

Clydesdales clomp into Springfield

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A team of the most recognizable horses in the world will visit Springfield this week. The Budweiser Clydesdales, hosted by the Eagle Beverage Company, arrived Monday for a week-long stay.

While the eight-hitch team is in town, there will be plenty of opportunity to see the horses, along with the dalmatian and donkey that travel as part of the team.

The last time the horses were in town for an overnight stay was 18 years ago, although they were here for a one-day appearance about five years ago.

The horses, originally a birthday present for Adolphus Busch, cofounder of Anheuser-Busch Brewery, began traveling around the country in 1933 to celebrate the repeal of Prohibition. They have since become the company's unmistakable trademark.

The Clydesdales are up to eight feet in height, weight up to 2,300 pounds, have large feathered hoofs and the distinctive white blaze on their faces.

Schedule of events

Wednesday: The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce hosts Family After Hours at Eagle Beverage, 4020 Dayton Road. Tickets, \$10 for adults and \$3 for children, are required and include admission and food. Tickets are available through the Chamber at (937) 325-7621

Thursday: The team makes a special delivery to The Lantern Bar, 1547 W. Pleasant St., in celebration of its 45th anniversary as a family-owned bar. A party from 3 to 10 p.m. will include food from Joe's U.S. 40 Grille.

Saturday: Eagle Beverage will host a public appearance of the team at the **Heritage Center** from 1 to 3 p.m. with a parade.

Sunday: An open house for the Clydesdales will be held from noon to 4 p.m. at Eagle Beverage.