet at empower: abilities. If you cannot join us, you can still join us from home using the Zoom link (<https://zoom.us/j/96246810826>)

12/19 – HOME (Housing Options Must Expand) Team Meeting @ 1450 W Cambridge Street, Springfield from 11 am – Noon. Join our HOME Team and help increase housing opportunities for all people in our communities. We work to promote affordable, accessible, and universal design housing through education, advocacy, and collaboration. If you want to see housing options expand in Springfield and the surrounding area – join the HOME Team!

12/20 – Stacie’s Social Hour – Virtual on Zoom (<https://zoom.us/j/93411783994>) from 3 – 4 pm. Join Stacie’s Social Hour.

12/30 – Stacie’s Post-Polio Group – Virtual on Zoom (<https://zoom.us/j/99162556718>) from 1 – 2 pm.

Christmas Parades



CHRISTMAS PARADES 2024

NOV 22 FRI 6-P LAMAR, MO
NOV 24 5:30-P INDEPENDENCE, KS
NOV 28 THU 5-P LA RUSSELL, MO
NOV 30 SAT 2-P ANDERSON, MO
DEC 1 SUN 4-P SCAMMON, KS
DEC 2 MON 6:30-P PITTSBURG, KS
DEC 2 MON 7-P CARTHAGE, MO*
DEC 3 TUES 6-P JOPLIN, MO
DEC 4 WED 6-P OSWEGO, KS
DEC 4 WED 6:30-P WEBB CITY, MO
DEC 4 WED 7-P COLUMBUS, KS
DEC 5 THUR 5-P GIRARD, KS
DEC 5 THUR 6-P FORT SCOTT, KS
DEC 5 THUR 6:30-P VINITA, OK*
DEC 5 THUR 7-P PARSONS, KS
DEC 6 FRI 6-P COFFEYVILLE, KS
DEC 6 FRI 6-P NEVADA, MO
DEC 6 FRI 6:30-P ROGERS, AR
DEC 7 SAT 10-A DIAMOND, MO*
DEC 7 SAT 10-A GOLDEN CITY, MO*
DEC 7 SAT 10-A PICHER, OK
DEC 7 SAT 10-A PURDY, MO*
DEC 7 SAT NOON QUAPAW, OK
DEC 7 SAT NOON RIVERTON, KS
DEC 7 SAT 2-P BAXTER SPRINGS, KS
DEC 7 SAT 3-P COMMERCE, OK*
DEC 7 SAT 4-P GALENA, KS
DEC 7 SAT 5-P GREENFIELD, MO
DEC 7 SAT 5-P NEOSHO, MO
DEC 7 SAT 5:30-P CARTERVILLE, MO
DEC 7 SAT 5:30-P MT VERNON, MO
DEC 7 SAT 5:30-P PINEVILLE, MO
DEC 7 SAT 6-P CASSVILLE, MO
DEC 7 SAT 6-P JASPER, MO*
DEC 7 SAT 6-P MIAMI, OK
DEC 8 SUN 2-P CARL JUNCTION, MO
DEC 14 SAT NOON FAIRLAND, OK
DEC 14 SAT 2-P AURORA, MO
DEC 14 SAT 2-P JAY, OK
DEC 14 SAT 2-P SPRINGFIELD, MO*
DEC 14 SAT 3-P EL DORADO, MO*
DEC 14 SAT 5-P MARIONVILLE, MO*
DEC 14 SAT 5-P MILLER, MO
DEC 14 SAT 5:30-P DUCK CREEK
DEC 14 SAT 5:30-P PIERCE CITY, MO*
DEC 14 SAT 6-P BENTONVILLE, AR
DEC 14 SAT 6-P GOODMAN, MO
DEC 14 SAT 6-P GRANBY, MO
DEC 14 SAT 6-P GROVE, OK
DEC 14 SAT 6-P WHEATON, MO
DEC 14 SAT 7-P SENECA, MO
DEC 14 SAT 11-A MONETT, MO
DEC 21 SAT 6-P NOEL, MO
*NO LINK TO EVENT



Christmas @ Cassidy Station (Nov 29th – Dec 31st)

Start a family tradition this holiday season at Cassidy Station.

From November 29th - December 31st experience the magic of Christmas at the farm:

November 29th - December 31st | Ice Skating Rink Open - Skate for \$12 a person (skates included) 🛷

November 29th - December 31st | Christmas Tree Lot Open - Take home a tree from our winter wonderland to yours

November 29th & 30th | Christmas Kick Off Party - Come kick off Christmas and the grand opening of the Ice Skating Rink and Tree Lot

December 4th | Reindeer on the Farm - Meet Santa's reindeer + take pictures to document the occasion

December 7th | Winter Market - Shop vendors to find the perfect holiday gifts

December 11th | Cookie Grandma's Decorating Workshop - Enjoy a festive night of decorating cookies

December 12th | Wreath Making Workshop, Create a wreath to decorate your home with

We can't wait to celebrate this Christmas season with you! Find more info on each event happening here at Cassidy Station in the month of December on our website cassidystation.com. We'll see you there!



Sunday, December 1st

ELF Movie Party @ Alamo Drafthouse Spfd from 1 -3:05 pm. "Buddy the Elf, What's your favorite color?" Don't be a cotton-headed ninnymuggins this holiday season. Come out to Alamo Drafthouse and spread the cheer at this sugar-fueled, interactive holiday spectacular, packed with games, props and of course singing loud for all to hear. Bundle up for this celebration of one of the best holiday films ever made, period. Will Ferrell's take on a North Pole elf trying to figure out Manhattan ("Watch out! The yellow ones don't stop!") just might be the funniest he's ever been. Our ELF Movie Party features all sorts of fun props, a gift "wrap off" before the film, and of course, your very own elf hat. Tickets:

www.drafthouse.com/springfield/event/movie-party-elf (Also showing Dec 2nd 6:40-8:45 pm, Dec 8th 1-3:05 pm, Dec 9th 6:40-8:45 pm, Dec 11th 6:20-8:25 pm, Dec 14th 1 – 3:05 pm, Dec 15th 1 – 3:05 pm, Dec 16th 6:40-8:45 pm, and Dec 18th 6:40-8:45 pm.)

Holiday Cookie Decorating Class @ Pickwick & Cherry – Fine Foods & Gourmet Gifts from 1 – 3:45 pm. Get in the Spirit of the season by making beautiful hand-iced Christmas cookies! We'll roll out and bake sugar cookies, learn about working with royal icing, and let our creativity run wild as we decorate Christmas trees, candy canes, ornaments, stockings, snowflakes and more! Once the icing is dry (the next day), you'll be able to take home your cookies, and they'll keep till Christmas (unless you eat them first)! This is a great class to take with friends! Tickets: www.pickwickandcherry.com/events/list (Also Dec 4th @ 6:30 – 9:15 pm, Dec 12th @ 6:30 – 9:15 pm, Dec 15th @ 1 – 3:45 pm and Dec 16th @ 6:30 – 9:15 pm)

The Nutcracker: Sweets & Treats @ Hotel Vandivort from 1 pm. Located in Hotel Vandivort's Ballroom, prepare to journey through the Land of the Sweets! Guests at this event will enjoy festive sweet treats to accompany their hot cocoa with a reading of the holiday story with special abridged performances of The Nutcracker, special holiday boutique vendors to kick off holiday shopping, and raffle baskets including an American Girl doll, a family basket and something just for boys! Tickets: www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/c8a86451-c1bb-4515-9ffb-fc04c9b154fd

Sunday Service @ Church of Consciousness from 1:30 – 3:30 pm. Our Sunday gatherings follow the same basic format: Before: Fellowship/Introductions 1:15-1:30 pm. Tranquility – Peace and quiet. Read a book, stretch, write, meditate, and think. (20 minutes). Deconstruction – Media Consumption and Discussion, usually music. (15-20 minutes). Exploration – Lecture, Ceremony, Activity, Speaker Series. Anything fun or interesting. (1 Hour). Invitation – Administrative Announcements, Scheduling, Q & A (5 Minutes). Actualization (10-minute Meditation). After: Fellowship – Contemplation – Q & A. You don't have to RSVP or book anything. Just show up, its all good. For more events check out <https://cofcon.online/calendar> (Also Sunday Dec 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th)

ACT Power Camp @ Class 101 College Planning – SW Missouri from 2 – 6 pm. This session covers strategies, test-taking techniques, tips on pacing, and practice drills to gain the skills and confidence students need to understand the ACT test and to help increase scores! Tickets: www.go.thryv.com/site/Class101Southwestmissouri/online-scheduling

Refuge Transgender/Nonbinary Support Group @ The GLO Center from 3 – 5 pm. Refuge is a peer-led Transgender/Nonbinary/Gender Expansive support group. They hold in-person meetings every Sunday from 3 – 5 pm! We are a safe space to be an authentic version of yourself, especially if you are in the process of figuring that out. They meet at GLO Center (518 E Commercial). You are welcome to join us in person or online. You can email us at Refuge@glocenter.org if you would like more info.

Monday, December 2nd

Homeschool Days @ Wonders of Wildlife from Dec 2nd – Dec 6th (10 am – 7 pm daily). Explore the wonder of our land and oceans during our seasonal Homeschool Days at a discounted rate – exclusively for students! Tickets are available in-person only; not available online. Student tickets: \$18 and Adult Chaperone tickets: \$25. Learn more: www.wondersofwildlife.org/homeschool

Student Days @ Wonders of Wildlife from 10 am – 5 pm. Step outside the classroom and explore all Wonders of Wildlife has to offer. Travel across the world's land and oceans through the Wildlife Galleries

and Aquarium Adventure for just \$15 now through the end of the fall semester on select Mondays. In addition to admission discounts, students can also receive a 10% discount on all food, beverage and merchandise purchases at Fish Tails Café, Shipwreck snack bar, and the gift store. Some exclusions apply. Student Days tickets must only be purchased at the ticket counter, not online. For college students, a valid student ID is required upon purchase. Please note: Student Days are offered on select Mondays while school is in session. This offer is not available on weekends, holidays and school breaks. **(Also on Dec 9th and 16th)**

Weekly Miniatures Paint Night @ Nowhere's Store Forgotten Lore from 5 – 8 pm. Every week, we host Miniatures Paint Night! Bring your current projects and come hang out with other painters. It starts at 5 pm and runs until close at 8 pm. (Officially, anyway. Unofficially, we always keep painting late into the night!) **(Also on Dec 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th)**

Annual Christmas Gala @ The Networking Navy from 6 pm. Special Veteran Tribute with special guest – Santa Claus – Santa will be at the event for photo opportunities for both children and adults. The Networking Navy Special Recognition & Awards, Silent Auction for Honor Flight, Toys for Tots Presentation. You definitely do not want to miss this exciting event!!! Special thank you to all of our event sponsors!!!

T & T Monday Night Chess @ Tie & Timber Beer Co, Spfd from 6 – 9 pm. Join us every Monday for a casual evening of chess in the taproom. We have the boards; you bring the strategy. All levels welcome making this a great way to learn chess and build your skill. Best of all you can ponder your next move over a pint of tasty brew. Games start at 6 pm, but you can drop in anytime and join in. **(Also on Dec 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th)**

The Lactation Club – Evening Support Group @ 1000 E Primrose, Spfd from 6 – 7:30 pm. Join us for our breastfeeding support group. Moms that are breastfeeding or pumping are welcome with their babies. No partners please. Bring your baby for weight check, get your questions answered by one of our lactation consultants, or just come to connect with other moms. No registration required. For December, we will do a holiday craft that involves your baby. We will meet in The Women's Center Conference Room within the Turner Center, Suite 130.

Monday Nights with the Arthur Duncan Jazz Trio @ The Where House Bar from 6:30 – 9:30 pm. Monday nights The Where House Bar is the place to be !! Come enjoy the music of The Arthur Duncan Jazz Trio! Music starts at 6:30 pm. **(Also Dec 9th and 16th)**

It's Irish Monday!! @ Galloway Station from 7 – 9 pm. Bring the family for dinner and sing along to some Irish tunes! **(Also Dec 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th)**

Trivia Night in the Corner Pocket @ Billiards Sports Bar & Grill from 7:30 – 9 pm. Join Show Me Trivia every Monday for fun-filled trivia in the Corner Pocket at Billiards Sports Bar & Grill! Teams of up to six people can compete in five rounds of trivia! So, bring your smartest friends and enjoy deals on drinks and some of the best food Springfield has to offer! **(Also Dec 9th and 16th)**

Celtic Angels Christmas @ The Gillioz Theatre from 7:30 pm. The Historic Gillioz Theatre Presents: Celtic Angels Christmas. Doors open at 6:30 pm and Show start at 7:30 pm. Get swept away with The Celtic Angels in this dazzling collection of Holiday and Irish favorites. A truly joyous seasonal celebration from start to finish. Feel the magic of the Celtic Angels as they invite you to immerse yourself in the

electric ambience of an Irish Christmas. Starring the quintessential vocals of The Celtic Angels. These dynamic divas enthrall and delight with their jaw dropping performances and spine-tingling harmonies. Witness the power and precision of the world class Irish step dancers, The Celtic Knights led by Irish Step Choreography, Dan Drew accompanied by the thrilling live tunes of the Trinity Ensemble. Try to stop your toes from tapping and your hands from clapping. Lift up your voices and join The Celtic Angels as they rejoice in the joys of the holiday season. Tickets: www.etix.com/ticket/p/34984664/celtic-angels-christmas-springfield-gillioz-theatre

Tuesday, December 3rd

Homeschool EdVentures @ Wonders of Wildlife from 9 am - Noon. Join us for a morning of learning right here at Wonders of Wildlife! From 1st through 12th grade, your students can learn all about our natural world from our educators. 1st – 3rd Grade: The Oregon Trail, 4th – 6th Grade: Lewis & Clark and 7th – 12th Grade: Creators of Conservation. Take a look at the class descriptions and register today on our website: www.wondersofwildlife.org/homeschool Tickets: www.wondersofwildlife.org/education/homeschool

Make Fused Glass Ornaments @ Creative Escape Glass LLC from 1 – 5 pm. This week's project is Christmas ornaments. There will be multiple patterns to choose from or get creative and make your own design. Make one standard ornament for \$18, or the same person can make two standard ornaments for \$33 or three ornaments for \$48 (regularly \$18 each). Price does not include sales tax or the per person studio fee. No experience necessary. To see photos of examples, go to Instagram or Facebook and search for #ceornament. Tickets: www.creativeescapeglass.com/tickets (Dec 4th @ Noon – 4 pm, Dec 5th @ 1 – 5 pm, and Dec 7th @ 10 am – 1 pm)

Qi Gong Classes @ Circle on the Square (800 E Walnut St, Spfd) from 5 – 6 pm. Try Qi Gong for better living! Gentle movements like Tai Chi and breathing exercises help our bodies to function better. Benefits include better mobility, blood pressure, balance and much more. Think of it as gentle stretching for physical therapy. Anyone can do this class, wear loose comfortable clothing. Classes are at this location Tuesdays at 5 pm and Thursdays at Noon. Contact Laura by text or call 417-365-2748. Private and group. Zoom classes are available. Qi Gong Teach Training Certification programs.

Trivia Night @ HyVee (2150 E Sunshine St, Spfd) from 6 -8 pm. Join Show Me Trivia every Tuesday for Trivia @ HyVee on Sunshine! Teams of up to six people can enjoy five rounds of trivia for FREE inside the Wahlburgers area of HyVee on Sunshine! Bring your smartest friends and be sure to get there early to enjoy half priced apps and taps during Happy Hour! Winners get HyVee gift cards! \$10 for third place, \$25 for second place and \$50 for first place! (Also, Dec 10th and 17th)

Tuesday Board Game Night @ Finnegan's Wake from 6 – 10 pm. Every Tuesday is Board Game Night at Finnegan's Wake, and you're invited! Meta-Games comes out to teach and play games from 6-10, but you can show up any time you like! Admission is completely free, but food and drink are sold separately. All well drinks and draft beers are \$3 if you're participating in game night! Most weeks have a featured game (check our Facebook for more info on which game that is), but feel free to play whatever you like! Promotional items for the game will be given out for free this week as well as discounted copies of RDI. (Also, Dec 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st)

JAM HOUSE!! – Open Mic / am @ The Where House Bar from 6:30 – 9:30 pm. The Where House is turning into the Jam House! We are having our open Mic / Jam every Tuesday from 6:30-9:30! Come out and show off your talent!! (Also, Dec 10th and 17th)

Christmas Cookies of the World Baking Class @ Pickwick & Cherry – Fine Foods & Gourmet Gifts from 6:30 – 9 pm. Whether you want to explore the Christmas cookies of the world or win your next cookie swap, we're baking some of our favorite Christmas cookies from all around the world. We're hitting every continent in our quest, with Christmas cookies from Germany, Serbia, the Middle East, South Africa, Colombia, Australia, the Philippines, the US and more! It may be a small world, but it has a lot of cookies in it, and darned if we aren't going to try as many of them as we can! Tickets: www.pickwickandcherry.com/events/list (Also, Dec 5th @ 6:30 – 9:30 pm, Dec 8th @ 1 – 3:30 pm, Dec 10th @ 6:30 – 9 pm, and Dec 18th @ 6:30 – 9 pm)

Jazz Night @ Hold Fast Brewing from 7 – 9 pm. Your favorite weekly event, Jazz Night closes out the season at Hold Fast Brewing! The 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month will feature The Brueggemann Gouge Jazz Band and their Ladies of Jazz vocal series, and the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month will feature Springfield staple, MOJO Lite. (Also, Dec 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st)

MOJO Big Band Jazz Night @ Blue Room Comedy Club from 7 pm. Live at the Blue Room every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month! Founded in 2009, the Missouri Jazz Orchestra, also known as MOJO, is an ensemble of professional musicians and music educators with a passion for the past, present and future of an original American art form, Jazz. Tickets: <https://www.blueroomcomedyclub.com/events/89210>

Tuesday Men's Discussion Group @ Church of Consciousness from 7-8 pm. A time for anyone looking to share, discuss with or even just listen to those also searching for the truth in their own lives. Open to everyone, it is a time set aside to share notes with each other as we all travel together on our personal journeys. (Also, Dec 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st)

Men's Bible Fellowship @ Glory Church from 7:45 – 8:45 pm. Men, join us. Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. Psalm 119:105. The Bible is meant to be bread for daily use, not cake for special occasions. Let's sharpen each other and grow in the Word together. (Also, Dec 10th, 17th and 24th)

Wednesday, December 4th

Little Farmers: Cattle @ Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park from 10 – 11 am. Little farmers will discover farming through crafts and activities while accompanied by an adult and a new topic every month at Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park. Register by Dec 2nd at <https://anc.apm.activecommunities.com/.../detail/31183...> Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park 417-874-2920 for ages 2-5 years, FEE: \$10. This is an adult/child program. 1 adult per child must attend.

MarioKart & Burger Night @ Gailey's Breakfast Café from 2 – 9 pm. MarioKart - \$6 Burger & Fries – Happy Hour all night. Happy Hour Specials ALL night starting at 2 pm. ½ off munchies, \$2 wells, \$1 off beers, and Quarter lb Cheeseburger with a heaping pile of our Waffle fries for only \$6. (Also, Dec 11th & 18th)

Kid's League Pinball League @ Perfect Tilt Pinball from 5 – 8 pm. A pinball League for kids 8-16 where they can learn pinball tips and skills as they compete for the league championship. The League will consist of 4 games, and points will be awarded based on their finish. The three kids with the highest total

points will get league trophies at the end of the season. There will also be an end-of-season tournament where all kids can compete and show off their skills. (Also, Dec 11th)

Babes and Brews - @ 4 By 4 Brewing Galloway from 6 pm. Come enjoy a beer, or Kombucha while the littles play.

Hump Day Music featuring the T & T All-Stars @ Tie & Timber Beer Co from 6:30 – 9 pm. Live Music every Wednesday featuring The Tie & Timber Beer Co. All Stars. No Cover! (Also, Dec 11th & 18th)

Ben Quad @ The Regency Live (307 Park Central East) from 6:30 pm. Doors open at 6:30 pm, Show starts at 7:30 pm. \$18 Advance, \$20 Day of show, All ages.

Whiskey & Words @ Best of Luck Beer Hall from 7 – 10 pm. Join Cullen Bunn and the gang from Tremendicon for a night of creativity, camaraderie, and fun! Writing is said to be a lonely road, but not this time! Enjoy good drinks, good food, and the company of other writers as Cullen challenges you with some of the craziest writing prompts you've even encountered. What fictional masterpieces will you create? We can't wait to find out! Not a writer? Who cares! You can still join in the fun, either as a participant or as a spectator. There will be prizes and a raffle! If you know other writers in the rea, please let them know about this This is an ages 21+ only event.

Thursday, December 5th

Live Nativity Performance @ Empire Fairgrounds from 6 – 7 pm. FREE Event for the Family. Come join us for our annual Live Nativity Performance at the Ozark Empire Fair Grounds. This FREE presentation features many live actors and actresses, animals, realistic costumes, and a live choir. Bring the whole family and invite some friends! This great event is sure to get you into the Christmas mood, and it's a perfect way to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas! Nightly performances are 1-hour long. Thursday, Friday and Saturday we will have a performance at 6 – 7 pm and a second at 7:30 – 8:30 pm. All performances are at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds. Plenty of parking and room for everyone. No tickets needed, just bring the whole family. (Also Dec 6th & 7th 6-7 pm and 7:30-8:30 pm)

Courageous Business Connect networking meeting @ Travelers House Coffee & Tea from 8:35 – 10 am. We bring like-minded businesspeople together to build relationships and pass referrals. By investing in each other we build our community and keep money local. This is a weekly meeting for the Courageous Success Team, but members are welcome to visit 3 times to decide whether or not to join a Success Team. (Also, Dec 12th, 19th and 26th)

West Central Walking Club @ Cufflink Coffee from 9 am – 1 pm. Join neighbors for a stroll around our neighborhood. Learn the history or our area and share common problems and ideas for improving our community. Meet at Cufflink Coffee at 9 am (corner of Grant and College), rain or shine (well just sit and chat if it's bad weather). Every Thursday! (Also, Dec 12th, 19th and 26th)

Rotary Club of Springfield Service Event: Care to Learn @ Rotary from 9 – 11 am. Join us for our monthly service event at Care to Learn from 9-11 am!

Successful Project Management (2-Day Program) @ 405 N Jefferson Avenue from 9 am – 4 pm. Managers are constantly called upon to manage projects or to be part of a project team. The effective management of projects – completion within a deadline and a budget, subject to performance criteria – is the cornerstone for business success. All projects are undertaken to achieve specific results and need a

framework to help accomplish an important new objective; face new challenges and organizational structures, define objectives, communicate and instruct. Register:

<https://efactory.missouristate.edu/.../successful.../>

Chair Yoga @ Unity of Spfd from 9 – 10:30 am. Looking for a gentle way to move and stretch? Join us every Thursday at Unity of Springfield for Chair Yoga with Robin Schilling! Perfect for all ages and abilities, especially seniors and those seeking a softer, more accessible form of yoga. Why Chair Yoga? Chair Yoga offers the wonderful benefits of traditional yoga without the need to get down on the floor. It's excellent option for those with limited mobility or balance issues, providing a way to enhance flexibility, muscle tone, and mental clarity, all while reducing stress. \$8 per session (cash preferred). **(Also Dec 12th, 19th, and 26th)**

Co-op Field Trip Wonders of Wildlife Aquarium & More! @ Wonders of Wildlife from Dec 5th & Dec 6th (9 am – Noon Daily). Join us for our 2nd quarter home school co-op field trip! This trip is BIG! It will take place Dec 5th & 6th. Come one or both days! On Dec 5th we will be visiting the Wonders of Wildlife Aquarium in Spfd at their discounted homeschool rate. See link for more details, no pre-registration required. From there, you can choose to drive into Branson for more adventures at Dogwood Canyon and Top of the Rock or you can head back home. More details on lodging and carpooling to come. See Krystalyn Bauer or Ashley Rose with questions. <https://wondersofwildlife.org/.../homeschool.../2024-10-07/>

Nowhere's Board Game Nights @ Nowhere's Store of Forgotten Lore from 5 – 8 pm. You know that one board game you've got that you're dying to try out, but you're having trouble finding people to sit down with you to play it? What about that one you've always meant to play, but you're intimidated by the amount of rules involved? Or maybe you're just looking to learn some new games – or try out one you've been thinking about picking up but haven't been sure whether or not you're going to like it. It could even be that you and your friends just need some extra space to play. Our board game nights are perfect for all of the above! You're welcome to bring your own games or borrow one of ours out of our free board game library (150+ games!) We will have Featured Board Games available for play every week! And on the last Thursday of every month, we will host Mansions of Madness, our favorite board game. **(Also, Dec 12th & 19th)**

Board Game Night with 5C Gaming @ Gailey's Breakfast Café from 5 – 9 pm. We've teamed up with our neighbors over at 5C Gaming to bring you the ultimate night of Gameboard fun! Beat your buds in Boardgames ranging from: Catan– Ticket to Ride – Ramen Fury – Pandemic – Dixit – Small World 7 Wonders – Mysterium – Star Wars: Unlock! And more from the Top 35! 20% off meal with College ID (after 3 pm) FREE admission. **(Also, 12th, 19th, and 26th)**

2024 Christmas Soiree "The Gift" @ The Barley House at Moon Town Crossing from 5:30 pm. You will enjoy the musical talents of Heather Rooney McBride, Tara Chitwood, Megan Rooney Thompson, Zach Slaughter, and Josh Thompson as they lead us through an evening of joy, hope, and peace. Come join us, break bread with us, and celebrate the blessings that have been bestowed upon us this Christmas season. We request guests to dress in cocktail/business attire.

Dried Garland Workshop with Hickory Lane Plants @ MaMa Jean's Natural Market (228 W Sunshine) from 6 – 7 pm. Unleash your creativity at the Dried Garland Workshop! Ready to make this holiday season unforgettable? Join Tasha at Hickory Lane Plants for an enchanting Dried Garland Workshop that

will spark your festive spirit and ignite your creativity! What's in store for you? Craft stunning garlands with dried fruits, beads, cinnamon sticks, and more! Discover the joy of creating your own unique holiday decorations. Enjoy complimentary popcorn and hot chocolate as you create. \$20! Don't miss out on starting a delightful new holiday tradition. Spaces are limited – sign up now and make your festive dreams come true! Join us for an evening filled with creativity, warmth, and fun. Secure your spot today! Tickets: www.hickory-lane-plants.square.site/product/dried-garland-workshop-at-mama-jeans-december-5th/841

Exploding Christmas Canvas @ Freakin' Antiquin' Vintage Market from 6 pm. All materials and instruction included. Must sign up and prepay. Tickets: www.square.link/u/lmj5JOU

Sip & Stroll @ Gardens Aglow 2024 Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden from 6 – 8 pm. One Night Only! Don't miss out on this exclusive, adults-only evening. Sip & Stroll at Gardens Aglow 2024 in the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden in the Springfield Botanical Gardens. There is only a limited number of tickets available Purchase tickets online NOW at www.tinyurl.com/SipStroll2024 (No tickets sold at the gate). \$30/Adult tickets – for ages 21 yrs and up ONLY. Complimentary charcuterie, hot cocoa and cider served. Beer and wine available for purchase (cash or card, ID required) Enjoy an exclusive Sip & Stroll photo op includes a commemorative cup to use during the event and take home. Proceeds benefit next year's Gardens Aglow event. Please note: For food safety, no dogs or other pets allowed at this special evening. Leashed dogs are welcome on other Gardens Aglow nights. Thank you for understanding! Tickets: www.friendsofthegarden.org/event/sip-stroll-at-gardens-aglow-2024

Cornhole @ Doling School from 6:30 – 9:30 pm. 4 games of Switch (New Players Welcome) Double Elimination Tournament (Top-Middle pairing based on DPR) Bring a chair! Outside food and beverages welcome! Have fun! Bags fly at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome! (Also, Dec 12th, 19th, and 26th)

The Detectives @ The Stardust Ballroom from 7 – 9 pm. This group of 8 seasoned musicians knows that everyone needs a good dose of reelin' and rockin' sometimes, playing everything from Jackie Wildon to The Ronettes. Tight vocals, soaring tenor sax, and a steady backbeat mean that every solitary soul in the room is gonna twist the night away. With the Detectives, it's like your favorite oldies radio station has come to life before your very eyes, and you just can't fight it, but you sure can feel it. Doors open at 6 pm. Show @ 7-9 pm. Cocktails served till later. Admission: \$10 per person. FREE admission with Military ID, First Responders and Teachers. \$5 with Student ID.

Girl Named Tom: The Joy of Christmas Tour ! Gillioz Theatre 7:30 PM. Doors open at 6:30 pm and Show at 7:30 pm. Three siblings unlock one harmony unite the world as Girl Named Tom. The trio – Bekah, Joshua, and Caleb Liechty – notably made history as “the only group to ever win NBC's The Voice”. Along the way, they've impressively generated over 25 million streams across chart-rattling covers such as “River,” “The Chain,” and “Dust in the Wind” linking a deal with Republic Records, they served up their debut holiday EP, One More Christmas, which reached #1 on the iTunes Charts, and embarked on a massive arena tour supporting Pentatonix for “A Christmas Spectacular” The sibling trio has captivated millions on television, appearing on The Ellen DeGeneres Show singing for the Indy500, and returning for a heart wrenching performance on The Voice Finale a year after their win. Gild Named Tom is embarking on a new Christmas Tour primed for 2024. While they serve up plenty of original holiday songs with a whole lot of heart and inimitable familial harmonies, they also breathe new life into

timeless holiday staples. Tickets: www.etix.com/ticket/p/90473050/girl-named-tomthe-joy-of-christmasi-tour-springfield-gillioz-theatre

Step by Step: Line Dance & Country Swing Lessons with Yallternative Dance Troupe @ Club Rodeo from 8:30 – 9:30 pm. Join us every Thursday @ Club Rodeo in Spfd for a night of fun, dancing, and good vibes! Doors open at 7 pm and the real excitement kicks off at 8:30 pm with a FREE line Dance and Country Swing class led by our talented instructor, Maliah. Whether you're a total beginner or looking to sharpen your moves, this class is perfect for everyone—no partner needed! While you're here, enjoy free cover, free pool, and even a FREE taco bar (with drink purchase) along with Happy Hour specials from 7-10 pm. It's the perfect way to spend your Thursday night. So, grab your boots, bring your friends, and get ready to dance the night away with Yallternative Dance Troupe! (Also, Dec 12th, 19th and 26th)

Friday, December 6th

30th Annual Christmas Extravaganza @ the White River Conference Center from 5:30 – 9:30 pm. The ARC of the Ozarks formally invites you to their evening filled with live entertainment, cocktails, and a delicious dinner. Get a head start on your holiday shopping with their silent auction. All proceeds from the event will benefit The ARC of the Ozarks' Children's Autism and Neurodevelopmental Services. The online silent auction goes live on December 2nd, so stay tuned for the link and get ready to bid from anywhere. Tickets: \$175 www.thearcoftheozarks.networkforgood.com

Laptop Friday @ 4 By 4 Brewing – Galloway from Noon – 5 pm. 4 By 4 is the perfect spot to finish out your work week while also getting the weekend started a little bit early. Each Friday from noon to 5 pm is Laptop Friday! During that timeframe you get \$1 off all pours of beer if you're working on your laptop! Cheers, friends! (Also, Dec 13th, 20th and 27th)

19th Annual Sacred Heart Craft and Vender Event @ Sacred Heart Church from Dec 6th (5 – 9 pm) & 7th (10am – 4 pm) Get ready for a festive extravaganza at the 18th Annual Sacred Heart Craft and Vendor Event! Join us for a heartwarming celebration of creativity and community spirit. Snowdrop Foundation thrilled to be a part of the Sacred Heart Church Annual Event that are bringing you a delightful array of hand-crafted wonders and local treasures. Explore a wonderland of creativity as you browse through the unique creations of talented crafters there's something for everyone on your holiday shopping list. Mark your calendars, gather your friends and family, and join us for a weekend filled with holiday cheer, exceptional craftsmanship, and the joy of supporting local talent. The 19th Annual Sacred Heart Craft and Vendor Event is not just an event; it's a celebration of community, creativity, and the magic of the holiday season. See you there! For more information about the event contact: sacredheartchurch1609@gmail.com or call 417-869-2218.

Candy Cane Lane 2024 @ Rutledge-Farm Park from 5 – 8 pm. Don't miss your chance to turn on the holiday music and drive through Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park during Candy Cane Lane 2024. Enjoy dazzling farm-themed festive displays and more than 100,000 lights! Fri – Sun, Dec 6th – 22nd from 5-8 pm daily (weather permitting). Check back to Facebook for updates or visit www.ParkBoard.org/CandyCaneLane (Also Dec 7th-8th, 13th-15th, 20th-22nd)

\$100 & Under Holiday Art Market @ Juanita K Hamons Halls for the Performing Arts from 5 – 8 pm. Artists are invited to apply to be a market vendor for this annual show hosted at the Juanita K Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts! Must be a SRAC member to participate in the market.

D & D One Shot @ 5C Gaming from 5 – 11:45 pm. This is a learn-to-play event that we will host, to help newer players understand D & D and how it relates to playing! <https://wpm.wizards.com/en/event/d-and-d-one-shot-days> (Also Dec 13th, 20th, and 27th)

Hope Tree 2024 @ King's Way UMC from 6 – 8 pm. Come join us to kick off advent season! Bring the whole family for an evening of games, holiday crafts, live music, Christmas story time, holiday treats, and more! Plus, the highlight of the evening: the lighting of the Hope Tree ceremony which will take place at 7. We hope to see you there!

An Exceptionally Festive Christmas Feast – Your Private Event! @ Pickwick & Cherry – Teaching & Occasional Bakery from 6:30 – 9:30 pm. Imagine ----- your favorite group of up to 12 people gathering together to prepare a scrumptious holiday feast (under the guidance of our talented instructors), then sitting down to share it together! That's what we're offering this holiday season --- the opportunity to book one of our fabulous hands-on Cooking Experience dinners for your friends, family, co-workers, or whoever else you'd like to invite. The menu for our private holiday parties is usually boneless prime rib roast, duck fat potatoes, brussels sprouts Gattou, spinach, pear & cranberry salad and a festive seasonal dessert, but it's your party, so please let us know if you'd like to make any alterations and we will work with you to create a menu that everyone will love. Tickets: www.pickwickandcherry.com/events/list (Also Dec 7th, 13th, and 14th)

Jalopy @ Tie & Timber (1451 E Cherry Street) from 7 pm. The much-anticipated return of Jalopy. Join us for an undeniably Jammy December evening.

BAM! Live @ Carries from 8 pm – Midnight. BAM makes their way back to the longest bar in Springfield, MO to rock the roof off the joint and celebrate frontman Chrisotpher's birthday. Great drink prices, friendly atmosphere, and never a cover!

Encounter Prayer Service @ Glory Church from 8 – 11 pm. You might be experiencing setbacks in life, trials of all kinds...don't forget to seek God because he is "...the shield about (you), (your) glory, the lifter of (your) head." Psalm 3:3 (Also Dec 13th, 20th, and 27th)

Winter Formal @ The Arc of the Ozarks Timothy Grant Newport Activity Center from 5:30 – 7:30 pm. Education & Recreation presents Winter Formal for \$2 per person.

Saturday, December 7th

Selfies with Santa @ Sunset Church of Christ from 9 – 11 am. Bring the kids, grandkids and your phone for a free picture with Santa! Cookies and milk will be provided for all at this indoor event. We look forward to you joining us. Don't forget your phone!

Dodge for a Cause @ Allison Sports Town from 9 am. Our Adult Co-Ed Dodgeball Tournament combines the thrill of friendly competition with a mission to make a lasting impact on our community. For this tournament, we're partnering with the Springfield Dream Center's Christmas Giveback event to help families in the community for the holidays. So come and hone your dodging skills, have a good time with friends, and make a difference. Players of all skill levels are welcome. <https://www.queencityssc.com/dodgeballtournament2024>

Breakfast with Santa 2024 @ Northview Center (Spfd Greene County Park Board) from 9 – 11 am. Have a holiday-themed morning at Breakfast with Santa 2024. Enjoy delicious catered breakfast snacks. For

create festive crafts and meet Santa! Please bring your own camera for photos. Space is limited, Registration is required to secure your child's spot in a 1-hour timeslot at 9 or 10 am (10 am session opens when 9 am fills). For ages 5-12 years. FEE: \$7/Child More info at www.ParkBoard.org/Events

Christmas Market @ Logan-Rogersville Upper Elementary from 9 am – 2 pm. Get ready to discover unique handmade treasures and festive delights at our upcoming Christmas Market! Whether you're looking for the perfect gift or simply want to soak up the holiday spirit, this event is not to be missed! Browse through a variety of stalls featuring local artisans and makers showcasing their finest crafts, from intricate ornaments to cozy knits and everything in between. Plus, indulge in delicious treats and enjoy live entertainment throughout the day! Bring your friends and family for a merry day of shopping, crafting and spreading joy. Let's make this holiday season unforgettable together!

Geekmas 2024 @ Boys and Girls Club of Springfield from Dec 7th & 8th (10 am – 4 pm). SWMO holiday nerd event. Geekmas is a one-of-a-kind nerd event.

Fall 2024 Young Entrepreneurs Showcase Day @ University Plaza Hotel & Convention Center from 10 am. The Young Entrepreneurs Showcase is a one-day event where young people ages 5-25 years old get to showcase and sell their products or services! These entrepreneurs have spent the four weeks leading up to the showcase learning basic business principles, all culminating in this one-day event! Come ready to spend your money on some great products and services!

Little Farmers: Cattle @ Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park from 10 – 11 am. Little farmers will discover farming through crafts and activities while accompanied by an adult and a new topic every month at Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park. Register by Dec 5th at <https://anc.apm.activecommunities.com/.../detail/31183...> Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park 417-874-2920 for ages 2-5 years, FEE: \$10. This is an adult/child program. 1 adult per child must attend.

Santa Clause is coming to Farmers Market of the Ozarks from 10 am – Noon. Thanks to our friends at Zoomin Groomin – come enjoy some holiday cheer and a visit from Mr. Claus!

Holiday Homes Tour @ National Avenue Christian Church from 10 am – 4 pm. We're back for the second annual Holiday Homes Tour! Start at National Avenue Christian Church to pick up your physical ticket and tour guide. From there you will be free to visit seven fascinating homes in various Springfield neighborhoods. This tour includes a house that has been featured in two publications, a farmhouse from 1909, and a home filled with an eclectic variety of trees! TICKETS AVAILABLE ON EVENTBRITE. Save your email receipt to show at National Ave Christian Church to receive your ticket and tour guide. Tickets may also be purchased in person at The Thicket (1856 E Cinderella Rd) or at National Avenue Christian Church (December 7th, 10 am – 1 pm only. Tickets: \$25 www.eventbrite.com/e/smma-holiday-homes-tour-tickets-1031141972397

Holiday Shopping Event @ Unified Martial Arts from 10 am – 2 pm. Students will enjoy holiday games while parents shop the best sales of the year! Hot chocolate and snacks will be provided. Is your student needing a new uniform? How about sparring gear to "kick" off the new year? Looking to save on your membership cost? All of these and MORE will be available at this one-day event so be sure to save the date!

The "All-Bikes Must Go Just in Time for the Holidays" Sale @ SBC's Community Bike Shop at the Fairbanks from 11 am - 1 pm. Santa will be at the shop at noon. Small gifts for kids in attendance. And

free pics with Santa. We are currently have 30 little kiddo bikes and they are all free!!! So come on by – see Santa and grab a bike!!! Just in time for the Holidays – come buy your bargain Holidays gifts from the Community Bike Shop. All Bikes Must Go. Gear, shoes, gloves, racks, accessories. All must go! Message us if you can volunteer to help – no bike skills required.

Flesh & Blood: Skirmish LL @ 5C Gaming from 11 am. Entry \$20. 2 packs of ROS per participant and 2 packs of ROS per round win. Prizes, Random Prize Draws and additional door prizes will be awarded based on the number of entries. Casual REL (Rules Enforcement Level): No decklist required.

An Old-Fashioned Christmas at the Mill @ 14 Mill Market from Noon – 10 pm. Join us for a magical evening filled with holiday cheer at An Old-Fashioned Christmas! Bring your family and friends to experience the warmth of the season with festive activities for everyone. Wear your favorite Christmas sweater for a chance to take home a 14 Mill Market grab bag. Enjoy the sounds of the season with live performances by carolers that will get you in the holiday spirit! Craft Stations: get creative with fun holiday crafts, including popcorn garland, make your own stocking, and create your own beautiful ornaments to hang on your own tree. Delicious food, Family photo sessions, Holiday drink specials, Meet Santa, Christmas Sing along & Karaoke with DJ Miguel. Bring your holiday spirit and create unforgettable memories with us at 14 Mill Market! RSVP now and invite your friends to join in on the fun!

M.A.M.A.S. Holiday FUNdraising Event @ 1930 W Catalpa St from Noon – 4 pm. Join us for a joyful holiday celebration filled with family-friendly activities, including a Kid’s Corner with Santa photos, vendor booths, delicious food, raffles (including 2 children’s bikes!), and more...all while supporting Moms After Miscarriage Advocacy and Support Organization. Additionally, we will have a remembrance wall to honor the babies lost. We look forward to seeing you there!

Whiskers and Wishes 2024 @ Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park from 1 – 3 pm. Don’t miss the chance for your dog to meet Santa at Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park during Whiskers and Wishes 2024! Bring your camera for photos. Space is limited, registration required. Secure your pup’s place today! Fee: \$5/Dog. Proceeds benefit Cruse Dog Park. More info @ www.ParkBoard.org/Events or call 417-864-1332. Current certification of vaccination from a licensed vet required for registration. Required Vaccines: Rabies, Parvo, Distemper and Bordetella.

Holiday Baking Traditions Baking Class @ Pickwick & Cherry – Teaching Kitchen & Occasional Bakery from 1 – 4 pm. Join us for a celebration of holiday baking as we explore for of Europe’s standout Christmas treats ----France’s Buche de Noel (Yule Log Cake), Germany’s Stollen bread, Italy’s Panettone, and Denmark’s Kransekake. A fabulous way to get ready for Christmas. Tickets: www.pickwickandcherry.com/events/month/2024-12 (Also Dec 14th)

Nixa Craft Fair @ Nixa Junior High from 9 am – 4 pm. Join us at the Nixa Craft Fair this year!

Kiwanis Annual Christmas Parade @ Main Street Republic from 3 pm. Kiwanis Annual Christmas Parade will be on Dec 7th starting at 3 pm. Lineup will begin at 2 pm. Registration is NOT required; you can just show up! Theme is Candy Land this year!! Can’t wait to see all those smiling faces lining the streets.

Meta-Games’ 2024 Holiday Bash! @ Meta-Games Unlimited from 4 pm. Want to take part in a great tradition? Want to play games with the staff of Meta-Games? Want to enjoy free food and snacks? Want

to take part in the greatest White Elephant Gift exchange ever? Start by buying an item or items that are worth at least \$25 and Tell Meta-Games its for the Holiday Bash Your gift will grant you admission to the greatest holiday party of the year! Meta-Games will wrap items and code it with your secret number. That gift will be used for the White Elephant gift exchange (so don't pick your own gift). The day of the Bash, Meta will be closed to the general public at 3 pm and reopen for people with their ticket at 4 pm. At 4:30 pm Meta will be open, and the gift exchange will begin. The exchange will be using the standard "white elephant" rules. The one BIG difference is that to steal a gift, you MUST donate \$5 to our Holiday Ozarks Food Harvest fund. After the exchange is over if you didn't get something, you wanted, you may trade it back into the store for a \$25 gift card...that's right! A no risk White Elephant gift exchange. This year we are adding a twist! Randomly inserted in four of the packages will be GOLDEN TICKETS. These will be themed to a specific category of items (card games, role playing games, miniature games or board games). More details to come but each gift will be worth at least \$100. After the gift exchange is over, the staff will be on hand to play games of all kinds. For questions, email customerservic@mguinc.com .

Angel Tree Soup-Off @ Gunny's Mill from 4 pm. Join us for our first annual Angel Tree Smoke-Off!!! Bring your favorite soup to the Mill to help us make a few local kids Christmas special! We will be adopting 4 children from the Salvation Army's Angel Tree this holiday season, we will have the ages and genders of the children. Winners of the soup-off will be deciding by cash voting, \$10 to eat/vote or bring a non-perishable food item or age-appropriate gift for the kids. All proceeds will go to the kids so no cash prize for the winner just a lot of fun for a great cause! Any questions or to donate cash or gifts please contact Kimberly 417-814-3986 or Hieke 417-848-5012. Desserts, sides and any soup toppings will be appreciated! See you there!

Christmas @ Unity Spiritual Center from 6 – 7:30 pm. John Two-Hawks shares his enchanting, magical Christmas music in the intimate setting of the Unity Spiritual Center. Don't miss it, seating is limited! Tickets \$25. Door opens at 5:30 pm.

Ugly Sweater Party and Non-Profit Throwdown @ 417 Taphouse from 6 pm. This holiday season, it's time to show off your most outrageous, cringe-worthy, and downright hilarious ugly sweaters! Join us at 417 Taphouse for a night of festive fun and philanthropy. Ugly Sweater Contest at 9 pm. The winner takes home \$100 to donate to their favorite non-profit, plus a fabulous super cool prize from a local Brewing company! Bring your friends, deck yourselves out in the ugliest attire you can find, and let's make this a night to remember -all while supporting a great cause!

Stardust Big Band featuring Heather Marie @ The Stardust Ballroom from 7 – 9 pm. Come join the Stardust Big Band for an unforgettable evening at the elegant Stardust Ballroom, where the timeless sounds of big band music will transport you to a golden era! Heather Marie's enchanting voice and graceful presence will make the night truly magical. Dance the night away in style to music of legends like Benny Goodman, Duke Ellington, Glenn Miller, and Ella Fitzgerald, among many others. Perfect for date night, group date night, special event outing, or any reason to celebrate. Doors open at 6 pm, Live music is from 7-9 pm and dancing continues after 9. \$10 Admission, FREE admission with Military or first responder ID, \$5 with Student ID.

Traditional Dance & Music Society of the Ozarks @ King's Way United Methodist Church from 7-10 pm. At King's Way UMC use the South Driveway entrance, parking is easy to find, and then look for Family Life Center double door entrance. Everyone is welcome to these dances. The evening begins with

easy dances for newcomers, and all dances are taught. Costs: \$7, ages 10-21 \$5. You don't need experience or a partner, bring yourself, a snack to share, and a smile. Water is available. Music by Russel Branch Folk Band: Elissa Dodson, fiddle; Clay Dodson rhythm; Margaet Dodson cello; caller Mike Bolin. Join us a few minutes early to sign in to be ready to learn the basics at our workshop starting at 7 pm. Dance starts at 7:30 pm and goes through 10 pm. For more info, call: 417-529-4526, or email: ivyandroses@juno.com

Eddie Gumucio & The Electrics @ Tie & Timber from 7 pm. Eddie Gumucio & The Electrics are here again, bringing their electrifying magic to the stage once more. \$5.

Imagine 2024 @ Gillioz Theatre from 7:30 pm. Doors open at 6:30 pm and Show starts at 7:30 pm. Join us for our annual celebration of John Lennon & The Beatles! Tickets: www.etix.com/ticket/p/68406805/imagine-2024-springfield-gillioz-theatre

In the Mood Concert @ Juanita K Hammons Halls for the Performing Arts from 7:30 pm. We'll put you in the holiday mood with all of your favorites at our traditional holiday concert, featuring the Mid-American Singers, in a night of both secular and sacred works, including selections from Handel's Messiah. You'll leave ready to celebrate the season after our annual sing-along. Tickets: www.mpc.tickets.com/schedule

Clash of the Titans: Face the Wheel, Interrogation Point, Rant @ Lindberg's Tavern from 8 pm. RANT – hails from Eureka Springs, AR and brings an organic blend of Metal, Rock, & Punk with a few extra spices to make them a delicacy to the Ears. There is FUN to be had with these guys. LISTEN HERE: <https://open.spotify.com/artist/5fsY5xdDhoqpa0c25yUeRw> \$13, all ages, doors 8 pm music 8:30 pm.

Michelle Gillam Band @ Carries from 8 -11:59 pm. Rock from the 70s – 2000s. No Cover & Great Drink Specials.

Sunday, December 8th

Sports Card Show @ Relics Event Center (\$1 Day) from 10 am – 6 pm. 1 Million sports cards, pokemon cards, non sports cards! \$1 each. Contact Arrowhead Sports Cards for more details. Arrowheadsprtsards@gmail.com

Walkabout @ Mikes Unique Collectable and Antique Flea Market from 2 pm. The doggos can't wait to see all their friends!!!

FREE Screening: It's A Wonderful Life @ Gillioz Theatre from 2 pm. Doors open at 1 pm and Show starts at 2 pm. Our annual showing of It's a Wonderful Life is back! Sponsored by Sockmen's Bank, this FREE holiday classic requires no ticket – just come by and enjoy. In addition, we are providing FREE pictures with Santa and complimentary hot chocolate (while supplies last)! Questions? Call our box office at 417-863-9491.

Journey to Bethlehem @ South Haven Baptist Church from 3 – 7:30 pm. Our South Haven family and the whole community is invited to journey to Bethlehem, a live, outdoor telling of the Christmas story with sights and sounds of the first century. Celebrate the birth of Jesus as you experience a Bethlehem Marketplace, encounter shepherds, singing angels, Roman soldiers, innkeepers, and Mary and Joseph the city of Bethlehem. Enjoy the beautiful sounds of traditional Christmas Carols. The event will be all outside on the South Haven grounds. A tour guide will direct small group through on-hour tour every

15 minutes beginning at 3 pm with the last tour at 7:30 pm. But we encourage you to arrive 20-30 minutes before your scheduled time to explore the marketplace. This is a FREE event! Register now to reserve your time: <https://southhaven.churchcenter.com/regist.../events/2554685> Invite your friends and family.

Jim Brickman @ Juanita K Hammons Hall from 4 pm. Join us for a magical evening with world-renowned pianist Jim Brickman! Prepare to be swept away by his soulful melodies and enchanting music. Don't miss this unforgettable performance that will touch your heart and inspire your soul. Get your tickets now at www.TicketsHelper.com and secure your spot for a night filled with beautiful music and unforgettable memories. See you there!

A Christmas Stroll in the Park @ Northeast Community Park from 5 – 7 pm. Christmas tree lighting, Christmas train, Photos with Sants, Fire pits and Smores, Live Nativity and Christmas Stories, Christmas crafts, and so much more.

Monday, December 9th

Tuesday, December 10th

Support Group: Reassure and Renew @ Foster Adopt Connect Springfield from 9 – 10 am. Hybrid Event!! Join us virtually, via Zoom, or at our Springfield and Joplin Foster Adopt Connect offices for this support group. Sign up: <https://fosteradoptconnect.thinkific.com/>

Preschool Learning Classes @ Wonders of Wildlife from 10 am-12:30 pm. Join us for another Preschool Adventures Learning in Science class this December! Did you know that the American alligator was placed on the endangered species list in 1967? Thanks to modern conservation efforts, these massive reptiles can be found all over the southeastern United States. Join us to learn all about these incredible creatures and why they are so important through activity stations, story time, fun facts, and more! For ages 2-6 with a parent. Tickets: www.wondersofwildlife.org/education/homeschool

Women Build Kickoff Luncheon @ The Barley House at Moon Town Crossing from 11:30 am. Women Build is an initiative that brings together women to volunteer, fundraise, and tackle the housing crisis in our community. Our goal is to fully fund and construct a home for a woman, built by women. This year's challenge is significant: raise \$215,000 to build a home for a single mother of four who also cares for her elderly father. Women Build Kickoff Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, December 10th, 2024 at the Barley House at Moon Town Crossing. From 11:30 am - 1:00 pm please join other leaders in the community as we come together to learn how we can provide stable and affordable housing in our community. Women Build sponsors will receive luncheon tickets as part of their sponsorship benefits. Individual tickets to the Women Build luncheon can be purchased for \$30. Sponsorship opportunities: <https://habitatspringfieldmo.org/.../Women-Build...> Individual luncheon tickets: <https://give.habitatspringfieldmo.org/checkout/33454...> All of this culminates in March, when companies, teams and individuals involved in fundraising will be able to actually help build the home that we are funding together. For questions, please contact Laura Winstead at lwinstead@habitatspringfieldmo.org or at 417-829-4001 ext. 106.

Make Fused Glass Ornaments @ Creative Escape Glass LLC. From 1 – 5 pm. This week's project is Christmas ornaments*. There will be multiple patterns to choose from or get creative and make your own design. Make one standard ornament for \$18, or the same person can make two standard ornaments for

\$33 or three ornaments for \$48 (regularly \$18 each). Price does not include sales tax or the per person studio fee. No experience necessary. To see photos of examples, go to Instagram or Facebook and search for #cegornament. Tickets: www.creativeescapeglass.com/tickets (Also Dec 11th & 12th from 1 – 5 pm and Dec 14th from 10 am – 1 pm.)

Wednesday, December 11th

Homeschool 1st – 5th: Winter Crops @ Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park from 9 – 11 am. Discover the timeless art of Wheat Weaving! This hands-on program will teach kiddos traditional agriculture techniques and inspire their creativity. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with agriculture and craft something truly special. Grades 1 – 5 with an adult. Fee: \$15/Student (1 parent must attend). Register by Dec 9th. Register at: <https://anc.apm.activecommunities.com/.../detail/31201...>

Rotary Club of Springfield Service Event: @ Crosslines of Springfield from 5:15 – 7:15 pm. Join us for a monthly service event on the second Wednesday of each month at Crosslines from 5:15-7:15 pm! If interested, please contact Eric Atkinson.

Commander Night @ Everyday Thai from 6 – 9 pm. We will be out at Everyday Thai for a commander meetup night every 2nd Wednesday of the month. Come out meet some friends and play some Commander! Entry is free outside of any food or drinks you may want, and we will typically raffle off some random promo packs or other stuff for those who come out! Just look for the big Meta-Games Unlimited sign at the back of the restaurant to sign in!

Holiday Class: Prime Rib! @ Pits N Grills from 6 pm. Don't miss our "Mastering Prime Rib" cooking class at Pits N Grills with Owner and Pit Master Nick Copeland! Sit back and watch Nick demo and teach you the right way to grill juicy, flavorful prime rib to perfection. We'll have plenty of beer on hand to go with hearty samples of prime rib. Seats are \$65.00 each. PLEASE NOTE - Attendees must give 72 hours' notice for cancellations. - Prepayment for this event is required. There is limited seating at this indoor event, so don't wait to reserve your spot! Please note that marking yourself "Going" on our Facebook event does NOT guarantee your reservation. Stop by Pits N Grills or call 417-501-8737 to purchase your ticket or purchase them now on our website. Class Location: Pits N Grills, 1920 E Sunshine Street, Springfield, MO 65804. For cancellations, 72 hours' notice is required. Our seats are limited, so book yours before they're sold out! Tickets: www.pitsngrills.com/shop/classes-contests/13

Celebrate Christmas with Chris Tomlin Tickets @ Spence Chapel at Evangel University from 7 pm. Don't miss the Celebrate Christmas with Chris Tomlin concert at the Spence Chapel at Evangel University in Springfield, MO on Wednesday, December 11, 2024. Tickets: www.tickets.mycityrocks.com/results-ticket

Thursday, December 12th

Life Line Screening – Springfield, MO @ Lifelines Church from 9 am. Since 1993, Life Line Screening has been the premier provider of annual preventive health screenings for stroke and cardiovascular disease risk as well as other chronic illnesses. A package of five screenings to identify cardiovascular disease and other chronic conditions will be offered: • Carotid artery ultrasound that scans the carotid arteries for buildup of fatty plaque-one of the leading causes of strokes. • Abdominal aortic aneurysm ultrasound screening for an abdominal aneurysm that could lead to a ruptured aorta. • Heart Rhythm Screening (AFIB) A quick and easy test using a 6-lead EKG placed on the arms and legs to identify the

presence or absence of an irregular heartbeat. • Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening-Evaluates for PAD in the lower extremities, which increases the risk of cardiovascular disease. • PLUS, a FREE Hypertension Screening! As the host of the event, Life Line Screening is extending a special offer to all of our members for a screening package that enables you to get peace of mind or early detection.

WWW.LLSA.SOCIAL/HSCA or call 888-814-0466 to schedule your appointment! A simple screening can be worth a lifetime.

MCL Det 993 Christmas Dinner Celebration @ VFW Post 3404 from 6 pm. MCL DET 993 Commandant requests your attendance for our annual Christmas Dinner celebration. The Commandant will be awarding the Det 993 Marine of the Year award. Santa will be making an appearance and will hand out presents to children in attendance. Dinner served at 1845.

LIVE @ Southbound Bar from 7 – 10 pm. Debut of Kenny Sweet and the Buck Wild Band! Ft. Cory Shultz on the fiddle! A 6-piece band ft. Steel Guitar, and keys! Slinging some tunes from then to now! Get your boots on grab your partner or friend come out for some cold beers, two stepping and a line dancing good time! Gonna throw in some rock tunes as well. \$10 at the door! But worth it! FREE MERCH FOR THE FIRST 100 PEOPLE IN THE DOOR!

Tweedle and the Dees Monthly Series @ Hold Fast Brewing from 7 – 9 pm. Your Hold Fast House band, Tweedle and the Dees, are back with their regular music series! Join Tweedle, Drew, and John (Dad/Papa T) every 2nd Thursday of the month to get your pre-weekend music fill. This dynamic trio play it all and make you feel like you've joined them in their living room for a family music jam. Every show is different because they love to incorporate requests from the audience, and you never know which one of their musically inclined friends will show up and join them onstage. There is always a delicious food truck onsite for dinner and those Hold Fast Brews you know, and love will be flowin'! See you on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 7pm!

Who's Holiday – Late Night Series @ Nathan P Murphy's from 8 pm. Springfield Little Theatre Late Night Series presents WHO'S HOLIDAY, December 12-21, 2024, at Nathan P. Murphy's. WHO'S HOLIDAY by Matthew Lombardo is a wildly funny and adult-only one-woman comedy show that reimagines the life of Cindy Lou Who, now all grown up. Set in a trailer on the outskirts of Mount Crumpet, this adults-only comedy catches up with Cindy as she prepares for a not-so-merry Christmas party. With biting humor, outrageous revelations, and moments of poignant reflection, Cindy Lou tells the story of how her innocent encounter with the Grinch many years ago turned her life upside down. You saw her last when she was just two, Celebrate the holidays with Cindy Lou Who, Pull up a seat and fill up your cup, 'Cause your favorite little Who is all grown up. Tickets:

www.springfieldlittletheatre.my.salesforce-sites.com/ticket (Also Dec 13th, 14th, 19th, 20th and 21st)

Friday, December 13th

2024 It's a Wonderful Night – The Final Act! @ The Oasis Convention Center from 6 pm. Join us on December 13, 2024, for "*It's a Wonderful Night*," presented by Central Bank of the Ozarks & Mercy. Don't miss out on this beloved holiday fundraiser! Enjoy a lively evening featuring a local celebrity lip-sync competition, along with delicious food and dancing, all in support of our community. **Secure your tickets and tables today at www.cpozarks.org/wonderful!**

Books and Sweaters @ The Nurses Club from The Nurses Club from 6 – 9 pm. Blind date with a book! You pick genre! One hour read time! Complimentary drinks! DIY your own Christmas Sweater! One sweater and 7 patches! Deposit \$22, Arrival \$22, and Total \$45. Tickets: www.square.link/u/XiCABG6q

In Charge at Home @ 1000 E Primrose Street from 6 – 7:30 pm. Children will learn what to do in an emergency and how to handle other safety issues when they are home alone. For ages 10-14. Parents attend class with child. \$10 per family. Offered in-person. Call The Women's Center to register at 417-269-4664, option 2. Registration is required for all classes and ends 3 days before the class or when class is full.

Poets' Corner Open Mic @ 416 W Commercial Street from 6:30 – 9 pm. Welcome to Poets' Corner Open Mic NOW ESTABLISHED at The Third Place on Commercial Street! Sign-up is at 6:30 PM, starts at 7:00 PM, and ends at 8:30 PM. Slots for five-minute intervals will be available, but please be courteous if others want to perform! Halfway through performances, we will take a 10 - 15-minute intermission and reconvene to finish. We strongly encourage authentic self-expression through the written and spoken word — original poetry from the wordsmith. Language is acceptable as long as it isn't hateful or vulgar for vulgar's sake. NOTE: A tip jar will be available to support the open mic to help develop merch, provide lighting, better amplification, and more. Please support the continuation of an event that has profoundly impacted others. Your generosity would mean VOLUMES.

The Mystery Hour Holiday Spectacular! @ Gillioz Theatre from 7:30 pm. The Mystery Hour Holiday Spectacular! Think of it like an old school Mystery Hour, we'll dust off the old set, we'll have interviews & music, and we'll even dust off Jeff from the same storage unit. Plus, there will be holiday cheer, singing along, some of that holiday season warmth.

Nathan Bryce & Loaded Dice @ Carries from 8 – 11:59 pm. Blues & Rock by world touring Nathan Bryce & Loaded Dice. No Cover & Great Drink Specials.

Super Nintendo Chalmers Returns at Flannel Fest '24 @ Lindberg's Tavern from 8:30 – 11:30 pm. A collection of Springfield's rock'n'roll all-stars get together for a special night of '90s rock the likes of which you've never seen before. Roam (you'll want to) the long way down to C-Street and come out and play. Grab a beer and enjoy the full-force presence of one of rock's greatest eras brought back to life in the here and now. All that shimmers in this world is sure to fade away...but not the memories made on a night like this. To miss this would be virtual insanity. We'll see you there.

Saturday, December 14th

National Wreaths Across America Day @ Missouri Veterans Cemetery Springfield from 9 am. Join members of Marine Corps League Detachment 993 as we lay wreaths at the graves of our fallen heroes.

Dinosaur Adventure Springfield MO @ Springfield Expo Center from 9 am – 7 pm. Step into the world of prehistoric giants at Dinosaur Adventure, a unique exhibit showcasing life-sized, realistic dinosaurs that move and roar just like the real thing! Kids can dive into fun-filled activities, including Jurassic scooters, themed obstacle courses, dinosaur rides, and more! Tickets: www.clickntix.com/e/dinosaur-adventure-springfield-mo-2024 (Also Dec 15th)

Baby Party @ Fluish Family Doulas from 10 – 11:30 am (FREE Community Event) Join us for our monthly Baby Party! Come visit with other parents and our care providers. We'd love to support you and

ohhhh and ahhhh over your baby! Coffee and Tea provided. We'll circle up in with our babies and build community! We have been filling up, so please sign up that you are coming.

Shop @ Plaid Door from 10 am – 2 pm. We are open! Remember that we are only open the second and fourth Saturdays of the month!

Kintsugi Workshop @ Nathanel Greene Park Botanical Center from Noon – 4 pm. The workshop will be held in the Springfield, MO Botanical Center in the Workshop Area (Garage Downstairs).

The workshop will be led by one of our fellow club members, Kurt Caddy. The cost for the workshop will be \$60 per person, which includes: a hand thrown tea bowl, a materials kit, use of tools, and guided instruction to mend a bowl with “gold-like material”. If the workshop attendee brings their own pot to mend (smaller pots recommended) the cost is \$50.00. There are 30 seats available for this workshop, so sign-up early to save your spot. To register for the workshop please DM/PM Kurt Caddy for payment and further details. Itinerary: 1. Meet at Botanical Center at 12 PM, 2. Conduct workshop, and 3. Farewells at 3 pm. Please RSVP so we have an accurate headcount. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Behind the Line: The Musical @ Abundant Life Church from 7 pm. Step inside the Second Chance Express Railway and witness 4 stranger uncover truth, redemption and community. This original musical written by Tyler Bueno aims to leave you with laughs, cries and the holiday spirit. Free Admission! Rated PG, Disclaimer- talks on serious topics such as Domestic Abuse, Suicide, and Death.

Sunday, December 15th

Holiday Book Exchange @ efactory from 3 pm. Join us to celebrate the end of the year with PFLAG Springfield/SWMO. We will be hosting a book exchange! Bring a wrapped book — new or used — and leave with one of your own! Stories are important, and our favorite books give us the opportunity to share with our fellow PFLAGers more about who we are, our interests, and our passions. We hope you can join us! Light snacks, coffee, cocoa, and treats provided.

Conservatory of the Ozarks Christmas Recital, 2024 @ Clara Thompson Hall of Music, Drury University from 4 – 6 pm. Mark your calendar for the much-anticipated annual Conservatory of the Ozarks Christmas Program!

Ultimate Annual Christmas Dance!!! @ Midnight Rodeo from 6 pm. SAVE THE DATE for our annual ultimate CHRISTMAS DANCE!! Always the best and most fun event of the year!!! Bring a dish. Bring a friend. Bring your dance moves and plan to enjoy an amazing fun evening with some amazingly fun people! 417 689 4141 for details!! Don't miss out!!!

December Show Me Poetry Slam! @ Nathan P Murphy's from 6:30 pm. Get ready for an amazing experience full of passion and creativity in the form of uncensored, original poetry. Doors open @ 6:30; show starts around 7. Sign-up sheet is pulled at 7 pm so arrive before 7 to sign up! Show is capped at 12 performers. \$7 entry fee for audience and judges; \$5 entrance fee for performers. \$50 cash prize for first place winner! \$20 cash prize for second place winner! 21+ only. Attendees will have the opportunity to compete, to judge, or to just relax and listen.

Monday, December 16th

Make Fused Glass Ornaments @ Creative Escape Glass LLC. From 1 – 5 pm. This week's project is Christmas ornaments*. There will be multiple patterns to choose from or get creative and make your own design. Make one standard ornament for \$18, or the same person can make two standard ornaments for \$33 or three ornaments for \$48 (regularly \$18 each). Price does not include sales tax or the per person studio fee. No experience necessary. To see photos of examples, go to Instagram or Facebook and search for #cegornament. Tickets: www.creativeescapeglass.com/tickets (Also Dec 17th, 18th, & 19th from 1 – 5 pm and Dec 21st from 10 am – 1 pm.)

Tuesday, December 17th

Plant BINGO with Hickory Lane Plants @ MaMa Jean's Natural Market (228 W Sunshine) from 6 pm. Looking for a unique way to bond with family and friends? Look no further than Plant BINGO with Hickory Lane Plants at MaMa Jean's Natural Market on 228 W Sunshine! Here's why you don't want to miss this event: Compete for fabulous, leafy prizes that will make your garden the talk of the town! Mingle with fellow plant enthusiasts and cultivate new friendships in a fun, relaxed atmosphere. Tickets are sprouting fast! Secure yours before they're gone—no refunds, but we promise a night full of laughter, fun, and botanical bliss. Don't miss out on this green gathering! Get your tickets now and leaf your worries behind. Tickets: www.hickory-lane-plants.square.site/shop/classes-and-workshops/11

MOJO Missouri Jazz Orchestra @ the Stardust Ballroom from 7 – 9 pm. Doors open at 6 pm, MOJO plays from 7 – 9 pm. \$10 Cover at the door. Cocktail specials and snacks. Ballroom open until 10 pm.

Annual Enabled! Christmas Party @ Life360 All Nations from 7 pm. Join us for our annual Christmas celebration with music, food, fellowship and God's Word!

St Joseph Advent Communal Penance Service @ St Joseph Catholic Church from 7 pm. What better way to meet Christmas Day than with a shiny clean conscience? Come and attend our annual Advent Communal Penance Service. Multiple priests will be available for your reconciliation needs.

Wednesday, December 18th

Homeschool 6th – 12th Grade: Frog Dissection @ Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park from 9 am – Noon. Dive into the anatomy and physiology of frogs as you learn about their internal structures and how their bodies work. Age: Grade 6-12. Fee: \$45/Student (parent drop-off). Register By: December 11th
Register at: <https://anc.apm.activecommunities.com/.../detail/31214...>

December Holiday Market @ Farmers Market of the Ozarks from 3-7 pm. It's Christmas time in Hollis Queens... but also at FMO here in the Ozarks! And since you're here, we can't wait to see you at our beloved yearly Christmas Market, from 3-7 for all your last-minute gifting needs! And heck yes, Santa will be there too!

Baby Basics @ 1000 E Primrose Street from 6 – 9 pm. Learn infant care basics (bathing, diaper changes, swaddling, cord care, circumcision care), safe sleep, car seat safety, when to call the pediatrician, and calming a fussy baby. Offered in-person. Classes are for those delivering at Cox Health. Register online at www.coxhealth.com/events or call The Women's Center at 417-269-4664 option 2. Plan to attend during the last trimester of your pregnancy but call around 20-25 weeks to register for the best availability. Registration ends 3 days before class or when full.

QTBIPOC Support Group @ GLO from 6 – 8 pm. The QTBIPOC support group (Queer and Trans, Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) is a safe, supportive space to gather and build community. It is open to people of color (including white-passing folks) and family/friends of QTBIPOC as well. Details: • 6 PM -8 PM, • The Third Place, 416 W Commercial St, • Usually on every last Wednesday, but we've adjusted the dates for November and December due to the holidays. We hope to see you there!

Thursday, December 19th

Springfield Youth Christmas Party @ Hope Church from 5 – 7 pm. RSVP

HERE: <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/SGFyouthchristmasparty2024m> Youth ages 14-24 in foster care or apart of the I Pour Life program are invited to join us for our annual I Pour Life Youth Christmas Party! We will provide free dinner, treats, crafts, games, and time with friends. Join us at Hope Church in Springfield, Missouri, on December 19th from 5 to 7 p.m.!

Friday, December 20th

The Arc of the Ozarks Education & Recreation Presents a Holiday Party @ The Arc of the Ozarks Timothy Grant Newport Activity Center from 5 – 7 pm. There will be refreshments, holiday crafts, BINGO, and Santa. RSVP to Amy by Tuesday, Dec 17th at 417-864-7887 or aholland@thearcoftheozarks.org

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

Beers and Carols! @ Springfield Brewing Company from 5:30 pm. As a thank you for all of SBC's support over the years, Springfield Brewing Company Athletics (SBCA) is hosting a Beers and Carols event at the Mothership on Friday, December 20, 2024. Starting at 5:30pm, through 8:00pm. Come one and come all. Open to everyone. Enjoy some Beers and Carols, as we all say/sing "Cheers" to the Holidays together. Free to everyone. (There will be a collection plate for our carol singers, but no cover charge or anything like that .) Just plan to come on out and enjoy some Beers and Carols! (And don't worry - the SBCA folks are not the ones singing - the Springfield Chamber Chorus will provide the festive sounds!!!) So come on out - have a beer (or two) and sing along to your favorite carols.

M-Dock Holiday Celebration @ The Stardust Ballroom from 7-9 pm. One of the most requested bands in the Midwest, the M-Dock Band appeared annually before 60,000 people at Springfield's "Firefall," and has opened for The Little River Band, Jay Leno, Wayne Newton, The Platters, Moe Bandy, Legends in Concert and Tony Orlando. The band consists of Howard Cotner (vocals and acoustic guitar), Bill Evans (vocals, acoustic 6 and 12 string guitars, mandolin and harmonica), John Price (vocals, electric and acoustic guitars), Brent Hendrix (vocals, electric guitar), Scott Pope (bass guitar), Greg Hale (vocals, keyboards), Dennis Winkle (drums), Steve Quinn (saxophone), Bryant Robinson (trumpet) and Bob Swanson (trombone). Join in their Holiday Party at the Stardust Ballroom! Doors Open at 6 pm, Live Music 7pm-9pm, Cocktails served until 10 pm. Tickets: \$10 per person. *Free Admission with Military, First Responder, Teacher ID

TUBAChristmas Springfield MO @ Spangler Hall formerly Clara Thomspson Hall, Drury University from 7:30 pm. Performer Registration: 5:00 pm, same as performance. PERFORMER REHEARSAL: 5:30 pm, same as registration. PARKING: Along Benton Ave., W., behind Shewmaker Communication Center SW corner of Drury Lane & Central Street. Handicap parking available behind Stone Chapel & Bay Hall.

NOTE: ATTN: Audience members and other tuba enthusiasts. THIS IS A FREE CONCERT to the general public. Please come and hear the beautiful sounds our instruments play for you. PERFORMERS: Dress in bright, festive, holiday colors and decorate your instrument. Music stands and Chairs provide for performers. Indoor event. Please bring cloth for water valve discharge. Performer registration is \$10.00 and includes a commemorative 2024 Tuba Christmas® button. See the TUBACHRISTMAS Springfield Facebook page for any weather-related information.

Chris Chiarino (of Sucia Rosa) Live in The Swoopsters @ Moon City Pub from 8 – 10:30 pm. Come enjoy a night with The Swoopsters. We will be playing a variety of popular music spanning several decades and genres from county to rock. You won't want to miss this. The cover is only \$5.

The Brenda Meyer Band @ Carries from 8 – 11:59 pm. Live blues & rock. No Cover & Great drink specials.

Saturday, December 21st

Abilities First presents Season of Giving Bash @ White River Conference Center from 6 – 8:30 pm. Join us for live music, dancing, hord 'oeuvres, a cash bar, and more – all while supporting Friends of Abilities First. Mark your calendar and secure your spot today! \$25 Tickets

<https://checkout.square.site/.../EOVRT6YRK4A6E465CV7HB627> Questions? Reach out to Rebecca Muckelrath at Rebecca@abilitiesfirst.net for ticket info or sponsorship opportunities. Featuring a live performance by Members Only

Winter Kickoff @ Farmers Market of the Ozarks from 9am – 1pm. Join us as we ring in the (official) winter season and pick-up last-minute stocking stuffers and holiday cheer with our December visiting artisan vendors.

Shaun Munday @ White River Brewing Company from 6 pm. Shaun Munday is a one-of-a kind talent and blends soul-drenched vocals with show-stopping bass guitar technique.

Website: <https://shaunmunday.com/>

Christmas Lights Tour IX @ Jarrett Middle School from 6 pm – 7:30 pm. This is a free ride! New location: Jarrett Middle School which moved to 906 W Portland St, Springfield, MO 65807. If you've never filled out a MyBike.Club waiver please do so here: <https://drive.google.com/.../1GcKjyJB9.../view...> Decorate yourself and your bike if you like. This ride is in the dark and it will probably be cold. Dress accordingly and you'll have a blast! Headlights and taillights are required. We will ride as a group around Springfield on a 10–13-mile route looking at amazing Christmas decorations while Randy has a big speaker blasting Christmas songs to enjoy!

Happy Holiday Reggae Party @ Where House Bar from 7 pm. Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 21st at The Where House Bar in Springfield, Missouri—where the reggae beats will be hot, and the air...well, let's just say, THICK! With a cannabis-friendly area for those looking to really elevate their holiday spirit! Get ready for amazing live Reggae performances by Josh Heinrichs, SkillinJah, 77 Jefferson, and Aston Heinrichs, plus epic vibes all night long with We Should Smoke hosting! We've got food trucks serving up the goods and local breweries pouring straight from the taps. Feeling competitive? Join the joint rolling contest and show off your skills for a chance to win prizes. Hosted by the fine folks at We Should Smoke from Los Angeles and sponsored by Buoyant Bob Cannabis Brand—you know it's going to be a good time! And if you want to meet the artists, we've got Meet & Greet tickets available!

Doors open at 7 PM. Ages 18+ only! Come for the music, stay for the good vibes — and maybe a little extra something in the air. Tickets at JoshHeinrichs.com Tickets - \$15-\$20. www.eventbrite.com/e/happy-holiday-party-tickets-10556359769

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

Swingin' Christmas with the Stardust Big Band and More! @ The Stardust from 7 – 9 pm. It's the Christmas/Winter Holidays Party you always dreamed of! Your favorite new annual tradition... Dorsey, Goodman, Waller, Crosby, Ella, Elvis, Etta, Sinatra, Rockabilly, and more! Get into the Holiday swing with the Stardust Big Band Orchestra and Special Guests (TBA)! Doors open at 6 pm. Live music from 7 pm-9pm. 9pm on... keep dancing! \$15. Classic Holiday Cocktail Specials and Desserts. Photo Booth
**Free Admission with Military or first responder ID **\$5 With Student ID

Girls Gone Bible Live Tour @ Gillioz Theatre from 7 pm. Doors open at 6 pm. Show at 7 pm. Step into a world of authentic conversations and unfiltered insights with GIRLS GONE BIBLE. Imagine sitting down with two friends who share their most candid thoughts on faith, navigating relationships, and embracing all the challenges of the Christian journey. GIRLS GONE BIBLE is an honest conversation between women who aren't afraid to leave it all on the table. Hosts Angela Halili and Arielle Reitsma don't just welcome vulnerability, they celebrate it! Tickets: www.etix.com/ticket/p/79284689/girls-gone-bible-live-tour-springfield-gillioz-theatre

Gypsies-Fleetwood Mac/Stevie Nicks @ Southbound Bar & Grill from 8 pm. Don't miss your favorite Fleetwood Mac & Stevie Nicks tribute live at Southbound! Don't miss the Anna Bridges fire performance as well! \$15 at the door.

Sunday, December 22nd

Monday, December 23rd

Make Fused Glass Ornaments @ Creative Escape Glass LLC. From 1 – 5 pm. This week's project is Christmas ornaments*. There will be multiple patterns to choose from or get creative and make your own design. Make one standard ornament for \$18, or the same person can make two standard ornaments for \$33 or three ornaments for \$48 (regularly \$18 each). Price does not include sales tax or the per person studio fee. No experience necessary. To see photos of examples, go to Instagram or Facebook and search for #cegornament. Tickets: www.creativeescapeglass.com/tickets (Also Dec 26th from 1 – 5 pm and Dec 28th from 10 am – 1 pm.)

Tuesday, December 24th

Wednesday, December 25th

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Thursday, December 26th

Junior Lifeguard Camp @ Diventures from Dec 26th, 27th, 30th and 31st (9 am – 5 pm daily) Ready to make wave during holiday break? Our Junior Lifeguard Camp is calling all water-loving kids aged 11-14! From learning the basics of water safety, playing games, and mastering rescue skills, you'll feel like the real lifesaver of the crew. Students will earn a First Aid/CPR/AED certificate that is valid for two years upon completion of the course. This camp is held Dec 26th, 27th, 30th & 31st /from 9 am – 5 pm each day. Limited spots available – so don't let this opportunity float by! Sign up here:

<https://springfield.diventures.com/courses/lifeguarding>

Friday, December 27th

Playdate with Flourish @ Jungle Gym Indoor Playground from 2 – 3:30 pm. Join us for a playdate at Jungle Gym Indoor Playground! Cost is a discounted \$7 per child, with lap babies being FREE. Feel free to stay as long as you like, the \$7 covers the whole day! Tickets: www.bookflourish.as.me

Black Note Band @ Carries from 8 pm – Midnight. One more time to let it rock!

Saturday, December 28th

The New Waves LIVE @ Galloway Station from 9 pm.

Sunday, December 29th

Trivia Binge with Kyle and Lauryl @ Mother's Brewing Company from 7 – 9 pm. Think you know a few things about a few things? Well, prove it, smarty pants. Join us the last Sunday of every month for the legendary Trivia Binge. Six rounds of mind-melting questions about anything and everything under the sun. Assemble a team of 2-5 players and strut your stuff. Free to play! Prizes awarded to the winners!

Monday, December 30th

Tuesday, December 31st

Make Fused Glass Ornaments @ Creative Escape Glass LLC. From 1 – 5 pm. This week's project is Christmas ornaments*. There will be multiple patterns to choose from or get creative and make your own design. Make one standard ornament for \$18, or the same person can make two standard ornaments for \$33 or three ornaments for \$48 (regularly \$18 each). Price does not include sales tax or the per person studio fee. No experience necessary. To see photos of examples, go to Instagram or Facebook and search for #cegornament. Tickets: www.creativeescapeglass.com/tickets

Sober New Year's Eve Celebration @ Oasis Hotel & Convention Center from 6 pm. Are you looking for an alcohol-free, family-friendly place to celebrate the New Year? Look no further! Ring in the New Year with us at our Sober New Year's Eve Celebration! 🎉 This year's celebration will include:

★ 80's Theme (wear your best throwback outfit!), ★ Fine, sit-down dining, ★ Live music, ★ Dance

floor, ★ A Kids Zone, featuring balloon animals, face painting, a glow party, and more, ★ Sparkling grape juice midnight toast, and ★ Professional photo booth. WHEN: Doors open at 6:00PM
TICKETS: \$50 per person or \$90 per couple. Purchase tickets
at <https://www.betterlifeinrecovery.com/nye> 🎉 We need sponsors for this event! Are you interested in making a donation? Contact outreach@betterlifeinrecovery.com

Paralandra NYE Party @ the Riff from 7:15 pm. New Year's Eve Party – A Family Affair at The Riff! Join us for an unforgettable New Year's Eve celebration with Paralandra, the Jackson Martin Band, and Nathan Labee at The Riff! This year's theme, "Family Affair," highlights the unique family ties between the local bands—a blend of the Carson family and friends and the Martin family and friends. Two local families coming together for a night of incredible music, good vibes, and ringing in the new year with family and friends! Doors Open: 7:00 PM and Show Starts: 8:00 PM. VIP Experience with Paralandra Start the night in style with an exclusive VIP experience before the party kicks off! Hang out with the band, play games at Classic's Yard, enjoy delicious appetizers, and snap some memorable photos. Each VIP guest can also bring one personal item to have signed by the band. Plus, you'll be part of the midnight countdown toast on stage with Paralandra to welcome 2025! Don't miss your chance to be part of this family affair and celebrate the new year in the best way possible—great music, fantastic food, and an epic night with friends. Secure your VIP pass and tickets now! - General Admission: \$25 presale, \$30 at the door - VIP Experience: \$100, VERY LIMITED. Ring in 2025 with us at The Riff for a night you'll never forget! Tickets: www.eventbrite.com/e/paralandra-nye-party-tickets-1031327397007

NYE with Naughty Nurse Band @ Carries from 9 pm. Everything that glitters and shimmers party!!! Carrie's Bar never a cover! Music by Naughty Nurse Band! Champagne toast at midnight! All the glitter!!!!

New Year's Eve 2024 @ the Gillioz Theatre from 9 pm. Doors open at 9 pm, Show @ 10 pm. The biggest NYE event in the Ozarks is bigger than ever! The Gillioz Mardi Gras New Year's Eve features not one, but TWO great bands: Damsel & The Dirty Saints and the hottest DJ in 417-land: DJ Platinum serves as host with a special dance party pre-show and countdown to midnight and the monumental entry to 2025! Prizes for Best Dressed and Best Mardi Gras Mask! We're breaking out the beads, the drinks, and the show that ends 2024 and parties you straight into the new year! It's the Gillioz Mardi Gras NYE featuring DJ Platinum, Damsel, & The Dirty Saints! We also have LIMITED VIP tickets available! Check these details out: VIP Experience is a 21 and up event. ID will need to be presented for entry. LIMITED EDITION VIP Experience Includes: - Reserved seat at the show* - Access to exclusive VIP Lounge - Exclusive VIP Laminate - Exclusive Grazing Bar - Exclusive Commemorative VIP Mardi Gras Gift Box - Access to private bar with premium alcohol available only at the VIP lounge and VIP bar in the Commons. *Reserved seats are located in the Balcony. VIP Laminates also allow access to the Orchestra Level. Seats to the VIP experience are sold as tables for up to a group of 2, 4 or 6. All attendees over the age of 21 will receive a complimentary flute of champagne for a midnight toast. Must have valid Photo I.D. to participate in champagne toast.

New Year's Eve Black & White Masquerade Ball @ Archie's Lounge from 9 pm. Details coming soon

New Years Eve @ The Stardust from 10 pm – 1am. Save the date!!! Full big band orchestra Dancing, Campagne, Countdown to 2025!!! More details to come...



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.

Groovin' Abilities (Tuesday Classes from 3:30 – 4:30 pm) \$5 per class. Dec 17th @ 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!

Holiday Ceramics @ Northview Center Ballroom on Dec 4th @ 9 am – Noon, Dec 4th @ 3:30 – 5:30 pm, and Dec 5th @ 9 am – Noon. 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: \$5 per session. Please note fee adjustment. There is an additional charge for certain items. Dec 6 from 9 am – Noon. Register online at ParkBoard.org or by calling 417-837-5808. Projects completed will be fired and ready for pickup before Christmas!!

FAST (Fun Accessible Social Time) Holiday Craft on Tuesday, Dec 10th from 3:30 – 5 pm at Northview Center (305 E Talmage, Spfd). Design your own holiday gnome! For anyone ages 16+ with a disability. \$5. Pre-registration required by 12/03. Call 417-837-5808 or email mwinzen@springfieldmo.gov to register.

Dickerson Park Zoo, daily 9 am-4 pm. \$17 Adults and Teens, \$14 Adults 60+, and \$12 for Children 3-12. There is a group fee for groups of 15+ and a military discount as well. Most parking is free. Info Hotline is 417-864-1800. Check out the zoo website for classes for children toddler up through middle school and volunteer opportunities as well @ <http://dickersonparkzoo.org>

Daily: Water Aerobics at Chesterfield--Available at Chesterfield Family Center. A great way to get in shape with minimal impact on your muscles and joints. This program is tentative based on current COVID-19 regulations. *Chesterfield Family Center 891-1616.* Mon-Sat 8:30 am & 9:30 am; Mon, Wed & Fri 5:30 pm, Chesterfield Family Center. FREE for Members and Daily Fee for Non-members.

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

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

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

Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park (Candy Cane Lane), 3825 W Farm Road 146 in Springfield. Fri - Sun 5 pm until 8 pm. (Dec 6th, 7th, 8th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 20th, 21st, 22nd) \$5/vehicle admission (Drive through the farm, enjoy dazzling farm-themed holiday displays and more than 100,000 lights!)

DECEMBER

This Month in Parks (December)

Nov 29th – Dec 29th

Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden – Bring the whole family to walk Gardens Aglow, a botanical-themed light festival in the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden. Friends of the Garden donates half of the Gardens Aglow admission proceeds to the maintenance fund for the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden, sponsored by [Simmons Bank](#). The remaining admission proceeds further Friends of the Garden’s mission to support the Springfield Botanical Gardens. Stroll through a dazzling winter wonderland, with more than 225,000 festive lights accenting unique Japanese structures and landscaping of the Stroll Garden and capture the winter beauty of nature. Cozy up to a fire pit with hot beverages and treats, available for purchase from local food vendors. Light features include RGB lights, light tunnels, firecracker lights, framed installations, water feature lights, up lighting, and string lights. The event is presented by Springfield-Greene County Park Board and Friends of the Garden. Special thanks to Gray/Campbell Farmstead and Springfield Sister Cities Association. Event sponsored by Rosalie O’Reilly Wooten, All About Trees, Mr. Electric, Renewal by Anderson, Leaf Filter Gutter protection and the Garden is sponsored by Simmons Bank Wealth Management. Each evening from 5 – 8:30 pm. 2400 S Scenic, Spfd. Admission for Presale Tickets is \$6/Adult; \$4/Ages 3-12 when purchased online and At the Gate is \$8/Adult; \$5/Ages 3-12. FREE/FOG and SSCA members, and ages 2 years and under.

December 1st

Gardens Aglow @ Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Gardens from 5 – 8:30 am. Details above.

December 3rd

Pickleball for Beginners @ Doling Family Center from 7 – 9 pm. – 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. Fee: \$20/Member, \$30/Non-member

December 4th

Little Farmers @ Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park from 10 – 11 am. – 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. Fee: \$10/Student.

December 5th

Adults Only Sip & Stroll with Garden’s Aglow @ Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden from 6 – 8 pm – \$30 per individual

Gardens Aglow @ Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Gardens from 5 – 8:30 am. Details above.

December 6th

Pickleball for Beginners @ Doling Family Center from 7 – 9 pm. 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. Fee: \$20/Member, \$30/Non-member.

Candy Cane Lane @ Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park (2825 W Fm Rd 146, Spfd) from 5 – 8 pm. Drive through the farm, enjoy dazzling farm-themed holiday displays and more than 100,000 lights! Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park 417-837-5949. \$5/Vehicle

Gardens Aglow @ Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Gardens from 5 – 8:30 am. Details above.

December 7th

Intro to Outdoor Rappelling @ Lost Hill Park from 1 – 3:30 pm. Learn about outdoor rappelling on a scenic bluff in Lost Hill Park, with an AMGA-certified instructor. Includes equipment and instructor-controlled rappel backup. Perfect for anyone new to rappelling. Register by Dec. 6. Outdoor Initiatives 417-833-8647 Age: 9 yrs. and up (9-17 yrs. with an adult) Fee: \$30/Person

Little Farmers @ Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park from 10 – 11 am. – 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. Fee: \$10/Student.

Breakfast with Santa @ Northview Center from 9 – 11 am. A magical, holiday-themed morning. Enjoy delicious breakfast snacks, create festive crafts and meet Santa! Please bring your own camera for photos. Space is limited, register by Dec. 4 . Age: 5-12 yrs. Register for a 1-hour timeslot at 9 or 10 a.m. (10 a.m. session opens when 9 a.m. fills.) Fee: \$7/Child Location: Northview Center, 304 E. Talmage St.

Whiskers and Wishes 2024 @ Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park from 1 – 3 pm. Don't miss the chance for your dog to meet Santa at Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park during Whiskers and Wishes 2024! Bring your camera for photos. Space is limited, registration required. Secure your pup's place today! Fee: \$5/Dog. Proceeds benefit Cruse Dog Park. More info @ www.ParkBoard.org/Events or call 417-864-1332. Current certification of vaccination from a licensed vet required for registration. Required Vaccines: Rabies, Parvo, Distemper and Bordetella.

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December 8th

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December 11th

Winter Crops @ Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park from 9 – 11 am. Discover winter wheat planting techniques and the timeless art of wheat weaving. This hands-on program includes traditional skills and inspires creativity. Adult must accompany student. Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park 417-837-5949. Age: Grades 1-5, with an adult. Fee: \$15/Student

December 13th

Candy Cane Lane @ Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park (2825 W Fm Rd 146, Spfd) from 5 – 8 pm. Drive through the farm, enjoy dazzling farm-themed holiday displays and more than 100,000 lights! Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park 417-837-5949. \$5/Vehicle

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December 14th

Candy Cane Lane @ Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park (2825 W Fm Rd 146, Spfd) from 5 – 8 pm. Drive through the farm, enjoy dazzling farm-themed holiday displays and more than 100,000 lights! Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park 417-837-5949. \$5/Vehicle

Country Dance featuring Heart of Gold @ Northview Center from 6:30 – 9 pm. 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 – Beginner Level @ Dan Kinney Family Center from 5 – 7 pm. 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!

Festival of Lights 2024 Free Ice Skating @ Brightspeed Ice Park from 5 – 8:30 pm. FREE Ice Skating & Skate Rentals generously provided by Brightspeed Fiber Internet.

Winter Nature Walk and Craft @ Lake Springfield Park from 1 – 3 pm. Enjoy the winter landscape of Lake Springfield Park on this easy 2-mile nature walk, then get cozy inside Lake Springfield Boathouse while you create homemade holiday crafts while enjoying a hot chocolate bar. Register by Dec. 14. Outdoor Initiatives 417-833-8647 Age: 5 yrs. and up (5-17 yrs. with an adult) Fee: \$5/Person

Santa Dive @ Chesterfield Family Center from 6 – 7 pm. Jump into the holiday season with Santa Dive 2024 at Chesterfield Family Center. Sat., Dec. 14 from 6-7 p.m. For ages 6 mos.-12 yrs. Swim with Santa! Pose for pictures above and below water. Photos will be available to download from the Chesterfield Facebook page. Take home a craft kit to create your own holiday ornament. Includes a pool pass to use at Doling or Chesterfield aquatics centers in the future. SPACE IS LIMITED, REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Register online by Dec. 11 or call 417-891-1616. Adult MUST accompany weak/non-swimmers in the pool. Fee: \$15/Family Center Member, \$25/Non-member. Scholarships may be available: Parkboard.org/scholarships

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December 15th

Candy Cane Lane @ Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park (2825 W Fm Rd 146, Spfd) from 5 – 8 pm. Drive through the farm, enjoy dazzling farm-themed holiday displays and more than 100,000 lights! Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park 417-837-5949. \$5/Vehicle

Gardens Aglow @ Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Gardens from ,5 – 8:30 am. Details above.

December 17th

Billiards Tournament – 8 Ball Scotch Doubles @ Northview Center All Day. Northview Billiards tournaments happen on the third Tuesday of each month. Open to anyone age 55 yrs. and older. \$3/Tournament

Pickleball Clinic – Beginner @ Fieldhouse Sportscenter from 10 am – Noon. 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

December 18th

Gardens Aglow @ Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Gardens from ,5 – 8:30 am. Details above.

December 19th

Jam Session @ Northview Center from 1 - 4 pm. Bring your instrument and join your friends to play, sing or just listen to a variety of music. Fee: \$1 Donation.

Garden Story Time @ Springfield Botanical Gardens from 10 – 10:30 am. Pre-schoolers and family are invited to listen to a garden-themed story, followed by a fun craft or activity, every third Thursday and the following Saturday at the Botanical Center. Botanical Center 417-891-1515. Age: All ages. Fee: Free

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December 20th

Candy Cane Lane @ Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park (2825 W Fm Rd 146, Spfd) from 5 – 8 pm. Drive through the farm, enjoy dazzling farm-themed holiday displays and more than 100,000 lights! Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park 417-837-5949. \$5/Vehicle

Gardens Aglow @ Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Gardens from ,5 – 8:30 am. Details above.

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Gardens Aglow @ Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Gardens from ,5 – 8:30 am. Details above.

December 22nd

Candy Cane Lane @ Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park (2825 W Fm Rd 146, Spfd) from 5 – 8 pm. Drive through the farm, enjoy dazzling farm-themed holiday displays and more than 100,000 lights! Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park 417-837-5949. \$5/Vehicle

Drop-in Pickleball @ Cooper Tennis Complex from 5 – 9 pm. Drop-in indoor play at Cooper Tennis Complex on the 4th Sunday of the month. Cooper Tennis Complex 417-837-5800. Age: All ages. Fee: \$10/player

Gardens Aglow @ Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Gardens from ,5 – 8:30 am. Details above.

December 23rd

Gardens Aglow @ Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Gardens from ,5 – 8:30 am. Details above.

December 24th

Festival of Lights 2024 Free Ice Skating @ Brightspeed Ice Park from 1:30 - 5 pm. FREE Ice Skating & Skate Rentals generously provided by Brightspeed Fiber Internet. Skate with Santa.

December 26th

Gardens Aglow @ Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Gardens from ,5 – 8:30 am. Details above.

December 27th

Themed Public Skate Night (Decades) @ Brightspeed Ice Park from 6 – 8 pm. 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. Fee: \$7/Adult, \$6/Child/Student/Senior, FREE/Kids ages 3 yrs. and under; \$3/Skate rental or bring your own

Gardens Aglow @ Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Gardens from ,5 – 8:30 am. Details above.

December 28th

Gardens Aglow @ Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Gardens from ,5 – 8:30 am. Details above.

December 29th

Gardens Aglow @ Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Gardens from ,5 – 8:30 am. Details above.

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

Sunday, December 01: 2:00pm - 4:00pm, Deck the Walls - for ages 5 and older @ Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Community Room (100). Kick off the Christmas season with fellowship, treats and live holiday tunes. At 2 p.m., enjoy crafts and decorate the branch with us. At 3:15 p.m., compete against fellow revelers in Holiday Feud.

Monday, December 02: 6:00pm - 6:30pm, Pajama Storytime - for infants-age 6 @ 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.

Monday, December 02: 7:00pm - 8:00pm, Exploring Genealogy - He's Not My Grandfather @ Library Center - Auditorium (100). Bob Shewmake shares his search for John Hill, born 1869, Missouri, and the DNA twist revealing a second John Hill nearby.

Tuesday, December 03: 9:30am - 10:00am, Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months @ 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.

Tuesday, December 03: 10:00am - 11:00am, Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6 @ 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.

Tuesday, December 03: 10:00am - 10:45am, Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months @ 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.

Tuesday, December 03: 10:00am - 11:00am, Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6 @ Stafford 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.

Tuesday, December 03: 10:30am - 11:15am, Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6 @ The Hive - 304 E. Jackson St., Suite 5E. 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, December 03: 10:30am - 11:00am, Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6 @ 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.

Tuesday, December 03: 11:15am - 12:00pm, Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6 @ 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.

Tuesday, December 03: 12:00pm - 1:30pm, Lunch & Learn: Attract, Motivate, Incentivize Key Employees @ Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Community Room (100). Learn to create tailored employee programs to retain key staff and attract new talent with Stephanie Staggs, owner of Staggs Financial Services. [Register](#)

Tuesday, December 03: 6:00pm - 7:00pm, Spooky Friends Book Club - "Pyramidia" @ Library Station - Frisco Community Room (70). Ghosts, goblins, gore and so much more to read about in our horror book club.

Tuesday, December 03: 6:30pm - 7:15pm, Pajama Storytime - for infants-age 6 @ 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, December 04: 10:00am - 11:00am, Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6 @ 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.

Wednesday, December 04: 10:00am - 10:30am, Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months @ 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.

Wednesday, December 04: 10:30am - 11:30am, Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6 @ 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.

Wednesday, December 04: 11:00am - 12:00pm, Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6 @ 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.

Wednesday, December 04: 11:00am - 12:00pm, Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6 @ Fair Grove Branch Library. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read.

Wednesday, December 04: 11:00am - 12:00pm, Police Chief Storytime - for infants-age 6 @ Fair Grove Branch Library. Enjoy a special storytime with the Fair Grove's own Police Chief.

Wednesday, December 04: 6:00pm - 7:00pm, Voice Your Writing @ Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Community Room (100). Share a sample of your writing in a casual setting with like-minded individuals.

Wednesday, December 04: 7:00pm - 9:00pm, FilmStubs - "Carol," rated R @ 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, December 05: 10:00am - 11:00am, Midtown Storytime at The Fairbanks - for infants-age 6 @ 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! Join the Midtown librarians in stories, songs and activities at the Fairbanks Community Hub.

Thursday, December 05: 6:30pm - 7:30pm, Bricks and Books Club - for ages 8-12, "The Dragonet Prophecy: The Graphic Novel" @ 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.

Thursday, December 05: 7:00pm - 8:00pm, Feel Good Fiction - "The Hazelbourne Ladies Motorcycle and Flying Club" @ Library Center - Community Room A (20). Discuss stories filled with kindness, humor, heroism, hope, empathy and compassion.

Thursday, December 05: 7:30pm - 8:30pm, Next Level Book Club - for ages 11-14, "Duel" @ 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, December 06: 9:30am - 10:00am, Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months @ 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.

Friday, December 06: 10:00am - 10:45am, Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months @ 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.

Friday, December 06: 11:15am - 12:00pm, Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6 @ 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.

Friday, December 06: 5:30pm - 7:30pm, Crochet 101 - for ages 12 and older @ Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Community Room (100). Want to learn how to crochet? Learn basic stitches and how to make a crocheted chicken to chase away the winter blues. Materials will be provided. Registration starts November 22; call 417-616-0713.

Friday, December 06: 6:00pm - 7:30pm, Teen Night! - for ages 12-18 @ 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 video games, board games, crafts, hangouts and more.

Friday, December 06: 6:30pm - 9:00pm, First Friday Art Walk @ Park Central Branch Library. Join us for First Friday Art Walk and the opening of a new exhibit.

Friday, December 06: 6:30pm - 7:30pm, Helping to Bring the Humanities to the Public Square - for all ages @ Park Central Branch Library. "What's on Your Wishlist? Toys of the Late 19th and Early 20th Centuries" exhibit opening reception and presentations.

Saturday, December 07: 10:30am - 11:30am, Craft & Tell @ 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.

Saturday, December 07: 10:30am - 11:00am, Gingerbread Fun - for ages 2-6 @ Library Center - Story Hour Room (45). Read a book about gingerbread, create your own paper gingerbread person and use shapes to make a gingerbread house. Materials will be provided.

Saturday, December 07: 10:30am - 11:30am, Cuppa Comics - "I Am Stan: A Graphic Biography of the Legendary Stan Lee" @ Travellers House Coffee & Tea - 824 S. National Ave. Warm up your weekend with a nice cup of coffee and an invigorating conversation about comics and graphic novels.

Saturday, December 07: 11:00am - 11:45am, Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6 @ 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.

Saturday, December 07: 11:00am - 1:00pm, "The Polar Express" Pajama Party - for all ages @ Stafford Branch Library - Community Room (40). All aboard! Bring a blanket or your favorite cuddle buddy to watch the animated movie "The Polar Express," rated G, while enjoying games, crafts and yummy hot chocolate. Materials will be provided.

Saturday, December 07: 2:00pm - 4:30pm, TTRPG Exploration - for ages 12-18 @ 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).

Sunday, December 08: 2:00pm - 3:00pm, Springfield Community Jazz Ensemble Holiday Concert @ Library Center - Auditorium (100). The inimitable Bob Holden is back with his amazing ensemble to play your favorite jazz and holiday tunes.

Monday, December 09: 1:00pm - 3:00pm, Craft & Chat: Greeting Cards @ 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**

Monday, December 09: 6:00pm - 6:30pm, Pajama Storytime - for infants-age 6 @ 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.

Monday, December 09: 7:00pm - 8:00pm, A Winter Romp Through The Stars @ Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Community Room (100). The winter night sky is upon us. Join Lane Pierce and members of the Springfield Astronomical Society to gaze around the night sky.

Tuesday, December 10: 9:30am - 10:00am, Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months @ 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.

Tuesday, December 10: 10:00am - 11:00am, Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6 @ 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.

Tuesday, December 10: 10:00am - 12:00pm, Internet Basics @ Library Center - Harrison Conference Room (15). Invest in yourself with free computer skills classes at the Library. **Register**

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Tuesday, December 10: 10:00am - 11:00am, Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6 @ Stafford 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.

Tuesday, December 10: 10:30am - 11:15am, Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6 @ The Hive - 304 E. Jackson St., Suite 5E. 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, December 10: 10:30am - 11:00am, Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6 @ 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.

Tuesday, December 10: 11:00am - 1:00pm, Building a Better Bankable Borrower @ Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Community Room (100). Learn how to access capital for your small business with Krishin Thadani of the U.S. Small Business Administration. This is a hybrid event; you can attend in person or via virtual presentation. **Register**

Tuesday, December 10: 11:15am - 12:00pm, Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6 @ 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.

Tuesday, December 10: 1:00pm - 3:00pm, Craft Along with Creativebug: Paper Clay Winter Ornaments @ Fair Grove Branch Library. Follow along with a beginner course on Creativebug and learn how to work with paper clay to make gorgeous, personalized ornaments. Materials will be provided. **Register**

Tuesday, December 10: 1:30pm - 2:30pm, Mystery Book Club - "Happiness Falls" @ Hidden Grounds Coffee House - 1126 N. Broadway Ave. Discuss all manner of mystery, from classic to current, cozy to thriller, series and standalone.

Tuesday, December 10: 1:30pm - 2:30pm, Flying Needles @ Ash Grove Branch Library - Community Room (25). Work on your latest knitting and crochet projects with fellow fiber artists.

Tuesday, December 10: 6:30pm - 7:30pm, Evening Book Discussion - "A Redbird Christmas" @ Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Community Room (100). Chat about our monthly title with other literary lovers in the community.

Tuesday, December 10: 6:30pm - 7:15pm, Pajama Storytime - for infants-age 6 @ 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, December 11: 9:30am - 10:00am, Baby Book Club - for infants-12 months @ Library Center - Story Hour Room (45). Read, sing and play at our special babies-only playtime.

Wednesday, December 11: 10:00am - 11:00am, Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6 @ 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.

Wednesday, December 11: 10:00am - 10:30am, Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months @ 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.

Wednesday, December 11: 10:30am - 11:30am, Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6 @ 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.

Wednesday, December 11: 11:00am - 12:00pm, Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6 @ 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.

Wednesday, December 11: 11:00am - 12:00pm, Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6 @ Fair Grove Branch Library. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read.

Wednesday, December 11: 1:00pm - 2:30pm, Book Discussion - "Only the Beautiful" @ Library Center - Community Room B (30). Chat about our monthly title with other literary lovers in the community.

Wednesday, December 11: 1:00pm - 2:00pm, Book Discussion - "The Flower Sisters" @ Fair Grove Branch Library. Chat about our monthly title with other literary lovers in the community.

Thursday, December 12: 10:00am - 12:00pm, iPhone Class for Seniors @ 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.

Thursday, December 12: 10:00am - 11:00am, Midtown Storytime at The Fairbanks - for infants-age 6 @ 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! Join the Midtown librarians in stories, songs and activities at the Fairbanks Community Hub.

Thursday, December 12: 2:00pm - 3:00pm, Book Discussion - "The Frozen River" @ Republic Branch Library - Community Room. Chat about our monthly title with other literary lovers in the community.

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

Thursday, December 12: 2:00pm - 4:00pm, Gmail Basics @ Library Center - Harrison Conference Room (15). Learn how to create an email account using Gmail, create contacts and signatures, compose and reply to emails, organize your inbox and more. **Register**

Thursday, December 12: 4:00pm - 5:00pm, Christmas Cookie Decorating - for ages 6-12 @ Fair Grove Branch Library. Stop in for some delicious fun for holiday sugar cooking decorating with frosting and sprinkles. Materials will be provided.

Thursday, December 12: 4:00pm - 5:30pm, Dabbling in Art - for age 15-adult @ 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.

Thursday, December 12: 6:00pm - 8:00pm, Teen Silent Reading Café - for ages 12-18 @ Library Station - Frisco Community Room (70). Relax at the Station with your current read, followed by an optional book chat with fellow enthusiasts.

Thursday, December 12: 6:00pm - 7:00pm, Reading Journal How To - for ages 8-12 @ Library Center - Story Hour Room (45). Come along for a guide on setting up your 2025 reading journal! Bring your own journal and learn tips and tricks on making different journal spreads come to life.

Thursday, December 12: 6:00pm - 7:30pm, Downtown Book Club - "Small Things Like These" @ 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.

Thursday, December 12: 7:00pm - 8:00pm, Reading Journal How To - for ages 13-18 @ Library Center - Story Hour Room (45). Come along for a guide on setting up your 2025 reading journal! Bring your own journal and learn tips and tricks on making different journal spreads come to life.

Thursday, December 12: 7:00pm - 8:00pm, Winter Book Buzz @ 4 By 4 Brewing Company - 2811 E. Galloway St., Suite A. Find out the latest buzz on new and upcoming titles from our librarians.

Friday, December 13: 9:30am - 10:00am, Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months @ 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.

Friday, December 13: 10:00am - 10:45am, Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months @ 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.

Friday, December 13: 10:30am - 11:30am, Northview Center Book Discussion - for age 55 and older, "Wandering Stars" @ Northview Center - 305 E. Talmage St. Chat about our monthly title with other readers at this library-sponsored book group just for older adults.

Friday, December 13: 11:15am - 12:00pm, Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6 @ 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.

Friday, December 13: 5:30pm - 7:30pm, Crochet 101 - for ages 12 and older @ Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Community Room (100). Want to learn how to crochet? Learn basic stitches and how to make a crocheted chicken to chase away the winter blues. Materials will be provided. Registration starts November 22; call 417-616-0713.

Friday, December 13: 6:00pm - 7:30pm, Teen Night! - for ages 12-18 @ 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 video games, board games, crafts, hangouts and more.

Friday, December 13: 6:30pm - 8:00pm, Books and Boards - Abduktion @ 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, December 14: 10:00am - 12:00pm, Reading Pals - for ages 5-12 @ Strafford Branch Library - Community Room (40). Practice your reading skills with Evie, our friend from Alliance of Therapy Pets.

Saturday, December 14: 11:00am - 11:45am, Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6 @ 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.

Saturday, December 14: 12:00pm - 2:00pm, Parade Playtime - for all ages @ Park Central Branch Library. Head downtown before the Springfield Christmas Parade to design your own ornament, enjoy our LEGO block floor and grab a take-home holiday craft.

Saturday, December 14: 2:00pm - 3:00pm, STEAM Explorers - for ages 6-12 @ Library Station - Frisco Community Room (70). Develop creative, problem-solving skills through exciting STEAM activities and challenges.

Saturday, December 14: 4:00pm - 5:00pm, Dungeons & Dragons - for ages 12-18 @ 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.

Monday, December 16: 4:30pm - 5:30pm, We Love Comics - for ages 6-9, "Friends Do Not Eat Friends" @ 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.

Monday, December 16: 6:00pm - 8:00pm, Teen Art Studio - for ages 12-18 @ Library Station - Frisco Community Room (70). Calling all art lovers! Come to the Station to practice your art, try a new technique and meet fellow teen artists. No prior skill is required. Materials will be provided.

Monday, December 16: 6:00pm - 6:30pm, Pajama Storytime - for infants-age 6 @ 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.

Tuesday, December 17: 9:30am - 10:00am, Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months @ 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.

Tuesday, December 17: 10:00am - 11:00am, Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6 @ 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.

Tuesday, December 17: 10:00am - 10:45am, Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months @ 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.

Tuesday, December 17: 10:00am - 11:00am, Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6 @ 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.

Tuesday, December 17: 10:30am - 11:15am, Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6 @ 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.

Tuesday, December 17: 10:30am - 11:00am, Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6 @ 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.

Tuesday, December 17: 11:15am - 12:00pm, Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6 @ 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.

Tuesday, December 17: 1:30pm - 2:30pm, Ash Grove Bibliophiles - Bring Your Own Cozy Mystery @ Ash Grove Branch Library - Community Room (25). Bring your favorite cozy mystery for snacks and bookish fun with other literary lovers in the community.

Tuesday, December 17: 2:00pm - 3:00pm, Banned Book Club - "Slaughterhouse-Five" @ 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.

Tuesday, December 17: 6:30pm - 7:15pm, Pajama Storytime - for infants-age 6 @ 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.

Tuesday, December 17: 7:00pm - 8:00pm, Books on Tap - "Eileen" @ 4 By 4 Brewing Company - 2811 E. Galloway St., Suite A. Brewing off-beat discussions about books that aren't in the mainstream.

Tuesday, December 17: 7:00pm - 8:00pm, Ghost Stories for Christmas with Matt Godfrey - for ages 18 and older @ Library Center - Auditorium (100). Warm up with tea, cocoa and treats from Tea Bar & Bites as voice actor and audiobook narrator reads two modern ghost stories in the Victorian Christmas tradition. [Register](#)

Wednesday, December 18: 10:00am - 11:00am, Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6 @ 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.

Wednesday, December 18: 10:00am - 10:30am, Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months @ 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.

Wednesday, December 18: 10:00am - 11:00am, Exploring Genealogy - Year-In-Review: What Did We Learn? @ Library Center - Auditorium (100). Ozarks Genealogical Society members will share their discoveries by using methodologies or resources discussed through the previous year. Sponsored by the Ozarks Genealogical Society.

Wednesday, December 18: 10:30am - 11:30am, Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6 @ 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.

Wednesday, December 18: 11:00am - 12:00pm, Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6 @ 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.

Wednesday, December 18: 11:00am - 12:00pm, Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6 @ Fair Grove Branch Library. Introduce young children to books, reading and language with stories, songs and activities. Parents learn fun ways to build the early literacy skills their children need to learn to read.

Wednesday, December 18: 3:00pm - 5:00pm, Crafternoons - for ages 8-18 @ Ash Grove Branch Library - Community Room (25). Feeling crafty? Come together for a mystery craft on the third Wednesday of the month. Materials will be provided.

Wednesday, December 18: 3:30pm - 4:30pm, Winter Reading Pals - for ages 5-12 @ Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Community Room (100). Cozy up and practice your reading skills with one of our favorite dog friends from Pet Therapy of the Ozarks. Registration starts December 4; call 417-616-0713.

Wednesday, December 18: 4:00pm - 5:00pm, Rosie Book Club - "Educated" @ Hidden Grounds Coffee House - 1126 N. Broadway Ave. Meet at woman-owned businesses to chat about titles that spark conversation with other women in business. Presented in partnership with Leadership Springfield's Rosie project. **Register**

Thursday, December 19: 10:00am - 11:00am, Midtown Storytime at The Fairbanks - for infants-age 6 @ 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! Join the Midtown librarians in stories, songs and activities at the Fairbanks Community Hub.

Thursday, December 19: 2:00pm - 3:00pm, Travelogue - Motorcycling Through Peru @ Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Community Room (100). Enjoy a relaxing afternoon listening to the tales of a world traveler.

Thursday, December 19: 4:00pm - 5:00pm, Book Discussion - "Gilead" @ Strafford Branch Library - Community Room (40). Chat about our monthly title with other literary lovers in the community.

Thursday, December 19: 6:00pm - 7:00pm, So You Want to Learn to Crochet - for ages 12 and older @ Library Center - Story Hour Room (45). Come and learn crochet basics. We'll cover new terms, techniques and stitches and start projects together. No previous experience necessary. Materials will be provided.

Friday, December 20: 9:30am - 10:00am, Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months @ 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.

Friday, December 20: 10:00am - 11:00am, Alzheimer's and Dementia Awareness - Living with Alzheimer's & Dementia @ 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.

Friday, December 20: 10:00am - 10:45am, Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months @ 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.

Friday, December 20: 11:15am - 12:00pm, Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6 @ 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.

Friday, December 20: 1:30pm - 3:30pm, Silver Screen Surfers - "The Shop Around the Corner," rated TV-G @ Ash Grove Branch Library - Community Room (25). Cozy up this winter and enjoy showings of these silver screen gems.

Friday, December 20: 5:30pm - 7:30pm, Crochet 101 - for ages 12 and older @ Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Community Room (100). Want to learn how to crochet? Learn basic stitches and how to make a crocheted chicken to chase away the winter blues. Materials will be provided. Registration starts November 22; call 417-616-0713.

Friday, December 20: 6:00pm - 7:30pm, Teen Night! - for ages 12-18 @ 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 video games, board games, crafts, hangouts and more.

Saturday, December 21: 10:00am - 2:00pm, DIY Card and Bookmark Making - for ages 5-12 @ Library Center - Story Hour Room (45). Stop by to make your cards and bookmarks for you to keep or share with friends. Materials will be provided.

Saturday, December 21: 11:00am - 11:45am, Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6 @ 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.

Saturday, December 21: 1:00pm - 3:00pm, Pinecone Owl @ Library Station - Frisco Community Room (70). Make a whimsical owl figure to decorate your house this winter season. Materials will be provided. **Register**

Sunday, December 22: 10:00am - 2:00pm, DIY Card and Bookmark Making - for ages 5-12 @ Library Center - Story Hour Room (45). Stop by to make your cards and bookmarks for you to keep or share with friends. Materials will be provided.

Sunday, December 22: 3:00pm - 4:00pm, Cookbook Book Club - Holiday Desserts @ 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!

Monday, December 23: 3:00pm - 4:00pm, Family Crafternoon - for all ages @ Willard Branch Library - Community Room (40). Need a break from the holidays? Grab your family and release some stress by crafting together. Materials will be provided.

Tuesday, December 24: 7:00am - 9:00pm, Libraries Closed @ Library Center. All Library branches will be closed and the Mobile Library will not make its scheduled stops Tuesday, Dec. 24, in observance of Christmas Eve.

Wednesday, December 25: 7:00am - 9:00pm, Libraries Closed @ Library Center. All Library branches will be closed and the Mobile Library will not make its scheduled stops Wednesday, Dec. 25, in observance of Christmas.

Thursday, December 26: 10:00am - 12:00pm, iPhone Class for Seniors @ 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.

Friday, December 27: 10:00am - 10:45am, Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months @ 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.

Friday, December 27: 10:30am - 12:00pm, Winter Movie Marathon - for all ages, "How to Train Your Dragon," rated PG @ Library Center - Auditorium (100). Get out of the cold and enjoy a movie on our big screen.

Friday, December 27: 11:15am - 12:00pm, Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6 @ 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.

Friday, December 27: 1:00pm - 3:00pm, Winter Movie Marathon - for all ages, "How to Train Your Dragon 2," rated PG @ Library Center - Auditorium (100). Get out of the cold and enjoy a movie on our big screen.

Friday, December 27: 3:00pm - 4:00pm, Pokémon Play - for ages 8-12 @ Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library - Community Room (100). Calling all Pokémon trainers! Bring your cards to trade or show off as you make themed crafts and chat with fellow fans. Materials will be provided.

Friday, December 27: 6:00pm - 7:30pm, Teen Anime Night - for ages 14-18 @ 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.

Saturday, December 28: 10:00am - 12:00pm, Winter Movie Marathon - for all ages, "The Incredibles," rated PG @ Library Center - Auditorium (100). Get out of the cold and enjoy a movie on our big screen. Make superhero masks to celebrate "The Incredibles" turning 20 this year. Materials will be provided.

Saturday, December 28: 11:00am - 11:45am, Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6 @ 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.

Saturday, December 28: 1:00pm - 3:00pm, Winter Movie Marathon - for all ages, "Incredibles 2," rated PG @ Library Center - Auditorium (100). Get out of the cold and enjoy a movie on our big screen. Make superhero masks to celebrate "The Incredibles" turning 20 this year. Materials will be provided.

Monday, December 30: 10:30am - 12:30pm, Winter Movie Marathon - for all ages, "Inside Out," rated PG @ Library Center - Auditorium (100). Get out of the cold and enjoy a movie on our big screen.

Monday, December 30: 1:00pm - 3:00pm, Winter Movie Marathon - for all ages, "Inside Out 2," rated PG @ Library Center - Auditorium (100). Get out of the cold and enjoy a movie on our big screen.

Monday, December 30: 3:00pm - 4:00pm, Family Crafternoon - for all ages @ Willard Branch Library - Community Room (40). Need a break from the holidays? Grab your family and release some stress by crafting together. Materials will be provided.

Monday, December 30: 6:00pm - 9:00pm, Exploring the Docuverse - "The Million Dollar Duck," rated PG @ 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.

Monday, December 30: 7:00pm - 8:00pm, TikTok Made Me Read It - "Icebreaker" @ Library Center - Community Room A (20). Discuss trending books made popular on BookTok and connect with fellow readers.

Tuesday, December 31: 10:00am - 11:00am, Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6 @ 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.

Tuesday, December 31: 10:00am - 11:00am, Noon Year's Eve Storytime - for infants-age 6 @ Republic Branch Library. Who says you must stay up late to ring in the new year? Not us! Celebrate the start of 2025 with a special New Year's Eve storytime.

Tuesday, December 31: 10:00am - 10:45am, Tiny Tots Storytime - for infants-36 months @ 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.

Tuesday, December 31: 10:30am - 11:15am, Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6 @ 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.

Tuesday, December 31: 11:15am - 12:00pm, Racing to Read Storytime - for infants-age 6 @ 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.

Tuesday, December 31: 5:00pm - 9:00pm, Libraries Closing Early @ Library Center. All Library branches will close at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 31, in observance of New Year's Eve.



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