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Most predict an economy at the Lake that returns to “normal.” For the past two years we’ve seen a housing market explode with interested buyers, and sellers who were getting top-dollar for their property. We’ve watched as developers unveiled plans to bring hotels, sports facilities, casinos, entertainment venues and other large-scale projects to the area. Some of these are moving forward, while others fell by the wayside for various reasons.

There’s been a shift in the boating industry as well. Dealers will tell you they’ve had a busy couple of years. Faced with low inventory and long wait times for new orders, some say the market seems to be returning to a sense of normalcy, although I’m not sure anyone expects things to return to the way things were pre-COVID.

Those of us who live here know we are lucky to call Lake of the Ozarks home. We support local businesses and our leaders who are working to implement positive growth and development to the area.

In each issue we pursue telling stories that showcase the essence of the Lake. We believe locals and visitors appreciate the area for its beauty, simplicity, escape from city-life, and enjoy what is still considered a small-town atmosphere compared to most places.

We will continue to strive to be a publication that you can rely on for stories that are fun, light-hearted and entertaining because I feel that reflects the laid-back lifestyle of our area.

Every year always seems to bring its share of challenges, but we are wishing 2023 is a year that you thrive and accomplish all of your goals.

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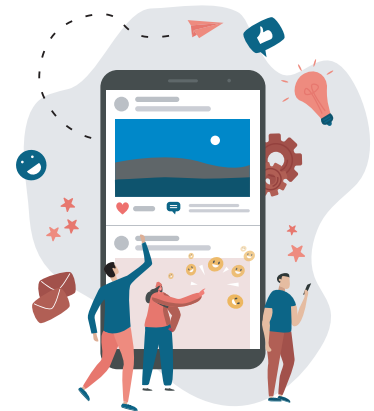
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RUN DEEP

Story by PAUL LEAHY

In the fall of 2022 the PGA of America officially moved its home to Frisco, Texas as the construction of PGA Frisco was nearly completed. Currently the largest development under construction in North America the facility will house two, 18-hole championship golf courses; a 10-hole short course; a 30-acre practice facility; a world-class clubhouse; the 510-room Omni PGA Frisco Resort and the PGA District; and a one-of-a-kind indoor and outdoor golf-centered entertainment area.

Four years in the making, the new headquarters of the PGA was unveiled on August 22, 2022, a mere 30 miles north of Dallas. Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. had been the home of the PGA of America since 1965, but moving to Frisco will enable the PGA to enhance its status as the experts and stewards of the game of golf.

Over the past six years, the PGA of America has had a Missouri native as part of its executive team. Jim Richerson just finished his two-year term as president and has been at the forefront of the project since his election to the board in 2016. Richerson got his start in the golf business right here at Lake of the Ozarks as a golf intern for Marriott's Tan-Tar-A Resort, now the Margaritaville Lake Resort. He learned the game from his father Bill, who coached the golf team at Northeast Missouri State University (now Truman State University). Richerson was a four-year letterman and captain of the William Jewel College golf team. He worked for Tan-Tar-A after graduation and then went on to work for several Marriott golf properties, the Kohler Company (which manage the golf courses at Whistling Straits), Troon Golf, and now is the general manager of the Riviera Country Club in Pacific Palisades, Calif.

This past November as Richerson's term was ending as president of the PGA, another Missourian was elected secretary of the PGA of America. Nathan Charnes, a second generation PGA Professional, is the general manager at the Winghaven Country Club in O'Fallon, Mo. He will eventually become the 45th president of the PGA of America after his two year stints as secretary and vice-president are complete.

I was privileged enough to be part of Charnes' national support team this year promoting his vision for the PGA in hopes of getting him elected by the membership. He ran a phenomenal campaign against two other national candidates in his bid, and soundly defeated them at the national meeting. To hear his nomination speech, and his story and vision, go to www.vimeo.com/768657393. It is definitely worth a listen.

Over the next six years Charnes will be overseeing and experiencing first-hand three PGA Ryder Cups in Rome in 2023, Bethpage in New York in 2025, and finishing up in Ireland in 2027. PGA Frisco will host 26 high-profile championships over the next 12 years. During Charnes' time as an officer those championships will feature the 2023 Senior PGA Championship, 2025 KPMG Women's PGA Championship, culminating his time when he is president with the 2027 PGA Championship. PGA Frisco will be center stage in the golf world on many occasions over the next six years of his term and I am certain he will do Missouri proud and promote our great state on many occasions.

Charnes became the first PGA Professional to hold National Office while being employed in the Gateway Section of the PGA at the time of his election. The Gateway Section of the PGA of America represents 300-plus golf professionals residing in Eastern and Central Missouri, as well as Southern and Central, Illinois. The majority of the professionals served are in and around the St. Louis Metropolitan area. The Gateway Section encompasses all of the golf professionals in the Lake area, Columbia and Jefferson City.

I have had the distinct pleasure of personally knowing both Jim and Nathan for many years and am proud to call them friends and colleagues. Missouri roots definitely run deep in the PGA of America and I look forward to seeing where Nathan takes our association over the next six years.

Paul Leahy is a PGA Golf Professional and the Director of Golf at The Oaks at Margaritaville Lake Resort.



PGA President Nathan Charnes

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A NEW HOME

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Story by PAUL LEAHY

Frisco, Texas is commonly referred to as Sports City USA. With the PGA of America moving their home to Frisco, golf has just taken center stage in the Sport City.

Frisco is just a mere 30 miles north of Dallas and has become the sports mecca of the country. Whether you enjoy baseball, football, basketball, soccer, hockey, cycling, swimming, gymnastics, tennis, cheerleading, hiking, or golf, you can find it in Frisco.

Frisco is home to the FC Dallas soccer team, Frisco Rough riders baseball team, and the Dallas Cowboys practice facility. Frisco has nine million square feet of retail space for all your shopping needs and features 70 miles of trails for hikers, bikers and runners. The growing art trail includes the Texas Sculpture Garden, Frisco Heritage Museum, Museum of the American Railroad and the National Videogame Museum. There is more to do than just golf but let's take a closer look at the tracks you can play.

Frisco was already home to several fine golf courses before the PGA came to town. The Westin Stonebriar

Golf Resort and Spa is home to the Fazio Course and Topgolf Swing Suite. Fazio created a gem utilizing the natural dramatic landforms, contoured greens, masterful bunkers and native grass areas to create a must play when you visit. Inside the resort you will find the perfect complement to your golfing experience at the Topgolf Swing suite simulator. Located inside the Del Webb Frisco Lakes Community you will find Frisco Lakes Golf Club. This 18-hole facility winds throughout the community on the front nine and open countryside on the back nine. The Plantation Golf Club is a 6,400 yard 18-hole facility that seamlessly winds through the rolling hills of Frisco. Conveniently located in the metroplex the Trails of Frisco Golf Club, it features a 6,800 yard par 71 layout with multiple tee boxes for all skill levels.

The newest additions to the golf scene will open in spring of 2023. PGA Frisco will offer two distinct 18-hole championship venues, Fields Ranch East and Fields Ranch West. The East course was designed by Gil Hanse and will play host to a multitude of high profile championships in

the years to come. The par 72 layout can challenge the best players in the world with a length of 7,800 yards. The course was designed to maximize the natural terrain, taking advantage of the rolling topography and the meandering Panther Creek that runs through the property. The Hanse design group took the principals they utilized in redesigning Southern Hills Country Club in Tulsa as they designed and laid out the East Course. The bunkers are naturally blended into the landscape to accentuate the prairie grasslands that surround the holes.

One of the most innovating principles of the course design is the use of the same grass in the fairways and the rough. This allows the course set up to be altered by allowing the corridors to be widened and narrowed based on the required conditions for championship golf and resort play. The design and layout also took into consideration plenty of room for spectators outside the playing areas during the scheduled championships to come. Only time will tell but the East course was designed to highlight championship golf for both player and spectator as well as be a fun, player-friendly course for resort play.

The West course designed by Beau Welling is the perfect complement to the facility. The 7,300 yard layout offers a strategic test of golf. Featuring 75 feet of elevation change, the course is surrounded by native field grass, live oaks and mesquite trees. The expansive 75 yard wide fairways promote enjoyment for golfers of all skill levels.

The property would not be complete without a world-class practice facility. Along with the practice facility a 10-hole lighted par-3 short course called “The Swing” is on site. The course will feature music and lights for nighttime play and will have an “Urban Golf Park Vibe.” Clubs and balls will be available for all guests to use on the course. “The Dance Floor” is also part of the experience. The 75,000 natural grass putting course is considered the largest in the world and is fun for the whole family to enjoy.

Aside from all the amenities the 510 Omni Frisco resort has to offer, the PGA of America home offices are on site with a full accoutrement of activities and displays for everyone to enjoy. This is one golf destination you will want to put on your short list. Whether you’re planning to attend one of the championships or planning to play yourself, this one-of-a-kind golf experience is sure to please.

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WHAT'S NEW, BUYING TIPS, STAYING SAFE,
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While you may not be out boating on Lake of the Ozarks for another month or two, what you do now impacts the kind of summer you will be having this season.

The boating industry is constantly changing. New technology, customer needs, and availability due to supply issues are all considerations when buying a new or pre-owned boat. Even if you are not in the market to purchase a new boat, the winter months are the perfect time to plan ahead so that your transition into the boating season is stress-free.

We have the advice you need from industry leaders and some great ideas for making this your best summer yet.

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Story by MARIE KROLIKOWSKI

The Lake of the Ozarks has become one of the most popular boating destinations in the United States and is often referred to as a boater's paradise. Once dominated by small fishing boats, the Lake has evolved into a playground for everything from wave runners to yachts. Look at some of the 70,000 plus docks at the Lake and it's easy to see that the boating industry is continually offering something new to meet the needs and wishes of all boaters.

Captain Bob May has been a resident at the Lake since 2003 and an active member of the Lake of the Ozarks Water Safety Council since 2008. The council, he explained, is comprised of volunteers who are concerned about boating and water safety. He has seen the changes in the types of vessels that cruise our waterway. Changes in the types and size of boats at the Lake is the reason the council was formed.

"We had a period where bigger boats were showing up on the Lake," May explained. "This was resulting in more accidents and that's when the council was formed. While we still see plenty of large cruisers at the Lake, other types of boats are gaining in popularity."

"People are trying to find boats that serve multiple purposes," May said. "The tri-toon has become very popular because it's



functional and allows for skiing, tubing, or just pleasure riding." While bow-riders are still very popular, May said there's more center console boats being sold and operating on the Lake. There's also a resurgence in outboard motors, with many boats having as many as six mounted on the stern.

The center console boat, the newest concept in boats to hit the Lake, gets its name from the fact that all the controls and electronic equipment are located in the middle of the vessel. The advantage of this design is it grants the captain a 360-degree field of view, making the piloting of the boat and access to either side much easier. The majority are outboard driven, often with numerous motors to provide maximum speed. Most have no cabin which provides more all-around deck space and their deep V-shaped hull takes the waves easier. With a majority of the seating in the bow however, there are disadvantages to this design. This includes a lack of protection from the sun and other weather elements.



Bennington's flagship pontoon boats, the Q line of boats range from 23'-30'. Available at Kelly's Port.

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Aside from the center console, what other types of boats and technology are popular among buyers this season? Depending on who you talk to, the answers are all over the board.

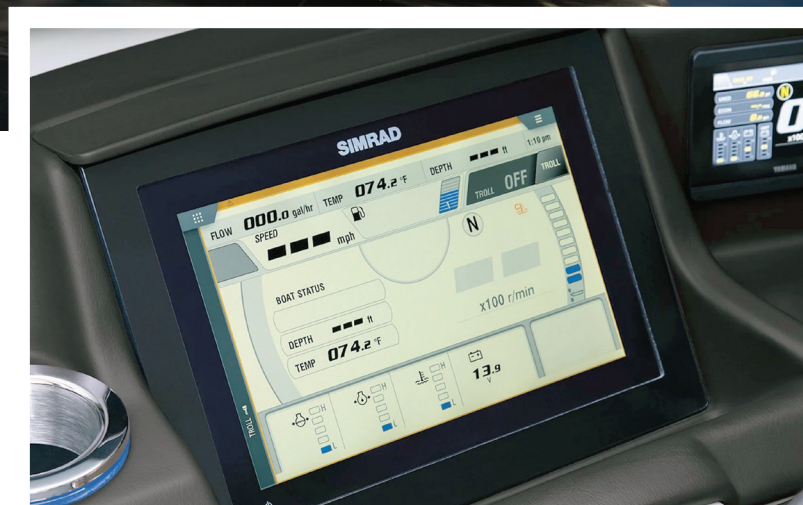
Kelly's Port, located in Osage Beach, is a family boating marina that has made a commitment to remain a small, family business that provides hands-on service. As a result, they specialize in Bennington tri-toons and Regal bow riders which cater more to a family's boating needs. Paul Spica, the sales manager at Kelly's Port, said he has seen a surge in the market for tri-toon boats.

"The tri-toon market has exploded, and we are seeing more people now trading fiberglass boats for tri-toons," he said. "This is a top choice for great family boating. They really are a utility boat that people can ski behind and a boat that can exceed 50 miles per hour. And the starting cost is lower than a bow rider."

The most popular size they sell, Spica said, is in the upper 20-foot range and the majority having single engines. Among both tri-toons and bowriders, Spica said the biggest change they're witnessing is the move toward outboard engines.

"At the Lake, we are still one of the premiere dealers for gasoline stern driven boats," he said. "People like the four-stroke outboards because they're not noisy and they are easy to maintain."

As far as technology, electronic displays and dashboards are at the top of the list for many buyers. This allows for all digital switching to be done through the glass front dashboard. "From the 60-foot yacht down to the 20-foot boat, electronics are more reliable than mechanics ever were and we find less issues than with older mechanical switches," Spica explained.



Joystick control in steering, he added, are making boats more user friendly. Spica said this is one of the reasons people are buying boats, and these options are separating the new buyers from the used boat buyers. Kelly's Port provides a free 30-day major mechanical warranty on any pre-owned boat they sell and are seeing a high demand for these boats.

"Our pre-owned inventory is better than I've ever seen it and these boats are modern," he said. "There is no significant dealer stock nationwide on new boats and there's no longer a glut of inventory. I wouldn't be afraid of purchasing a pre-owned boat at all."

Spica added that prices for new and used are stable and there are a good deals on pre-owned inventory. In the past three years, prices for new boats rose close to 10-percent annually. A normal increase is between three and four percent.

Manufacturing, Spica said, is starting to catch up but availability is still a major concern.

"If you want a boat next year I suggest you buy now," he said. "We are still seeing a challenge in getting boats in a reasonable time-frame."



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Village Marina Showroom & Sales Center in Osage Beach specializes in the sale of new Cobalt made boats, along with a variety of pre-owned makes and models. Mike Kelley, a sales associate with Village Marina, said their buyers are generally looking to purchase boats 24-feet and up, depending on what part of the Lake they choose to boat.

“There are so many styles of boats at Lake of the Ozarks these days,” he said. “You’ll see performance boats, center console boats, pontoons, bowriders and ski boats. If a family is looking to enjoy weekends at the Lake, the Cobalt R8 Surf is popular for water sports in the morning and cruising the shoreline in the afternoon. If watersports are not paramount to our customers, we see them purchasing a larger bowrider such as the A29, R30, R33, R35 and A36.”

Kelley agrees that the most desired options and features in today’s boating world are user friendly electronics. From large touch screen GPS units to extreme sound systems, buyers seem to want the latest and best.

“With the Volvo Penta engine and outdrive packages, customers can enjoy using their boat year-round with the capability of winterizing and summarizing their boat in a matter of minutes,” he added. Another new feature, introduced by Cobalt, is the cool touch technology that keeps upholstery 10 degrees cooler than traditional vinyl.

With new and used boat pricing stabilized, Kelley said there’s still a high demand for boats in both categories.

“Manufacturers are seeing less supply chain issues compared to the last few years so there’s a nice variety of new boats in stock and build slots available.”

As new boat inventory increases, he explained, so does the pre-owned inventory which allows for a great selection of new and pre-owned boats on the market.

A representative from MarineMax in Lake Ozark explained that boating is very diverse and based on a buyer’s needs. They sell sport boats, tri-toons, wake boats, center consoles, sport yachts and yachts. There is no one model or size that is more popular than another. MarineMax strives to match consumers with the boat brand that best meets their needs.

Locally, they explained, there has been a big interest in large bowriders and center console models with outboard engines. There’s also a shift to luxury sport open bow boats with outboard power. This offers the best of both, provides plenty of room for families, yet still has sporty performance and can be used 12 months out of the year. In addition, buyers are looking for easy to use technology, comfort, convenience, big stereo power and luxury amenities.

MarineMax just received their first single engine tri-toon with joystick docking. This game-changing technology for pontoon owners makes maneuvering much easier.

Demand for boats still exceeds supply, however, dealers are starting to have boats in stock in their stores. Availability often depends on the brand. Some luxury brands are still catching up and it can take 12 months or longer to get an ordered boat.

Midwest Boating Center in Lake Ozark sells both new and pre-owned boats and fills their used boat inventory through trade-ins and brokerage agreements. Currently the number of new and pre-owned boats they sell equals one another.

“We sell larger express cruisers and boats with cabins,” explained general manager Jason Taylor. “People are buying these for their size, and we have a lot of people using them for their vacation homes. They don’t have two things to take care of, and homes and condos have been hard to find.”

The average size cruiser they sell, Taylor explained, is 44 feet. Although anything from 40-feet to the upper 50-foot range sells. Taylor said these size boats ride more comfortably in addition to providing the needed space.

Taylor agreed that the latest technology is what buyers are looking for. As mentioned, these include dual screens for operating equipment and charting maps. High tech lights that illuminate everything from the cup holders to the speakers is trendy, in addition to night vision capabilities that makes it easier to see in the dark. Back up cameras are a new offering in addition to a bow thruster, which is a more pointed function that moves just the bow from side to side.



Because all gages are operated through the screen function instead of the outdated analogue system, this adds to the price of the vessel. One screen alone, Taylor said, can cost up to \$30,000.

In addition to cruisers, Midwest Boating Center offers center console models. This design, Taylor said, just became popular at the Lake around 2017.

“In the past five years, there’s been a resurgence in people wanting speed and fast boats,” he explained. “The center consoles all originated from performance boat companies. People want to get to places faster, and some of these boats have top speeds of 80 miles per hour. Many owners are doing 50 miles per hour on these boats on any given weekend.” These models, he explained, average twice the price of a cruiser vessel.

Taylor said during COVID they ran out of inventory because the demand went up. Last year, the battle was with the supply chain with more people boating than ever.

“Parts are starting to fill up and inventory is on the way back up also,” he said. “We are also seeing less price increases. We typically sell from a smaller manufacturer, and we are about one and one-half years out on getting a new boat.”

The Lake is a melting pot for boaters, with each one’s needs unique. If you want to simply cruise the shoreline and take in the scenery, or if you want to speed from venue to venue, there’s a make and model for you. The one staple on everyone’s wish list appears to be the latest state-of-the-art technology.



The 2023 Sea Ray Sundancer 370 has all the amenities you need for an overnight excursion. Available at MarineMax.

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DEALER FINANCING TIP!

There are a lot of choices when it comes to financing your new boat.

Premier 54 office manager Tonya Briggs suggests new boat owners get a loan application in with your dealership as quickly as possible to make sure the financing meets your needs.

At Premier 54, Briggs said they offer loans up to 20 years as long as the amount to finance is \$50,000 or more.

The steps to getting a loan at Premier 54 are: place a buyers order, apply for credit (same day approvals),

gather needed documentation to create loan documents, determine who is handling lien perfection which is different from state to state, sign loan documents, and get your boat on the water!

Dealerships have roughly 20 different banking relationships that specifically deal in the recreation industry, Briggs said. So, if you are looking at getting a loan through a bank or credit union there might be some limitations such as shorter terms (7-10 years) on the loan and slower loan approval times.

TOP THINGS YOU NEED TO HAVE ON THE WATER THIS SEASON

Compiled by CHARIS PATIRES



Lift Off

Jumping on and off the boat to operate the lift can be dangerous, especially in rough water. That's why WP Controls has developed a new lift controller that operates via bluetooth. Using your phone or other device, you can operate the boat lift controller from anywhere as long as you have internet access and a Wi-Fi enabled dock. You can also operate it via bluetooth within a certain proximity of the boat lift controller.

The controller allows you to put your boat lift up upon leaving the dock with your boat. This is especially helpful for homeowners that live in an area of the Lake with lots of traffic and rough water.

For peace of mind while you are away, a digital sensor constantly detects the position of the lift and will automatically correct it, and a built-in camera allows you to check on your boat from afar. Enclosures are customizable so you can choose the colors and style. Models start at \$2,850.

The only dealer and installer located at Lake of the Ozarks is WP Controls in Laurie. (www.wpcontrolsllc.com)



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Bye Bye Bugs

One of the biggest inconveniences for any boat owner is having to wipe down everything bugs have left behind before heading out on the Lake. Docks attract spiders, mud daubers and wasps which can ruin your gel coat and upholstery.

Aqua Pest Solutions makes it easy to keep your dock nice and clean with a proprietary blend of essential oils that are non-toxic and environmentally friendly. That makes it safe for pets, wildlife, people and children. Since it is not a pesticide, it will not hurt your boat, upholstery, dock furniture or lake toys.

Aqua Pest also treats residential homes and commercial buildings for any pests. Docks are treated every 21-24 days and homes every 30 days.

(www.aquapestsolutions.com)

Quality Bumpers

If you've got old or small dock bumpers, you may want to consider an upgrade. WhamGuard Rotating Boat Dock Bumpers protect boats and docks from damage by rotating on impact to guide and protect the boat while docking and launching. The bumpers can be placed on the dock roof posts in areas most likely to make contact with a boat. The shape, material and roto-mold manufacturing process makes WhamGuard strong enough to take hard impacts, especially when the water is rough making it tough to dock.

Owner and inventor Wes Hamilton says WhamGuard was created out of necessity and frustration. WhamGuard completely encapsulates the post that it is attached to and its strong design won't warp or create space for the boat to get hung up on.

Each WhamGuard is ordered according to the post size, are available in five colors, and retails online for \$125 plus shipping.

Pick them up at CWD Supply in Osage Beach or order online. (www.whamguard.com)



Water Accessories

If you plan on going out on the Lake (or to the beach this summer), making sure you are equipped with the right accessories is a must. From fun hats to clothing, and even bug repellent, the line of products provided by Duk Gear are perfect for the boater, kayaker or paddle board enthusiast.

A locally-owned lifestyle brand, Duk Gear is one of the most trusted brands for outdoor gear. The DukPouch, a waterproof and floating cell phone case, makes it easy to protect your phone but still allows you to text, take photos and videos, even under water. They come in a variety of sizes, colors and patterns, and retail for \$20-\$25. C.C. ponytail caps (\$25) come in a several styles and sayings. Another popular product is the Nauti Girl Mesh Tote Bag (\$12.50). It carries all your essentials for the day. Check out the line of fun T-shirts, nautical jewelry and key chains as well. They all make great gifts.

While some Missouri retailers offer various Duk Gear products, the best way to purchase is on the website.

(www.dukgear.com)

An Innovative Idea

Anyone who has spent some time on Lake of the Ozarks knows water conditions change drastically during the season. On those busy, rough-water days, having your boat moored in a dock slip can cause damage and stress to the boat and dock by the constant tug-of-war that happens from wakes.

After experiencing this first-hand, Lake residents Lisa and Larry Steele came up with an innovation — a self-adjusting cleat system that glides up to take on movement with ease. Installers mount a three-foot, stainless-steel shaft on dock posts and attach a glide component that moves up and down freely with the waves of the water or your lift.

DockGlide is priced based on the length, overall weight of your boat, and whether it is stored on a lift or in the water. Prices start at \$1,750.

It can be purchased online, or through local dock builders and lift companies around the Lake.

(www.DockGlide.com, 573-693-0041)



Get Covered

Covering your boat or PWC is essential to keeping things in tip-top shape. Covers prevent damage from weather and wildlife, keeps water from puddling, provides longevity to the gel coat and minimizes oxidation.

The skilled and professional team at NautiAft Covers provides services for upholstery, bimini tops, enclosures, carpets, flooring and headliners. Owner Brandon Copeland learned from the best and used to do everything by hand, but with advances in technology NautiAft Covers uses a sophisticated system that creates the perfect fit.

Using top-of-the-line, quality fabric, different styles of covers can be customized including cockpit, bow (or combined to cover both), rubrail, mooring covers that protect to the waterline and travel covers. New in 2023 are dust covers that are made from lightweight fabric surged to reduce fray and provide strength. Some covers come equipped with a rope ratchet system to insure a tight fit to keep those critters out.

While NautiAft specializes in marine covers, they can customize just about anything you'd want covered including grills and dock furniture. The company has completed patio enclosures for several Lake restaurants.

The price range for covers is \$1,000-\$6,000 depending on the size of boat and location. Upholstery repair ranges from \$100 to \$20,000 for full boat interior while enclosures can be \$3,000-\$30,000 depending on size, material, choice of eisinglass and square footage.

NautiAft Covers is located three miles down Hwy. 42 in Kaiser.

(www.nautiaftcovers.com)

KEEPING THE LAKE SAFE

Story By DOUG BECK



LIFE JACKET STATIONS MAKE FLOTATION DEVICES ACCESSIBLE, PROMOTES SAFETY

Keeping our Lake safe. Through promoting water and boating safety and education, that is what the Lake of the Ozarks Water Safety Council is all about.

The Lake of the Ozarks Water Safety Council (WSC) is a group of businesses, organizations, and private citizens who are dedicated to promoting water safety at Lake of the Ozarks. The Lake of the Ozarks Water Safety Council was formed in 2007 and is a non-profit organization that:

- Promotes boating and water safety at the Lake of The Ozarks.
- Serves as a local (or regional) source for boating and water safety information for the general public.
- Encourages cooperation, networking, and communication between member agencies of the council as well as other organizations.
- Promotes wearing life jackets and designating sober captains while recreating on the Lake of the Ozarks.

The mission is simple — to keep our Lake safe. The council wants everyone to wear life jackets, designate a captain, and enjoy Lake of the Ozarks and all it has to offer in the safest manner possible.

The safety on our Lake is imperative to residents and visitors. We want them to be able to share their happy, positive experiences from their time at Lake of the Ozarks, go back home, and encourage others to do the same. In return, this benefits our residents and businesses from the vital economic impact that is generated through tourism.

Research shows that most drownings could have been prevented if a life jacket had been worn by the victim. That's why groups and organizations have been working together to establish Life Jacket Loner Stations around the Lake area. The goals for this program is to increase life jacket wear during water-based activities, as well as to educate the visiting public on the importance of proper use and fit. The life jacket loaner program provides the public with free use of life jackets on a first-come, first-served basis.

Funding for the Life Jacket Loner Station program has been donated by Anheuser-Busch, the Lake of the Ozarks Marine Dealers Association, Lake of the Ozarks Water Safety Council, and the Captains Association of Missouri. Equipment and life jackets have been donated by Sea Tow Foundation and Bombora. Sea Tow Foundation provided life Jackets ranging from child, youth and adult. Bombora provided all child and youth life jackets.

The first two of five stations will be installed by Memorial Day at Frankie and Louie's and Captain Ron's, followed by Public Beach 1 and Public Beach 2, and Ha Ha Tonka State Park. A planned unveiling will be held for the lifejacket stations on Friday, May 19, 2023 to coincide with Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day and Water Safety Month.

Doug Beck is a certified National Safe Boating Council instructor, co-chair of the Lake of the Ozarks Water Safety Council and the president of the Captains Association of Missouri.

MARINE DEALERS BOAT SHOWS



GEORGE DENNY PHOTO

LOCAL DEALERS HAVE WHAT YOU NEED TO ENJOY THE LAKE THIS SUMMER

The Lake of the Ozarks Marine Dealers Association is made up of local dealers offering all the top lines of boats, marine accessories, docks, personal watercraft and other industry-related goods and services. Several events are hosted by LOMDA each year to give the public the opportunity to speak to dealers face-to-face and browse new and pre-owned inventory. Find everything you need at these upcoming shows.

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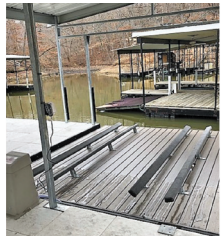
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THE UPS AND DOWNS OF THE REAL ESTATE MARKET

WHAT'S CHANGED AND WHAT TO EXPECT AT LAKE OF THE OZARKS IN 2023

Story by CHARIS PATIRES

Lake of the Ozarks.
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The only constant is change. That saying can be applied to many things in life, including the real estate market.

If you've been watching Lake of the Ozarks the past couple of months, you've probably noticed a slow-down. Sellers are no longer getting multiple offers over asking price, and buyers have become more reluctant thanks to higher interest rates.

As the market adjusts to a new normal, many local realtors say 2022 was still a record-breaking year.

"I think we are getting back to the way the market was traditionally before the pandemic," longtime Lake realtor, Ed Schmidt with exp Realty, said. "Some properties are selling at asking price or a little over, but it's nothing like we were seeing with 5-15 multiple offers and well over asking price."

Right now low inventory and higher interest rates are the biggest challenges facing the market. Many properties, especially those in the middle to upper price range, are selling well but sometimes take a little longer, than a day or a week like last year.

Schmidt says while interest rates are up, there are programs offered by lenders that can help you negotiate a better rate up to 3% off current rates for your first year. Once rates do come down, refinancing is always an option with some lenders waving refinance fees until 2025.

Schmidt predicts a steady market in 2023, and says when interest rates do drop, the Lake could experience another surge with many buyers waiting for a rate correction.

Lake of the Ozarks is still a popular place to be. This hidden gem became a hotspot after the hit Netflix show "Ozark" introduced it to the world, followed by the national exposure received during the COVID pandemic when the Lake remained open while most of the country shut down. That's when owning a home at Lake of the Ozarks had become a hot commodity.



PHOTOS BY CHARIS PATIRES

HISTORY IN THE MAKING

When John and Lynn Farrell moved to Lake of the Ozarks in the 70s, the single-lane highway through Osage Beach was bumper to bumper from Memorial Day to Labor Day each year. Since then, infrastructure improvements, new commercial business, and an overall affordable cost of living has made the Lake area a popular spot for tourists and second homeowners.

A broker with John Farrell Real Estate, Lynn serves on a number of local and state realtor boards and organizations, and has been involved in the community for decades. She's seen a lot of changes over the years.

After experiencing record-breaking real estate transactions during the pandemic, Lynn says it's starting to return to normal.

"The last two years we were bombarded constantly," she said. "Now we are seeing it go back to the way things used to be. By mid-January to the first of February it will likely pick up, weather permitting."

Lynn said even though inventory is low, she's noticed buyers have become more particular and specific about the type of home they want.

Offshore property around \$300,000-\$500,000 has been the easiest to move. Waterfront property from \$500,000-\$900,000 is typically the first to sell. Currently, more condominiums are coming onto the market than homes. While the market has slowed, the selling price has not dropped drastically.

While interest rates for buyers is higher than what we've been used to, Lynn says she remembers when they built their first Lake home in 1979 when rates were 10 percent. As of December 2022, interest rates were hovering around 5.8 percent for a 15-year fixed loan and 7 percent for 30-year. Some buyers have been reluctant due to the uncertainty of rates, which can increase a monthly mortgage payment and throw the buyer out of the price bracket of what they can afford.

Lynn shares a few pieces of advice for buyers and sellers in today's market. Be patient and listen to your realtor. If you are in the market to buy, get prequalified and let your realtor know how much you can realistically spend. If you are not planning to borrow, have proof of funds.

Sellers should price their property right. Any knowledgeable realtor would be able to help establish that price to make a home more sellable.

Investment properties, whether for short-term or long-term rentals have increased in popularity.

"If you've got the money and you know how to manage it, or have a good manager in the area, do it," she said. "There are people out there that need rental property so why not invest it locally?"



LOOKING AHEAD

The biggest question on people's minds is "What does the future hold?"

"We cannot know the future but we can study the past and the current elements at play, and this helps us understand where our local market might be going," Cricket Staggs, realtor with Ozark Empire Realty, said. Staggs is also the president of the Lake of the Ozarks Board of Realtors.

The Lake is still an affordable place to be. The average price per square foot at Lake of the Ozarks is \$204, much lower than many parts of the country. It was \$120 in January of 2020, when the pandemic began.

"Generally speaking, the residential market at the Lake of the Ozarks is quite busy in comparison to some historical averages. Numbers (sale prices, price per square feet, etc) are up but inventory is still down and when a home is priced and marketed appropriately we are still seeing a fast moving market and a low inventory. And, I think we all know why ... our secret is out. You simply can't find more bang for your buck on the national secondary home market than right here at the Lake of the Ozarks."

The average sales price in November 2022 was \$406,466 compared to January 2020 when it was \$236,793. That's when the Lake of the Ozarks MLS shows a sharp increase where it holds steady today.

"My best advice is to consult with professionals for every component. Don't take general advice. Take advice that is unique for your situation. It is vitally important that consumers find an agent they can know, like and trust, who can provide them with fiduciary duty and all the other ethical and legal obligations that come with being a licensed professional and REALTOR® in the state of Missouri."

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SHORT AND LONG-TERM RENTALS AT
LAKE OF THE OZARKS A GROWING TREND

Story by MARIE KROLIKOWSKI



PHOTOS BY CHARIS PATIRES

The Lake area offers a variety of housing options, with everything from condominiums to mansions. Some buyers purchase these properties for full time residency while others use them for vacation homes. And others capitalize on their investments by turning their properties into short term vacation rentals.

Dave and Lynne Holt are vice-presidents of PMI Lake of the Ozarks. They offer a complete package of services to manage short term rental property at the Lake. These services include accounting, marketing services utilizing the most streamlined and up-to-date technology, complete cleaning, and other needs property owners may have. By using their technology, they reported that as of December of 2022, there were 1,186 short term rental properties in Osage Beach, 863 in Lake Ozark and 326 in Sunrise Beach.

Dave explained that people choose to rent their properties for different reasons.

“I think the cost of property and higher interest rates are a factor,” he said. “People want to own at the Lake but these factors impact their buying power.”

Renting their properties, he explained, offsets costs to make Lake ownership more affordable.

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“There’s also some extra tax deductions available,” Dave added. “I tell people to talk to their tax professionals.”

Other owners choose to purchase and rent properties as short term rentals for investment purposes. Whether or not this is a good investment, Dave explained, depends on several factors.

“Whether or not it’s a good investment is not an easy answer,” he said. “It depends on what the owner’s motivation is.”

For example, one motivation is they want to own a place and be able to use it but need to offset expenses. A second motivation is buyers are looking for a straight up return on their investment.

“Both can be good investments, but it depends if they bought it for the right price and under the right terms,” Dave explained.

While owning short term rental property may sound easy, Dave and Lynne explained there are factors potential buyers need to look for. For example, some locations are restrictive of short-term rentals.

“Buyers need to check the area they’re considering buying into and the association rules before making a purchase,” Lynne said.

“You need to check if you’re on a city or private septic system,” Dave added. “Not all systems are designed to handle 10 people in a house for a full week.”

A major concern, both agreed, is that buyers don’t realize vacation rental management is a full-time job. For several reasons, they recommend that buyers looking to rent their properties utilize a property management company.

“There’s the liability of workers at the Lake and people not showing up to address repair issues,” Lynne said. “We have found vendors we’ve worked with that we trust and have a team we can depend on, and who do a good job for us.”

Another concern is cleaning between guests.

“We tell our owners and guests we want them to be able to just lock the door and leave after their stay,” Lynne said. “We don’t want them to have to do anything in terms of cleaning before they leave.”

The screenshot shows the Vrbo website interface. At the top, there are navigation links for 'Get the app', 'Trip Boards', 'Log in', 'Sign up', 'Help', 'Feedback', 'USD (\$)', 'EN', and 'List your Property'. The search bar is set to 'Lake Ozark, Missouri, United States...' with check-in dates of 07/02/23 and check-out dates of 07/08/23 for 2 guests. Below the search bar are filter options for 'Filters', 'Popular', 'Price', and 'Rooms & spaces'. Two property listings are visible:

- Property 1:** A condo with a Premier Host badge. Description: '*Beautiful! 1 Bd/1Ba (slps 4) On the Water! 2 Steps to Unit! Wifi'. Features: Sleeps 4 · 1 bedroom · 1 bed. Rating: Wonderful! 4.9/5 (40 reviews). Price: \$140 /night, \$1,016 total. Free cancellation up to Jun 2.
- Property 2:** A gated community with a Premier Host badge. Description: 'Gated Community Indoor/Outdoor Pool/Hot Tub & 20' Boat Slip'. Features: Classy 2 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms.

On the right side of the screenshot is a map of the Lake Ozark area with several blue location pins. The map includes labels for Rocky Mount, Bagnell, Lakeside, Lake Ozark, Sunrise Beach, Lake of the Ozarks, and Kaiser. A search filter 'Search when I move map' is checked.

In deciding to go with a rental management company, both Dave and Lynne said there are issues to consider in choosing one. For example, Dave said a good rental company will make renters take an insurance policy to cover their stay. PMI, for example, requires renters to take a policy for \$89 that covers up to \$3,000 of any damage incurred during their stay.

The technology offered by the management company is another concern. For example, technology available today includes noise monitoring devices that would indicate if there's an unwanted party going on, cameras mounted on the outside of the property to ensure renters aren't exceeding the number of guests permitted, and more. A good management company, Dave said, will introduce themselves to the neighbors and encourage them to reach out if any problems arise while the property is being rented.

The subject of short-term rentals is a controversial topic at the Lake, with some residents against it.

"There's always the not in my backyard neighbor," Dave said. "That person who doesn't want rental properties near them. The Lake is really a vacation area, and the escalation in housing prices has increased the number of people renting," he added. For this reason, he said, it's imperative to choose a company that minimizes any issues that may arise for neighboring residents.



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OVER-THE-COUNTER HEARING AIDS

LATEST OPTIONS FOR THOSE SUFFERING FROM HEARING LOSS

Story by LAKE REGIONAL HEALTH SYSTEM

A new U.S. Food and Drug Administration rule means you now can buy a hearing aid without a prescription, a hearing test or even a fitting. But does that make over-the-counter hearing aids the best response to your hearing loss struggle?

“Not everyone will benefit from the new over-the-counter option,” says Lake Regional Audiologist Stephanie Tittle, AuD. “The first step should always be to see an audiologist to determine whether you are even a candidate for an over-the-counter hearing aid.”

WHAT CHANGED?

Before the new rule, you could buy hearing aids only with a prescription from an audiologist or other hearing care professional, who is trained to evaluate, recommend, fit and adjust the devices for you and your specific hearing needs. Now, hearing aids are available in brick-and-mortar stores and online.

Ordering OTC hearing aids online may sound easier and faster than obtaining a prescription, but it is extremely important to note that these devices will be of lower quality than prescriptive level hearing aids and will have fewer features and fine-tuning.

“Think of OTC hearing aids like reading glasses,” Dr. Tittle says. “You may need them for specific situations but would not wear them all the time.”

MORE TO KNOW

It’s also important to note that OTC hearing aids are never for children or teenagers younger than 18.

“This age group needs prescribed hearing aids to meet their complex educational and communication needs,” Dr. Tittle says.

As for adults, OTC hearing aids are an option only for those who think they have mild to moderate hearing loss, based on their symptoms.

“It’s tricky because people cannot accurately judge their own hearing levels,” Dr. Tittle says. “That’s why seeing an audiologist first is critical.”

EXPERT ADVICE

And there are more reasons to see a doctor first.

Hearing problems may be caused by things other than aging or long-time noise exposure. They can be a sign of a serious condition. Or they may be caused by something fairly simple, like excess earwax that your doctor can remove. Always see a doctor if you have:

- Dizziness with hearing loss.
- Ear drainage.
- Hearing loss that comes on suddenly or is different in one ear.
- Pain in your ear.

Other considerations should also be made, such as whether your insurance plan covers OTC hearing aids.

“Also, most OTC hearing aids will come with very limited support and likely no in-person support,” Dr. Tittle says. “Imagine trying to service your car when the check engine light comes on but you’re not a mechanic. That can be very frustrating and for most people, near impossible.”

If you do need a hearing aid, you may decide that you want a hearing health pro to help you choose one that best meets your needs and your lifestyle. Learn more at lakeregional.com/Hearing.

AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION

Hearing is precious and worth protecting. To help you prevent hearing loss:

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WITH A DISTINCTIVE VOICE THAT PLEASES THE SPIRIT, CHERYL LYNN ENTERTAINS YEAR-ROUND

Her earliest memories of singing are when her mother would stack the vinyl records on a Saturday afternoon and sing while cleaning the house. Cheryl Lynn Parey grew up in a home that loved music.

“When the other kids were singing nursery rhymes, I was walking into preschool singing the Four Seasons’ ‘Can’t Take My Eyes Off of You!’” Cheryl explained. “I have been singing for as long as I can remember. My mother never sang professionally herself, yet she was a huge influence on introducing me to all kinds of music.”

Growing up, her personal influences were Judy Garland, Karen Carpenter and Anne Murray. She sang in several different choir groups during her school years, and for countless weddings. She regrets that she doesn’t play an instrument herself but is honored to have had the pleasure of singing with

and being accompanied by many great musicians.

Originally from St. Louis, Cheryl made her move to the Lake in January 1995, and began professionally singing a few years later. She has worked at Li'l Rizzo’s for the better part of 28 years.

“When Carol Borders, then owner of Li'l Rizzo’s heard me sing, she asked me to start playing for her on Sunday evenings at the restaurant. From there I started playing at different venues throughout the Lake area,” she noted. “I had the extreme honor of playing with a jazz combo when Eddie Jordan and Sharon Watson bought Casablanca on the Strip 15-plus years ago.”

This group was led by Michael “V” Vyrostek, who has since passed, the most incredible musician Cheryl has ever met, playing the piano beautifully, and countless other instruments.



PHOTO BY CHARIS PATIRES

“I learned more about music from Michael than I could have in any classroom,” she said. The group also included a drummer, saxophone player and sometimes guitar. Other musicians would come and sit in to play on occasion. With that group, they played at various locations around the Lake including JB Hook’s and Captain Ron’s.

Cheryl has continued to play at Casablanca since the Bricks purchased it, and also plays at JJ Twig’s on a regular basis, along with private parties and other local venues throughout the year.

“I sing all genres of music, from old standards to country, Fleetwood Mac and 70’s music, to rock and roll and oldies. There is pretty much nothing I won’t attempt if I get a request,” she said. “I do think my favorite music to sing are the old standards, torch songs and such, but I do love my 70’s music!”

WHERE TO HEAR CHERYL LYNN

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH AT CASABLANCA. SECOND AND FOURTH FRIDAY AT JJ TWIG’S

January 6
Casablanca
7-11 p.m.

January 13
JJ Twigs
8-11 p.m.

January 27
JJ Twigs
8-11 p.m.



Fog in cove, 18x16, oil on canvas



Artist Jeanette Smart at her home studio in Linn Creek.

CHARIS PATIRES

AN *Eye* FOR Art

ARTIST CREATES REPRESENTATIONAL WORK FROM HOME STUDIO IN LINN CREEK

Story by CHARIS PATIRES

Djimon Hounsou in "Blood Diamond," 18x16, oil on canvas



Jeanette Smart had an eye for art at a young age.

“While family sat around the television at night, I was drawing at the table,” she said.

When those around her noticed her natural ability to create representational pieces, she was enrolled in drawing lessons and began honing her skills.

Growing up in Iowa, she studied at a studio in Des Moines for several years learning how to draw and paint. In high school she began studying graphic design which is what she would lean on to earn a living.

“I decided to become an artist because I enjoyed it and I wanted to make a living doing something I loved,” Smart said.

After her freshman year at Iowa State University, Smart moved to Flagstaff, Ariz. She would move back and forth a few times over the years, and lived in

Northern California before settling down at Lake of the Ozarks about four years ago.

At her home studio in Linn Creek she creates works that inspire her as well as commissioned pieces, and offers classes three days a week. Her artwork is mostly representational — which means viewers can recognize the subject in the painting.

“The style I work in is at times impressionistic and at other times somewhat photographic,” she said. “I try to create paintings that put the viewer in the painting. Hopefully it will evoke the same positive emotions I felt.”

Despite having a knack for art, each piece takes time, patience and dedication.

“I enjoy the mystery of painting,” she said. “I have an idea what it will look like finished but it doesn’t necessarily become that. It’s a lot like having a relationship with a journey. When I finish, I’m sad the journey has ended but believe me, the relationship can get frustrating and difficult and requires hard work.”

Smart has students ranging in age of 12-100. They start with basic drawing and it can take years to get to the point of creating oil portraits.

MORE INFO

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SEE HER WORK

Lake Fine Art Academy & Galleria: 1426
Bagnell Dam Blvd., Lake Ozark
Bill’s Art Center and Gallery: 94 N. Business
MO-5, Camdenon
Home studio by appointment

Marianne’s Poppy, 24x18, oil on canvas



Flower Cove, 36x18, oil on canvas



Cozumel Beach, 12x9, oil on canvas

Golfers, 16x20, watercolor on paper





Ziva, 8x10, colored pencil on board

Michael Egel, Art Director and General Manager of the Des Moines Metropolitan Opera; 24x20; oil on canvas



“I am very passionate about teaching and seeing my students progress,” she said. “I especially like to work with young people who have time to develop their skills and get a head start on a career in the arts.”

Smart accepts commissioned work, and can create any subject in any medium. Clients often ask for pet portraits but she recently completed a large oil landscape of a cove at Lake of the Ozarks.

“I have to say that my favorite painting is the one I’m working on,” she said. “Each requires everything from you; your emotions, physical precision, years of developed skill and understanding of art, hand-eye coordination and a fair amount of time out of your life.”

Fog in Cove, 18x16, oil on canvas



Slip, 20x18, oil on canvas





Save the Date

Winterfest
2023

Date: Saturday, February 11, 2023

Location: Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark

Winterfest is an annual event held at the beginning of each year consisting of vibrant live music, a decadent dinner, and a silent and live auction. Winterfest is a fantastic evening for all that attend and is a very successful fundraising event for our club.



www.daybreakrotary.org
Contact the club secretary at
secretary@daybreakrotary.com

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STYLES AND
BOLD COLORS

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Photography by BRAD GLIDEWELL



Alexandra Evans
Lake Ozark resident

Little Red Riding Hood-ie, \$45;
Gold Link drop earrings, \$10;
Too Chic to Care satin wide-leg trousers, \$64

When Nicole Carpenter and Ally Wells opened Urban Sunflower Boutique last year they wanted to create a store that offered a collection of trendy styles.

Why not start 2023 with a fresh, new look? Bright colors and fun patterns make these outfits stand out.





CURRENT TRENDS

- RETRO/90S STYLES
- FEATHERS
- LEATHER
- SHEER TOPS
- BUCKET HATS
- PLATFORM SHOES
- CHECKERED PRINT

Grace Houston
Lake Ozark resident

WHAT SHE'S WEARING:

Get in Line top and joggers, \$28/each;
Sour Candy corduroy shacket, \$55.



Get These Looks

URBAN SUNFLOWER BOUTIQUE
3570 Osage Beach Pkwy., Ste. 105

HOURS: Monday 11 a.m.-5 p.m.;
Tuesday-Saturday 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

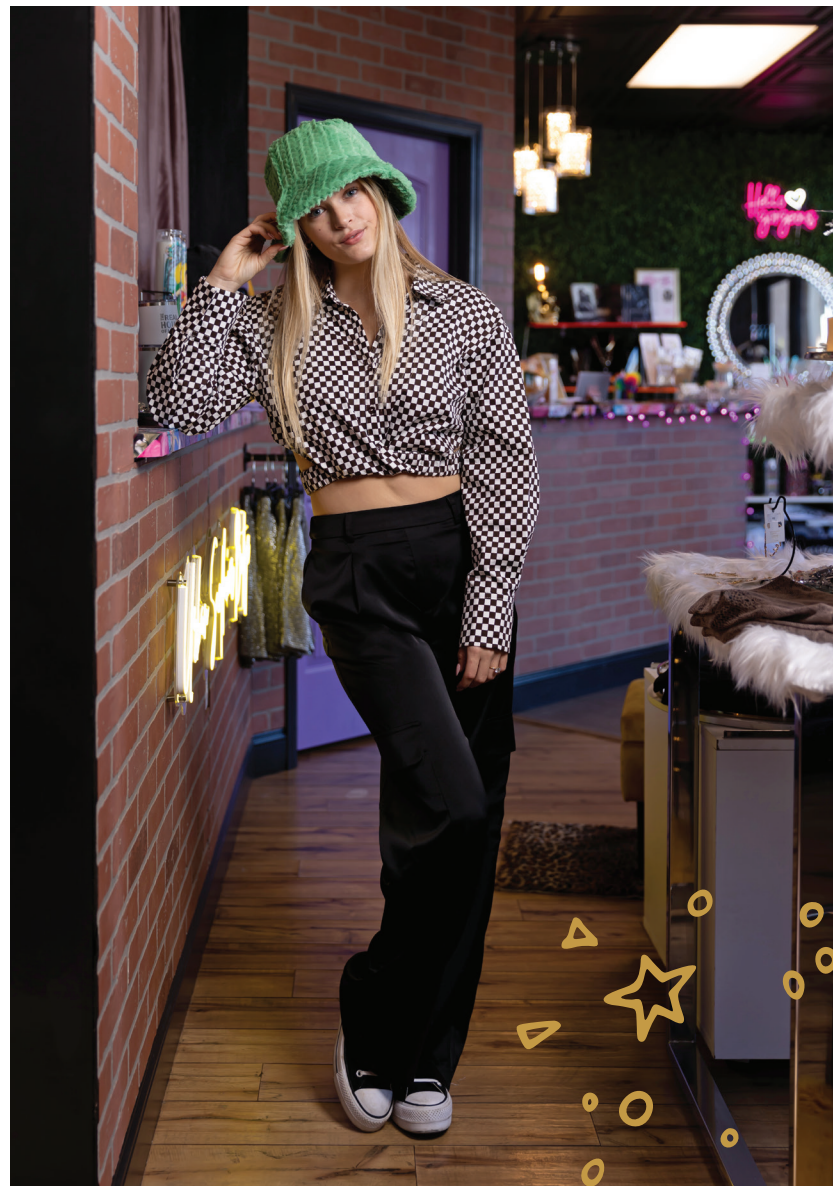
** Photos taken at Urban Sunflower Boutique & Kelly's Port showroom in Osage Beach.*





Brittini Rodriguez
owner of Carmelita's Mexican
Restaurant in Laurie

Vegas Babe bralette, \$27;
Talk That Talk front slit pants, \$55;
Watch N Learn cardigan, \$45;
A Perfect Match boots, \$45.



Too Chic to Care satin wide-leg trousers, \$62;
Boost Me Up checkered cutout top, \$40;
Morning green bucket hat, \$25.



Wide Awake sweater, \$53;
Lisa Frank Who bucket hat, \$25;
yellow chunky hoop earrings, \$8.



Fire Burning corduroy shacket, \$55;
On the Prowl velvet bodysuit, \$27.

Abstract Face earrings, \$18.



DINING PROFILE

UPSCALE, URBAN & Chic

1932 RESERVE OFFERS FINE-DINING EXPERIENCE
IN FORMER HISTORIC LODGE

Story by CHARIS PATIRES | *Photography by* ALAN WOHLGEMUT



The Reserve is known for its Smoked Piggy Old Fashioned.



The Cioppino is a popular dish with Chilean sea bass, mussels, shrimp, scallop, orzo, tapenade, charred tomato-garlic broth with a grilled ciabatta and tapenade.



All of The Reserve's craft cocktails are made with house-made syrups and fresh-squeezed juice. Pictured is Ring the Alarm, a concoction of Del Maguey Vida Mezcal, chili-infused Aperol, pineapple, lime, agave and Peychaud's bitters.

When 1932 Reserve opened in the summer of 2019, the historic building had been brought back to life. Housed in what was the oldest lodge on Lake of the Ozarks, painstaking renovations salvaged some of the historic features of the building and created an urban, upscale environment. No details were spared as the restaurant transformed into a casual, fine-dining experience on the lower level with trendy, luxury condominiums built on the upper floors.

A farm-to-table concept ensures quality, elegant meals that are meticulously created in the kitchen by a well-trained crew.

Mark Spears, the operating owner and partner at 1932 Reserve, says he wants people to feel welcome and like family when they come to the restaurant.

"We want this place to be somewhere you take guests when you have them in town to show them how cool the place is with the impressive whisky and spirit selection, hand-crafted cocktails and expansive wine list," he said. "We also want The Reserve to be the place that you just want to go grab a delicious bite of food during the winter with your family on our cozy enclosed patio."

The food, service and surroundings make The Reserve one of the best fine-dining experiences at Lake of the Ozarks.

"We want our guests to have an upscale casual experience here at The Reserve," Spears said. "We want to offer a truly chef-driven menu that will change (a couple) times a year with the seasons."





A bottle of the 1932 Reserve single barrel select. As the saying goes, when one door closes, another one opens.



Chef Scott Romano crafts a menu with distinct and sophisticated flavors, and changes it up twice a year. Some staples stay on the menu but frequent diners will always have something new to try. For starters Mussels & Fries, Crispy Sesame Cauliflower Fritti, Crisp Smoked Salmon Croquettes and a few other dips and items are available.

A variety of entrées include Caramelized Scallops, Salmon, Truffle Roasted Half Chicken, Double Cut Bone-In Pork Chop, 8 oz. Filet, 18 oz. Cowboy Ribeye and the 1932 Burger. Top off any meal with fingerling potatoes, teriyaki glazed baby carrots, french fries or corn bread.

Chef Romano worked at some of the most prestigious restaurants in the country. A graduate of The Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York, he worked for celebrity chef Charlie Palmer for several years at his flagship Aureole New York in New York. He worked his way up to Corporate Chef of the Charlie Palmer Group. Romano also worked for Wolfgang Puck at the Spago Beverly Hills, and CUT steakhouse at the

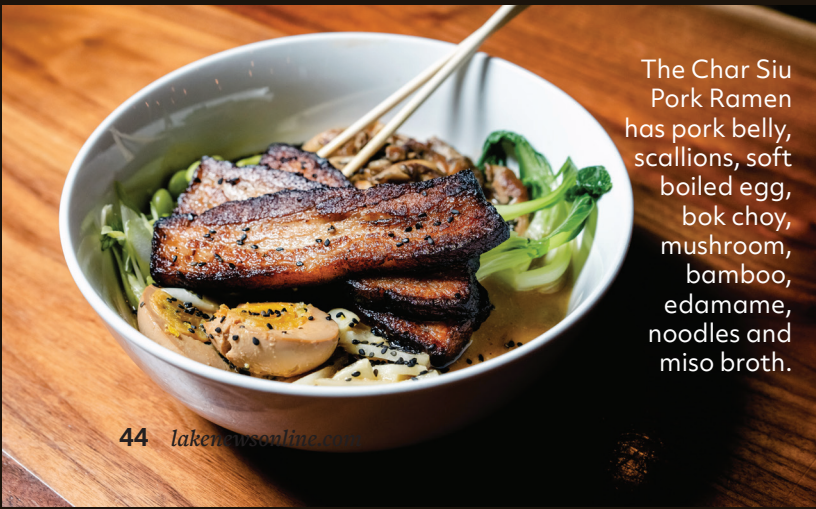
Beverly Wilshire Hotel in Beverly Hills.

Chef Romano works to create a team environment in the kitchen, and enjoys stepping into the dining room on occasion to mingle with guests. His recommendations off the menu are the Ramen, Mussels Frites, Pork Chop and Sea Bass (The Reserve's top-selling dish).

"I really enjoy seeing people enjoy the dishes we create," Romano said. "Overall I enjoy using fresh, seasonal ingredients to create an upscale/casual dining experience."

During the off-season, the restaurant offers a five-course dinner paired with five different wines usually on the last Tuesday of the month. Seating is limited so reservations are required. The next events will be held January 31 and February 28. Check their Facebook page for more information.

For year-round dining, the large open-air, outdoor patio is transformed into a covered/heated room. You can still get a great view of the Lake while staying warm and cozy with a crafted cocktail in hand.



The Char Siu Pork Ramen has pork belly, scallions, soft boiled egg, bok choy, mushroom, bamboo, edamame, noodles and miso broth.



A Look Back

1932 Reserve got its name from the restaurant's humble beginnings when it was the first lakeside lodging establishment on Lake of the Ozarks. Thanks to the completion of Bagnell Dam, Lake of the Ozarks had just been created. People were coming to the Lake to fish, boat and stay at the many small, family-friendly resorts that had popped up around the shoreline as the lure of the Lake drew in visitors. Originally built in 1932, one of those properties was Franklin Lodge, later known as Osage Beach Lodge.

The property remained a resort until the 1960s and became a root beer factory in the 2000s. When it sold in 2014, a group of investors decided to bring it back to life by offering a restaurant on the ground level and luxury vacation rental condominiums on the upper floors. The Reserve Lofts are beautifully restored. There are six boutique lofts available to overnight guests. Many of the design elements and features are original to the building.

1932 RESERVE

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573-693-9197
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COMFORT *Crawlings*

The brainchild of seasoned local chef Thomas Robinett, this unique spot dishes up comfort food and tasty creations.

Story by JUDY GOPPERT | Photos by CHARIS PATIRES



The Lake area has gained a new place to gather and enjoy excellent fare. Table 33 is a dream come true for Thomas Robinett, who has been honing his skills as a chef at some of the most storied restaurants around the Lake, including JB Hook's, Ruthie D's, Old Kinderhook and Camden on the Lake.

"As a teenager, I worked in the fast-food industry until I was 18 and got my first real kitchen job," he explained. "I started at JB Hook's as a dishwasher and moved up very quickly to cook, sous chef and eventually chef. While I was at JB Hook's, I reached a ceiling of things I could learn and was feeling complacent. I actually thought of switching careers, then one July night we were extremely busy, more than normal and it was very challenging. I had so much fun it reminded me of how much I loved my job as a chef!"

TABLE 33

3797 A-1, Osage Beach (Stone Crest Mall)
573-302-5106
Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday-Sunday,
11 a.m.-8 p.m. Closed Wednesday. (check for
winter hours)
Table 33 on Facebook

Strawberry Fields salad, We Got the Beets salad, Steak and Fries, Poke Bowl and Chicken and Waffle.



He decided to dive in and attend college to learn as much as he could about cooking and the industry. He left his job as the executive chef at JB Hook's and took apprenticeship under Andre Torres through the American Culinary Federation (ACF) at Ruthie D's Restaurant in Lake Ozark. For nearly three years, he worked at Ruthie D's full time, Tuesday through Saturday. He spent time with his family on Sundays and then late in the evening, drove to a stay with his good friend near Overland Park, Kan. Mondays were a full day of school from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. at Johnson County Community College.

"I would drive back after school and start the week over throughout the school sessions. After completing my apprenticeship and schooling I took the Certified Executive Chef exams and was certified through the ACF," he said. "Becoming a CEC was a big accomplishment for me and helped pave the way for my career."

Robinett took a sous chef position at Old Kinderhook just as the hotel was being built. It was not long before he was promoted to Executive Chef.

"I worked there for five years and had some of my most proud chef moments and proposed to my wife, Shelley, there," he said.

He left Old Kinderhook to take a position at Camden on the Lake Resort in 2017 and worked there for the past five years. That's when he decided to take the leap of running his own restaurant.

"I guess you can say I am home grown," Robinett said. "I attended Osage and Eldon High Schools, and I have such fond memories from those three properties and school. I have developed so many great relationships. There are too many people that have impacted my life and career in a positive way to name. I am very grateful for all of them."

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1. Steak & Fries: 6 oz. strip loin, lemon chimichurri.
 2. Poke Bowl: ahi tuna, jang marinade, slaw sesame sushi rice, sriracha.
 3. Strawberry Fields: strawberries, blueberries, goat cheese, candied pecans, lemon poppy seed vinaigrette.
- We Got the Beets: pickled beets-onions, goat cheese, candied pecans, tomato vinaigrette.





About that name, Table 33. He noted that at the first restaurant where he was chef, there was a small two-top table right outside the kitchen. When that table was sat, the kitchen crew would all call out “Table 33,” which meant they must turn down the radio and watch what they said because those at that table could hear them.

“Cooks have the mouths of sailors. I always have said if I ever opened an open kitchen restaurant, I would call it Table 33. Twenty years later Table 33 was born,” he said.

His drive and determination is proof that if you set your mind to something, it will grow into fruition in a big way. The nudge to open his own place began the moment he had his first child. Once this happened, his drive to provide for them shifted into high gear.

“I love my wife and our three daughters, Bailey, Madison and Hayden, more than anything in life,” he confirmed.

He describes the style of food he prepares as true comfort food.

“Comfort food is food that takes you back to a happy time and place in your life and makes you feel nostalgic. Gyros are my ultimate comfort food. It reminds me of my grandmother and times we spent together at Pero’s Brothers in Chicago Heights, Ill., the city I grew up in,” he discussed. “Gyros were her favorite and we visited there often. This and my desire to do things in the kitchen the old-fashioned way fueled the concept of Table 33. We make everything we can from scratch in the kitchen. I want to make the best food using the best ingredients I can get my hands on!”

He has a desire to make his restaurant a unique experience for guests is evident. He hopes for each diner to have a great meal that makes them feel comfort.

The menu at Table 33 has a variety of unique options. From various salads big enough to be your meal to sandwiches, entrees, soups and sides, every dish is crafted with its own distinctive flavors.

“There is no greater joy for a chef than making people happy with food. I love the thought of people creating memories at Table 33 with their family and friends the same way I did with my grandmother at Pero Brothers,” he mused.

With winter upon us, there is no better time to have a seat at one of the tables at Table 33 and be prepared for scrumptious pleasure.



Fly like an Eagle

JOIN MDC FOR EAGLE DAYS EVENTS
OR WATCH EAGLES ON YOUR OWN
AROUND THE STATE.

From December through February, Missouri's winter eagle watching is spectacular. Discover nature with the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) through Eagle Days events around the state or enjoy watching bald eagles on your own.

Because of Missouri's big rivers, many lakes, and abundant wetlands, the Show-Me State is one of the leading lower 48 states for bald eagle viewing. Each fall, thousands of these great birds migrate south from their nesting range in Canada and the Great Lakes states to hunt in Missouri. Eagles take up residence wherever they find open water and plentiful food. More than 2,000 bald eagles are typically reported in Missouri during winter.

Watch for eagles perched in large trees along the water's edge. Early in the morning you can see them flying and fishing. Be sure to dress for winter weather and don't forget cameras and binoculars.

Eagle Days Events

MDC is again offering Eagle Days events around the state. Some events will include live eagle programs, exhibits, activities, videos, and guides with spotting scopes. Some events require registration. Locations include:

- Smithville Lake at Paradise Pointe Golf Course Clubhouse in Smithville: January 7, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and January 8, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Springfield Conservation Nature Center in Springfield: January 21, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Jan. 22, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.
- Runge Conservation Nature Center in Jefferson City: January 28, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Live eagle programs are at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 2 p.m. Registration is not required.
- MINGO (Puxico School's FEMA building, viewing stations at Mingo and Duck Creek): February 4, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Audubon Center at Riverlands St. Louis: February 11, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Preregistration is required for live eagle program.



Missouri is one of the leading lower 48 states for bald eagle viewing during winter. GEORGE DENNY PHOTO

Eagle Watching on Your Own

Can't make an MDC Eagle Days event? Other local events and hot spots for winter eagle viewing include:

- Duck Creek Conservation Area north of Puxico on Highway 51 in Stoddard
- Eagle Bluffs Conservation Area on Route K southwest of Columbia
- Lake of the Ozarks at Bagnell Dam Access east of Bagnell
- Lock & Dam 20 in Canton
- Lock & Dam 24 at Clarksville
- Lock & Dam 25 east of Winfield
- Loess Bluffs National Wildlife Refuge south of Mound City
- Mingo National Wildlife Refuge northwest of Puxico
- Moses Eagle Park in Stella
- Old Chain of Rocks Bridge south of I-270 off of Riverview Drive in St. Louis
- Riverlands Environmental Demonstration Area east of West Alton
- Schell-Osage Conservation Area north of El Dorado Springs
- Smithville Lake north of Kansas City
- Stockton Lake near Stockton
- Swan Lake National Wildlife Refuge south of Sumner
- Table Rock Lake and Shepherd of the Hills Fish Hatchery southwest of Branson
- Truman Reservoir west of Warsaw
- Wappapello Lake's Eagle Point in southeast Missouri

Learn more at mdc.mo.gov/events/eagle-days.



GEORGE DENNY PHOTO

A large silent and live auction is held each year at Winterfest.

January 13 & 14

Vintage Sale

9 a.m.-2 p.m., Camden County Museum. Browse through the selection at the Vintage Records and Book Sale at the museum in Linn Creek. Used books and vintage records will be for sale from a variety of vendors.
573-346-7191 or www.camdencountymuseum.org

January 26 & February 23

History Group

6 p.m., Camden County Museum. A Civil War & More Round Table meets the fourth Thursday each month January through October.
573-346-7191 or www.camdencountymuseum.org

January 28

Talent Show

7 p.m., Versailles Royal Theatre. The 6th annual Show Us Your Talent Show will feature a variety of acts showing off their best entertainment skills. Adult admission is \$10 and \$5 for student/children ages 3-18.
573-378-6226 or www.theroyaltheatre.com

February 11

Winterfest

The Lake Ozark Daybreak Rotary's annual Winterfest fundraiser will be held. This year's theme is "Love." A romantic atmosphere, food, music, dancing, a bar and desserts will be served. Money raised goes to local charities.
Lake Ozark Daybreak Rotary on Facebook



Keep an eye out for more details on this year's Lake of the Ozarks Pub Crawl.

February 17 & 18

Trade Show

Friday 3-7 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Regalia Hotel & Conference Center. The Home, Business and Lake Living EXPO is hosted by the Camdenton Chamber of Commerce. The latest in personal and business services provided by Lake area businesses will be on hand showcasing their information. www.camdentonchamber.com

February 24-26

Pub Crawl

Lake venues. The annual Lake of the Ozarks Pub Crawl will be held at dozens of Lake bars and restaurants. Organizers are working to bring back bus transportation this year for participants to be shuttled to participating locations. Plenty of hotels partner with the event to offer lodging. www.lakepubcrawl.com

February 25

Polar Plunge

2 p.m., Lake of the Ozarks State Park. The Lake of the Ozarks Polar Plunge begins with the Polar Bear Strut 5K at 10 a.m. A Pee Week Plunge for kids ages 9 and younger will be held at 1 p.m. at Grand Glaize Beach. The Parade of Costumes will be held, followed by the Plunge at 2 p.m. The event raises money for Special Olympics Missouri. www.somo.org/plunge



The Lake of the Ozarks Polar Plunge will be held February 25.

People *in* Places

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CAMDENTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL DINNER

THE EXCHANGE VENUE • NOVEMBER 10, 2022

Local businesses came together to welcome a new slate of board members and to recognize contributions made over the past year.



Kim Dudley, Johna Stanfield, Byron Dudley, Jason Lutz



Camdenton Area Chamber of Commerce board of directors



Jen West, Ashley Misuraca, Katie Sportsman, Kody Eittinger



Paige Jones, John Hayes



Brandon Randall, Bobbi Jo Randall, Samantha Carr, Scott Starnes, Cathy Starnes, and Curtis Sansom



Michelle Cook, David Shipp



Diana Horman, Doug Horman, Judy Pitts-Young



Mitch Shields Music



Annette Lucero, Constance Hoffman

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42ND ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR

DECEMBER 3 @ SCHOOL OF THE OSAGE

Over 100 vendors displayed items for sale during the annual event organized by the Osage Family Partnership High School Tribe.



Linda Prather, JoAnn Gallagher



Becky Distler, Kathy Jeffries



Erma and Ross Terry, Kylene Jackson



Mindy Molinar, Jim Schwartz



Christi Luttrell, Blayre Pauley, Lizzy McMahon, Abby Sanders



Gillian Stark, Kalise Lischwe



Emma, Delia, and Madison Orr, and Avery Briggs



Sara Bonney, Kylee Sally



Tim and Kelly Thorne



Kathy Doerhoff, Tami Heidbrink

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CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS

DECEMBER 4 @ THE ENCORE LAKESIDE GRILL & SKY BAR

The Kiwanis Club of Ozark Coast hosts this annual fundraiser to raise money and collect gifts to distribute to needy Lake area families.



Lee and Kellie Schuman, Jordon and Ethan Shackelford



Mariaha Waters, Tammy Gardner



Jeff and April Tate



Doug and Becky Beck



Bill and Barbara Bartelsmeyer



Kaitlyn Rice, Katie Karr, Brandi Martin



Katie Royal, Mike Waggett, Stephanie Dehner



Brian and Angie Schuster



Crystal Shafer, Toni Soetebier



Heath and Lorrie Haden

People in Places

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LAKE OZARK CHRISTMAS PARADE

DECEMBER 10 @ BAGNELL DAM STRIP

The annual holiday parade is a popular event each year as hundreds of people line up to watch floats pass by along Bagnell Dam Blvd.



Taylor Ash, Kinlee Riley, John Buzzelli



Pamela, Mike, Zeke and Tim Quinn



Donnie Barnes, Shannon Barnes



Anthony Shannon, Margo Araúz



Nick Wineger, Fred and Bettina Wineger



Darci, Jaclyn, Paislee and Nate Cardoza



Abel Barker, Addison Rice, Kai Barker



Maurissa Lines, Jeremiah Groll



Michael, Xander, Jackson and Jessica Reese



Lake Area Chamber representatives

A look back



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ENJOYING LAKE OF THE OZARKS IN THE 1950s.

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