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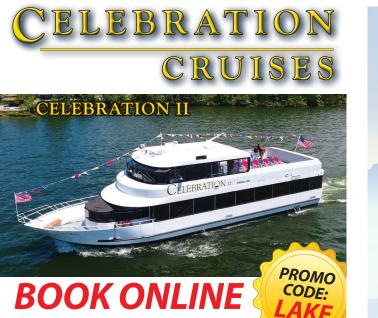


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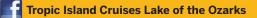




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### **TOP EVENTS**

## In July



Get ready to hear some of the best live music of the summer on the water at AquaPalooza. Held July 15 at Captain Ron's in Sunrise Beach, cove out by boat or float along the shoreline to hear several bands take the stage from 12-5 p.m. It's a free event, just don't forget the sunscreen.

#### **Charity Event**

Shootout for the Shootout will be held July 18 at the Missouri Trapshooters Association. The event is a benefit for the Lake of the Ozarks Shootout charities. Cost is \$100/shooter. To sign up and for more information, go to www.lakeoftheozarksshootout.com.

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Cool off with ice cream and a tour of the Camden County Museum during Car Cruise-in and Ice Cream Social. held July 22 from 6-8:30 p.m. at the museum in Linn Creek, enjoy a family-friendly event this summer. The event is free but donations welcome for the ice cream.

VOTE!

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### July

**14** • The Osage Beach Senior Center will host the "Chillin in the Ozarks Blood Drive" from 1-5 p.m. Donors receive a t-shirt

from the Community Blood Center of the Ozarks featuring favorite destinations in the Ozarks and a voucher for free ice cream. The voucher will be for either Culver's or Dairy Queen with a five-dollar value. Call 417-227-5006 or register online at donate. cbco.org/donor/schedules/ drive\_schedule/132669.

**15** • The second session of a Family Living History Day will be held from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The program will include information from post-war reconstruction to the present day. Games, crafts, and demonstrations will be a part of the day. Held from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Children are asked to bring a sack lunch. For more information, call 573-346-7191 or go to www. camdencountymuseum.org.

**15** • The Lake of the Ozarks Idiot's Club will host a fundrasing social from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at Franky & Louie's. Attend to meet and greet with other members and join for \$5/year The club provides assistance to Lake area teens and children. Goofy shirts and other items for sale at their fundraisers and on their website: www.lakeoftheozarksidiotsclub.org.

**15** • AquaPalooza will be held at Captain Ron's from 12-5 p.m. at the 34.5-mile marker, tie up the boat and float out while five bands take the stage from 12-5 p.m. Live music, vendors on land, and prizes will be held all day long. Come by boat or car. The lineup this year is: Old Soul Savage, Jacob Smalley & Morgan County Line, Carly Collura and SuperJam.

**17-21** • West Lake Christian Church, 936 O Road, Laurie, Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m.-noon. Bible stories, snacks, crafts and science projects every day. Call 573-374-0647 to pre-register.

18 • Camden County Republican Club's July meeting will feature a round table discussion with county high school and college students. The meeting will be held at the Lake Breeze Event Center, 7127 Old Route 5 (next to Niangua Bridge) Meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. You do not need to be a member to attend. RSVP requested by calling 573-723-0388, Option 2. RSVP needed by Sunday, July 16.

**21** • Radio-Active Players, a talented troupe of actors, will be performing in the style of Old-time Radio at Barista GO Coffeehouse on State Rd KK. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the show is at 7 p.m. Call Beth at 913-909-8603 or Will at 573-462-6623.

**21 & 22** • The Sunrise Beach Little Theatre will host the children's theater production of "Pan" at the Sunrise Beach Community Center. A version of the favorite children's classic, admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Reservations are not required. For more information, call Beth at 913-909-8603 or Yetta at 573-280-1958.

**22** • An Ice Cream Social & Classic Car Cruise-in will be held from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Camden County Museum. Proceeds benefit cemetery upkeep. For more information, call 573-873-2990 or go to www.camdencountymuseum.org.

**22** • Help Niangua Chapter NSDAR honor local heroes by placing a wreath on veterans' graves at Dale Blair Memorial Cemetery in Camdenton. Meet at the parking area of Oak Star Bank for purchase of wreaths. For more information, call 1-900-364-8863. **25** • The Lake Area Community Orchestra will host a free concert at 7 p.m. at the High School Performing Arts Center in Versailles. Free to the public but donations are welcome.

**27** • The Elks Lodge in Laurie hosts a blood drive from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. in the banquet room. Donors will receive a coupon for a pint of frozen custard from Culvers in Osage Beach or Camdenton. To make an appointment go to www.redcrossblood. org and enter sponsor code ElksLaurie, or contact Will at 573-236-3276. Walk-ins are welcome but appointments recommended.

**29** • A Young People's Theater Performance of "The Wacky Wizard of Oz" will be held at the Camden County Museum. Tickets are \$15/ person. Doors open at 5 p.m., dinner is at 5:30 p.m. and curtain call at 7 p.m. For more information, call 573-873-2990or go to www.camdencountymuseum.org.

### August

1 • The Lake Area Community Orchestra will host a free concert at 7 p.m. at the Lake Ozark Christian Church on Bagnell Dam Blvd. Free to the public but donations are welcome.

**3 & 4** • The Lake Ozark Christian Church, 1560 Bagnell Dam Blvd., will have a huge inside rummage sale Thursday from 7 a.m.-5 p.m. and Friday (Bag Day) from 8 a.m.-12 noon. There will be all types of clothing, household items, furniture, tools, sporting goods, etc. They will also be having a bake sale. Proceeds are used to support local ministries.

**3-5** • The Great Bagnell Dam Duck Drop will be held with several activities at Lake venues. A Duck Shoot will be held Thursday, a golf tournament on Friday and the Duck Drop on Saturday. Watch as ducks are released from boats and by helicopter into the Osage River. Various prizes will be awarded to the ducks that cross the finish line. For more information, go to www.greatdamduckdrop.com.

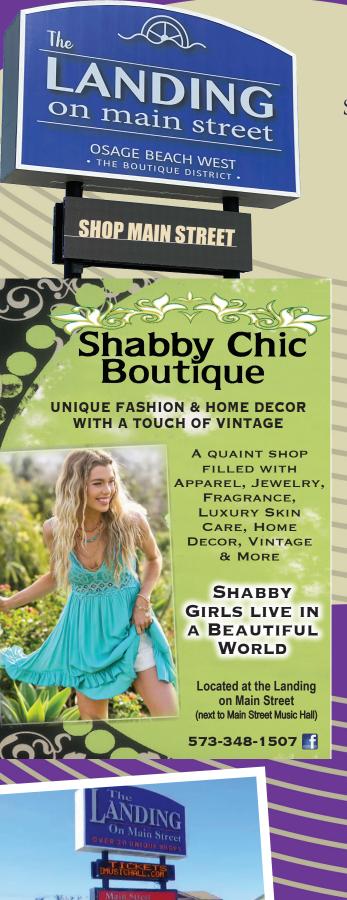
**4 & 5** • Kent Memorial Lutheran Church in Sunrise Beach (next to the old Sunrise Cantina) will be having its annual rummage sale on Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**11** • An audience participation mystery theater production of "The Hilarious Hillbilly Massacre" will be held at the Camden County Museum in Linn Creek. Cost is \$20/ person. Doors open at 5 p.m. for the 6 p.m. presentation. For more information, call 573-873-2990 or go to www. camdencountymuseum.org.

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# A day in St. Charles

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The Play Street Museum of St. Louis on Facebook



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here is something for everyone in St. Charles, Missouri, making it the perfect destination for a summer day trip. Whether it is for families, singles, or retirees, St. Charles has activities, shopping, and history that will suit any age.

#### **The Foundry Art Centre**

A top-rated destination on TripAdvisor.com, The Foundry Art Centre is a non-profit business in St. Charles in the Riverfront Main Street district. Hosted at this venue are 14 studio artists. Public events are fun and connect people to the arts and culture. The Foundry hosts frequent block parties and First Fridays. The Foundry Art Centre is located at: 520 North Main Street, St. Charles

#### The St. Charles Trolley

The trolley is a free shuttle operated by the city that makes a 40-minute loop through the Main Street district, all the way to Bass Pro, making stops at Ameristar Casino and The Foundry Art Center. It is completely ADA accessible, with only service dogs allowed. The Trolley was rolling down I-70 this weekend loaded with passengers from the Missouri River "Main Street" district to the shopping center south at Bass Pro Outdoors. It travels quite a distance for a free trolley! The trolley hours are Fridays-Sundays, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. from May 5 to December 24.

#### The Play Street Museum

Interactive learning and play areas for all ages of children. It urges imaginative play and fosters independence in little, active family members. The Play Street Museum is a wonderful way to get out of the sweltering summer heat, being a completely indoor activity. Make your way through the interactive children's museum and indoor play area for children 8 and under for a world created just for them! The museum takes reservations for parties, so it is a perfect place to celebrate birthdays and other life events with their little friends.

Play Street has a store equipped with imaginative toys when one first enters. If you have forgotten or do not have time to purchase a birthday gift, never fear. The store offers many choices. Parties are held after hours and are private events. Recently attending a birthday party at Play Street, the first thing one notices is the intricate village designed for children. A pizzeria, a doctor's office, ice cream parlor, fire station, and cottage house are completely accessible for children to explore and design. The fire station is equipped with play slides. (The Play Street Museum is located at 1650 Beale St. Ste 138).

### DAY TRIP

Also located in the same shopping district, The Streets of St. Charles offer a plethora of choices. A large AMC Movie Theater, Hot Box Cookies, a Brazilian grille, and an eating place on every corner, The Streets of St. Charles is the new destination for families in St. Charles. An onsite hotel, The Drury Inn, is built into this living and shopping community. An underground garage makes parking easy. The popular Mission Taco Joint is a big draw. Free valet parking is available on the street.

Mission Taco Joint is a must-visit. The local chain is springing up all over town. It was reviewed on a Day Trippin of the Historic Soulard Market district, but the new location at The Streets of St. Charles begs a dinner, too. The first location was in the Delmar Loop of St. Louis. The street classic was twisted into a modern concoction of meats like crispy pork belly, and Mission Taco Joint was a hit. It has expanded to Kansas City as well. There are nine of them in both cities. The menu is the same at all locations. Last time, pork belly was the choice at Soulard. This time,

the meal started with their house made chips and two salsas, mild and hot. Anytime empanadas are on the menu, they are going to be ordered. Three beef empanadas with flaky crust started the entrees. Next, keeping with the beef feast, the dinner was rounded out by the beef birria torta, a spicy beef sandwich with garlic aioli, au jus, and cilantro.

Mission Taco Joint is located at The Streets of St. Charles at 1650 Beale Street, Suite 130, St.



### GOLF

compiled by Charis Patires

## Lake area tournaments

### Grab the golf clubs for a competitive day on the green

#### Play for the Kids

July 28 | The Golf Club at Deer Chase

The 28th annual Play for the Kids Golf tournament is a benefit for the Tri-County YMCA of the Ozarks. Enter as a team of four or a single player. Cost is \$150/player and includes lunch, a round of golf for each player, one golf cart rental and a goodie bag.

Lunch and registration begins at noon with the shotgun start at 1 p.m.

For more information, contact the YMCA at 573-348-9230.

#### **Duck Drop Tournament**

August 4 | Bear Creek Valley Golf Club

The 11th annual Duck Drop Golf Tournament is a one-of-a-kind quacky tournament held to raise money for the Ozark Coast Kiwanis Club and the Lake Area Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

The four-person scramble includes 18 holes of golf, on-course lunch, and prizes. Cost is \$150 per player.

There will be a hole-in-one contest for a pontoon boat, sponsored by Big Thunder Marine. Chance to win \$5,000 in the putting contest.

For more information, go to www.greatdamduckdrop.com/golf-tournament.

#### Parrot Head Open

August 26 & 27 | The Oaks Golf Club

Margaritaville Lake Resort hosts the annual Parrot Head Two-Person Invitational Golf Tournament. Cost is \$350 per team. A practice round is being held August 25 (\$30 cart fee).

To register, call the golf shop at 573-348-8522. Entry deadline is Aug. 21.

#### **Idiots Club Tournament**

September 25 | Osage National Golf Course

The Lake of the Ozarks Idiots Club has recently opened registration for the charity's 5th annual First Watch Charity Golf Tournament. This year the tournament will be held on Monday, September 25, at Osage National Golf Resort in Lake Ozark. The Idiots Club has openings for 110 golfers at \$175 per golfer and is looking for sponsors for the tournament. Currently, the \$5,000 Event sponsor (First Watch - The Daytime Café), the \$2,000 lunch sponsor (Central Bank and Trust Company) and several contest and hole sponsors have been procured.

The charity has a number of other sponsorships available ranging from \$2,800 hole-in-one sponsor with four golfers included to \$150 hole sponsors. These sponsorships are described on the golf website.

Check-in and lunch will begin at 11 a.m. The shotgun start for the four-person scramble tournament will be at 1 p.m. Golfers and sponsors may go to www.LotoldiotsClub.info for more information and to register for golf and sponsorships.

This tournament has filled the previous three years by mid-July so don't wait to register yourself, a twosome or a four-some.

All proceeds from this tournament helps children living in poverty at Lake of the Ozarks. The Idiots Club, aka Jesters of Goodwill, is an all-volunteer, 501(c)3 charity. The club has provided nearly 50,000 child assists in 9 years and has spent over \$987,000.00. During the fiscal year 2022-23, 93% of every dollar spent by the charity, directly assisted children in-need! Only seven percent was used for shirts and other things sold to raise funds and office expenses.

More info on the Idiots Club charity can be found at www.LakeOfTheOzarksIdiotsClub.org or on the Lake of the Ozarks Idiots Club Facebook page.

#### **Two-Person Bucket Tournament**

October 1 | The Oaks Golf Club

A Two-Person Bucket Tournament, featuring the eight-inch "bucket hole," will be held in a scramble/alternate shot format. Shotgun is 10 a.m. Cost is \$100 per team or \$80 for club members. Price includes 18 holes of golf, bag lunch on course, special events and flight prizes.

All teams will play nine holes of scramble and nine holes of alternate shot. Practice rounds available for \$40 per person the week prior to the tournamnet. Book by calling 573-348-8522.

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The Lake's a great place to golf! To find out more about these local courses, go to www.golfingmissouri.com.

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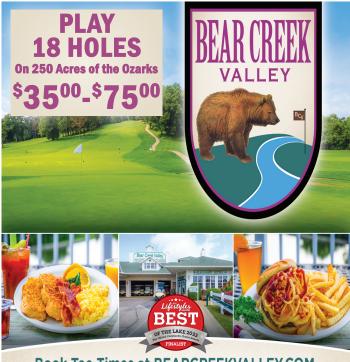


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## **OUTDOORS**

by Vicki Wood

## Rock Island Trail Park

Versailles and Eldon plan to develop the section of the trail that runs closest to their business districts.

ity officials and State Representatives traveled to the tiny town of Windsor last Friday, June 30 to celebrate the Missouri State Parks addition of their 93rd state park. The Rock Island Trail State Park was officially named, and the new sign unveiled on the trailhead at the Katy Trail/Rock Island Trail Spur at Windsor. Windsor was the first town to launch a privately funded economic development related to the Rock Island Trail. Kim's Cabins, with owner Kim Henderson, has become the face of the vision for towns that are still developing along the trail. Henderson spoke as the Vice President of Friends of the Rock Island Trail. She has been instrumental in the grass roots effort that had emerged into the Missouri State Parks development since 2015. Her trail cabin business began as a few picnic tables and tent spots. It now features four cabins and equestrian needs, which is popular among trail riders of the area.

Statewide, representatives from two districts attended the unveiling, and one rode his bike in and out. District 62 Representative Bruce Sassman was one of those riders who enjoyed the new trail. Eldon's City Administrator Don Smith joined Friends of the Rock Island Trail, Missouri State Parks representatives, and Missouri Department of Natural Resources administrators on the inaugural ride of the newly developed segment at the end of the ceremony. District 162 Representative Jim Kalberloh spoke at the trail opening.

Plans for the development of the trail, as addressed by each Mayor or Administrator of towns that have State Parks master plans in place, were shared with the attendees. In the lake area, Versailles and Eldon have funds to implement those plans, with Versailles being funded by a TIF grant, and Eldon having private city funding. Both towns plan to develop the section of the trail that runs closest to their business districts. Eldon already has reconstructed their depot. Versailles does not have a depot yet.



### **FISHING**

## Fishing for the kids: Tournament benefits Ronald McDonald House

he International Union of Operating Engineers Local148 is hosting its 36th annual Bass Tournament to benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities of St. Louis. The tournament will be held September 9 at PB2 on Lake of the Ozarks.

A group of dedicated and energized Local 148 volunteers, both active and retired members, have donated a weekend of their time to raise money for charities dedicated to battling childhood diseases. Since its inception at Sterett Creek on Truman Lake in 1988, this one-of-a-kind tournament has raised about \$1.9 million for Cystic Fibrosis research, the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital, and now the Ronald McDonald House of St. Louis.

The Ronald McDonald House of St. Louis provides a home away from home for families of seriously-ill children, and support to organizations that serve the needs of children. St. Louis' three Ronald McDonald Houses offer parents and family members a respite from hospital waiting rooms 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Their houses provide the essential comforts of home.

The tournament is designed to allow your everyday fisherman the opportunity to have a fun day of fishing along with helping a great cause. The grand prize is \$2,500, all you have to do is register as a fisherman. You don't even have to catch a fish to qualify to win. There will also be cash prizes based upon 10 percent of the number of boats fishing. Entry fee is \$200 includes a variety of attendance prizes, brats and complimentary beverages Friday evening, and a pork steak dinner with complimentary beverages Saturday afternoon.

Friday night local guides will attend to speak about fishing conditions and other topics at the Lake. Sign up at www.local148.com.





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## FISHING

by John Neporadny, jnoutdoors.com

## The Fishing Report

#### Your guide to catching fish at Lake of the Ozarks.

he lake level was 659.5, generation of 1,000 cubic feet per second (CFS) throughout the week for a level of 659.5 by the weekend. Surface temperature at Bagnell Dam was 83 degrees. Truman Lake was at the 704.4 level.

To Note: The Lower Lake is from the dam to the 22-mile mark; Mid-Lake is from the 22- to 44-mile mark, the Upper Osage is from the 44-mile mark to the Route 65 Bridge.

#### Bagnell Dam spillway/Osage River

Water clarity: Clear. Catfish: Good on skipjack herring.

#### Lower Lake

Water clarity: Clear. Black bass: Slow on Texas-rigged plastic worms, wacky-rigged stickworms and topwater lures around docks in coves. Crappie: Fair on jigs and minnows around condo docks.

#### Gravois

Water clarity: Clear. Black bass: Good on Texas-rigged plastic worms, shaky head finesse worms and jigs behind docks or in brush piles 10 to 15 feet deep in the creeks. Crappie: Good trolling crankbaits on the main channel.

#### Mid-Lake

Water clarity: Clear. Black bass: Fair on Texas-rigged 10-inch plastic worms 15 to 25 feet deep in brush piles. Crappie: Good trolling crankbaits along the main channel. Catfish: Good drifting skipjack herring.

#### **Grand Glaize**

Water clarity: Clear. Black bass: Slow on shaky head worms in brush along points and in coves. Crappie: Fair on jigs and minnows 10 to 30 feet deep around shad schools in open water or around docks.

#### Niangua

Water clarity: Stained. Black bass: Slow on Texas-rigged plastic craws and lizards or topwater lures early in the morning along bluffs and mouths of coves. Crappie: Slow on minnows 15 to 20 feet deep around docks.

#### Upper Osage

Water clarity: Stained. Black bass: Slow on Texas-rigged 10-inch plastic worms and jigs around docks 8 to 10 feet deep. Crappie: Fair trolling crankbaits along the main channel. Walleye: Fair trolling crankbaits along the main channel. Catfish: Good on live sunfish, goldfish, cut shad and nightcrawlers.

#### Truman Dam spillway

Water clarity: Clear. Fishing is very slow for all species.

#### Sources

Guide Alfred Chapman (573-465-3810), www.lakeozarkfishingguideservice. com; Big Ed's Guide Service (573-692-6710) www.bigedsguideservice. com; Guide Jack Uxa (573-434-2570) www.lakeoftheozarksfishingguide. com; Guide John Blankenbeker (573-280-1455); Guide Terry Blankenship (573-480-2835); Guide Jim Dill (573-204-9005) www.jamesdillguideservice. com; Fitz Fishing (573-693-9299); Bryants Osage Outdoors (573-374-2278); Casey Scanlon (913-449-3176) and Cody's Bait & Tackle (660-723-5115). Tournament Results—Thanks to www. bassingbob.com.



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### EVENT ADVANCE

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## Duck Drop held on Osage River

he Great Bagnell Dam Duck Drop will be held with several activities at Lake venues from August 3-5. A Duck Shoot will be held Thursday, a golf tournament on Friday and the Duck Drop on Saturday.

The Duck Shoot will be held at the Missouri Trapshooters Association Main Office (51 Trapshooters Rd., Linn Creek). Enter a four-person team or sign up as a partial team. There will be 12 shooting stations with scoring at each location. Cost is \$100 per shooter with shells available for \$11/box. Golf carts available for rent.

On Friday the golf tournament takes place at Bear Creek Valley Golf Course. Cost is \$150 per player with lots of fun and on-course prizes.

On Saturday watch as ducks are released from boats and by helicopter into the Osage River at noon. Various prizes will be awarded to the ducks that cross the finish line. Purchase your ticket (with a matching "rubber duck" number) ahead of time to enter.

For more information, go to www.greatdamduck-drop.com.



George Denny photo Ducks are placed in the Osage River on a race to the finish line.



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## **CLUB EVENTS**

## Ongoing events, club meetings & support groups

• VFW Post 5923 Bingo every Friday and the first Saturday of the month. Doors open at 4 p.m. Bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. VFW is located at 65 VFW Drive, just off south business 5 in Camdenton.

• The Civil War & More Roundtable meets on the fourth Thursday of the month 6 p.m. at the Camden County Museum in Linn Creek. For more information go to www.militarywarroundtable.org.

• Drop in Stitchers Day is the third Thursday of the month from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Central Bank in Camdenton (lower level meeting room). Cross stitch, needlepoint, wool appliqué, rook hookers, quilting. All skill levels welcome. For more information, call Marge at 573-864-4018.

• The Newcomers/Longtimers Club plays pickleball from 3-5 p.m. at the Community Christian Church in Camdenton. Cost is \$2. For more information, go to www.newcomerslongtimers@yahoo.com.

• Elks Lodge 2517 Bingo every Sunday. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Bingo starts at 2 p.m., 5161 Osage Beach Pkwy, Osage Beach. Full service bar for soda, snacks and drinks.

• The Lake Area Fiber Arts Guild meets the second Thursday of the month at Community Christian Church, 1064 North Bus. Rt. 5 in Camdenton. Social and sack lunch 11 a.m., meeting at noon and program at 1 p.m. All fiber arts from knitting to sewing to paper to weaving are explored and embraced; all skill levels welcome. Check website and Facebook or call Jackie at 608-692-6941.

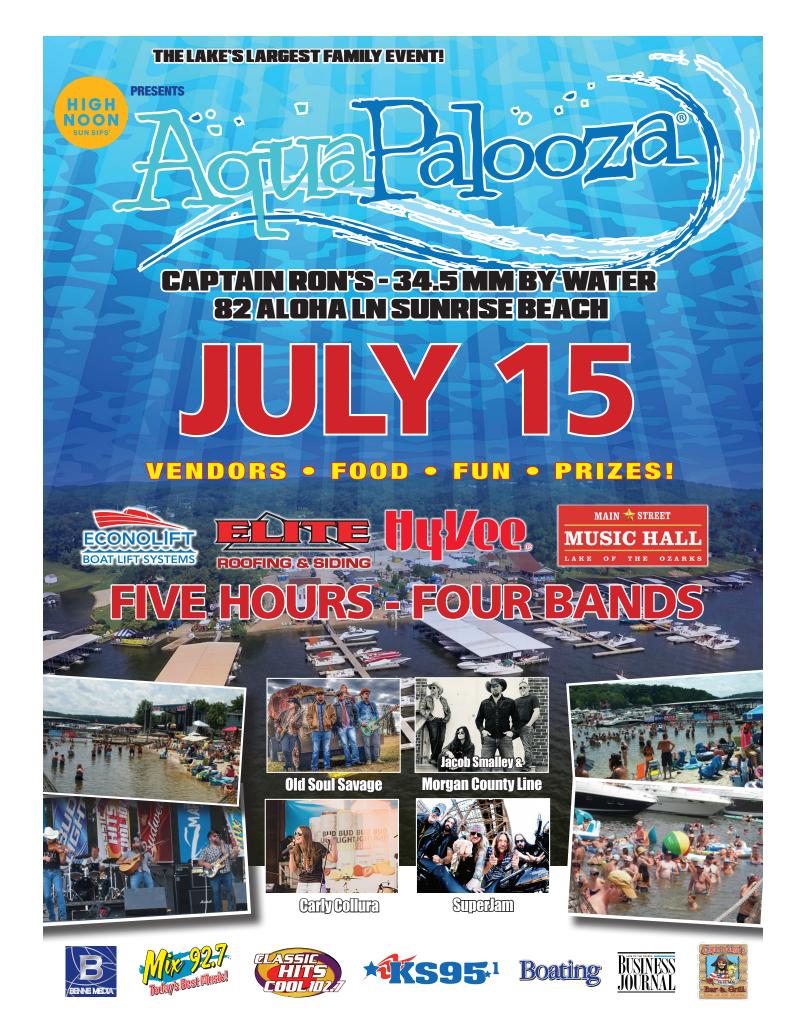
• The Lake Area Parkinson's Support Group meets the third Thursday of the month at noon for a carry-in dish lunch at Lake Ozark Christian Church, 1560 Bagnell Dam Blvd, Lake Ozark, MO 65049. If you have Parkinson's, we can help. For more information call 573-365-3365.

- The Lake of the Ozarks Woodcarvers Club meets the third Monday of the month at the Community Christian Church in Camdenton at 7 p.m. For more information, go to www.lakeozarkswoodcarvers.org.
- The Kiwanis Club of Ozark Coast meets the first and third Wednesday of the month from 12-1 p.m. at First Watch in Osage Beach. For more information, go to www.ozarkcoastkiwanis.org.
- The Lake Area Chamber of Commerce hosts socials the third Tuesday of the month (except October) from 5-7 p.m. at Lake area venues. For more information, go to www.lakeareachamber.com.
- Women's Serenity Group 12 Step Program for co-dependent women seeking healthy and loving relationships. Meeting weekly. For more information, text Barb at 573-480-1448 or Jan at 573-434-4499.

• The Sunrise Beach Little Theatre meets the first Monday of each month (except July and December) at the Sunrise Beach Community Center(15133 N Hwy 5) in Sunrise Beach at 6 p.m. All people interested in community theatre are welcome. For more information, call 573-374-0374.

• Sunrise Bible Church, 17184 N. State Highway 5 in Sunrise Beach, is offering a Bible Healing Study Course at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday evenings beginning June 4. The class is free. The Bible Healing Study Course book is \$15. Scholarships are available. For information, call 573-286-2624.









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The first step to take when planning to enter the real estate market is to ensure that your finances are in order. Various factors will influ-



ence individuals' ability to secure a mortgage, and these are some ways to make yourself more attractive to prospective lenders.

• Check your credit report. Lenders will check your credit report before deciding if you are a risk or a safe bet for a mortgage. So it makes sense to check your credit report prior to speaking with a lender. The Federal Trade Commission says everyone can get one free credit report a year from each of the three credit reporting bureaus. If you split it up, you can get a credit report every four months so you are aware of anything that may adversely affect your ability to get a mortgage loan. A credit (FICO) score that's too low may disqualify you from a mortgage. Each lender sets its own thresholds when they price and approve loans, but the higher your credit score, the better.

• Improve credit standing. One way to improve your status in the eyes of lenders is to pay down credit card balances to reduce your credit utilization ratio. A high utilization occurs when there is a high balance in relation to the credit limit, says Business Insider. Also, it may be wise to avoid any credit inquiries through new credit card applications for several months before applying for a loan, as these inquiries can affect your score.

• Be realistic about what you can afford. Do your homework and determine your target interest rate and monthly payment as well as what down payment you can afford. It will help you research potential lenders and provide an idea of what may be offered to you.

• Pay bills on time. Paying bills promptly not only helps you avoid late fees, but also positively affects your credit. The financial resource The Mortgage Reports urges diligence when paying rent, as late rent payments can bar you from getting a mortgage. Lenders look at rent history as the biggest indicator of whether you'll make mortgage payments on time.

These are some of the ways to make a prospective home buyer look better in the eyes of mortgage lenders. Individuals can speak with financial professionals about what else they can do to improve the possibility of securing mortgages at the best rates possible.



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Here are some important aspects of your HVAC system you should know:

#### The Average Lifespan of HVAC

Generally, with proper maintenance most residential HVAC systems have a typical lifespan between 10 to 20 years. For instance, an increase in dust on surfaces in your home could be a signal to replace the furnace filter, which should be done monthly for optimal performance. Loud noises from the HVAC or inconsistent room temperature can also indicate the need for maintenance or an upgrade.

Although an HVAC may continue to provide comfort during this timeframe, the average homeowner may still seek to replace an HVAC system during this period for a variety of reasons, such as rising energy bills which could also be a signal that the HVAC is not operating as efficiently as newer models.

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While most people are familiar with central HVAC systems, some homeowners might not know about "mini-split" systems. A "mini-split" system, typically ductless, both heats and cools. There is an indoor and outdoor unit; the outdoor unit does most of the work while the indoor unit distributes

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You'll want to know the rating to help you understand the efficiency of your unit when it works at its maximum potential. In general, the higher the rating, the better. For example, your air conditioner should have a SEER rating of at least 14.5 to qualify as an ENERGY STAR product.

#### Benefits of ENERGY STAR

The gold standard for energy efficiency is ENERGY STAR, a U.S. government-backed program that helps consumers and businesses easily identify products designed and built to meet above-average efficiency standards. Home products, including HVAC systems, which achieve a certain degree of energy efficiency while also meeting usability and convenience requirements, earn the rating. In fact, heating and cooling costs could be cut by up to 20 percent versus traditional HVAC products by using EN-ERGY STAR certified models.

Keeping your heating, ventilation, and HVAC equipment well-maintained can have a significant effect on your utility bills and will help you catch small issues before they snowball into financial burdens. Replace the air filter regularly, have a maintenance expert evaluate your system twice a year in the spring and fall, and report any concerns to your HVAC provider between planned visits. Ready to make the switch? Consider an LG HVAC unit by contacting a contractor to learn more about upgrading your system or installing a new unit.





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# Best ways to spend summer

It's a hot one out there this summer so if you are looking for ways to keep cool we've some great ideas. From waterfront cocktails to taking a family float trip, here are our favorite ways to spend summer and beat the heat.



#### Take a Float Trip

Floating the many rivers in Missouri can be a relaxing outdoor adventure and a great way to cool off since many are fed by springs. Closer to the Lake area, Bennett Springs has many outfitters that have canoe, tube, raft, kayak and paddleboard rentals. Near Macks Creek, there are several more outfitters located down J Road and one in Tunas. These will be the closest options to the Lake area for float trips.

A quick google search can point you in the right di-

rection. Floats can be found from 4 miles to 14 but we recommend new floaters stick to shorter trips.

Further away from the Lake area, the Jacks Fork River in Eminence is a local favorite. You might even see a few wild horses.

If you don't want to commit to a full day of paddling, Ha Ha Tonka State Park has single or tandem kayaks for rent at the park's visitor's center. Two-hour, four-hour or full-day rates range from \$20-50. For more information, contact the park at 573-346-2986.

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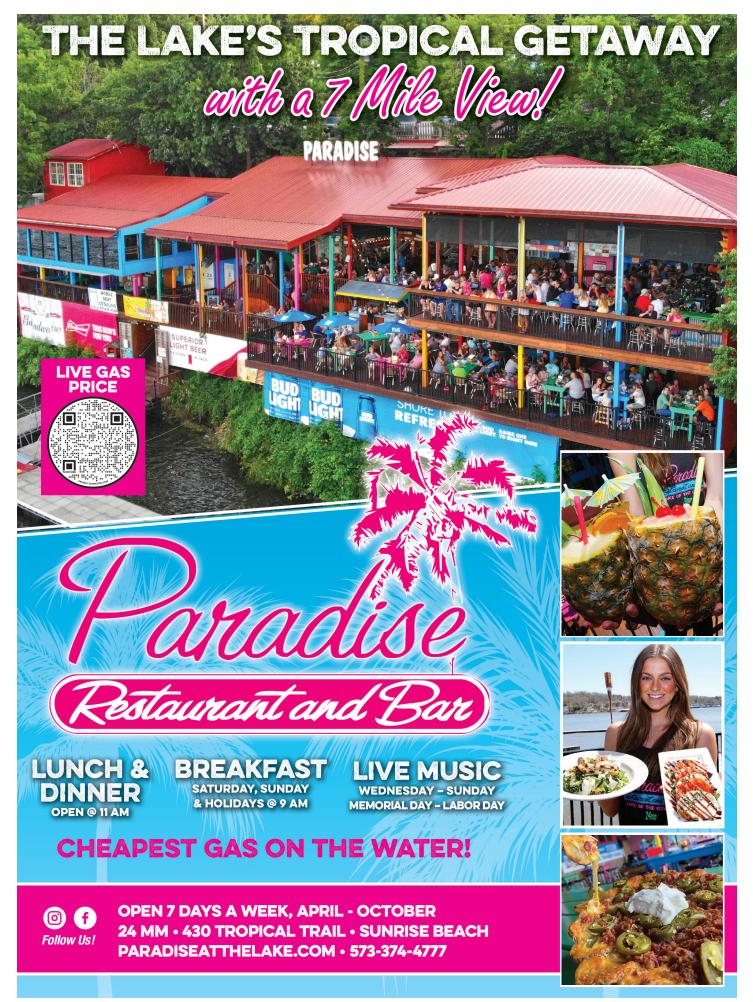
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Museums and art galleries around the area will give you a better appreciation of the history and how Lake of the Ozarks began.

Located in an old schoolhouse, the Camden County Museum in Linn Creek houses many displays, a large selection of photographs and other historical artifacts.

In Versailles, the Morgan County Museum is located inside a former hotel

with it's own unique history. The Miller County Museum in Tuscumbia is located next to the Miller County Courthouse.

#### Grab a Beer

There are few things better than having a beer on a hot summer day. There are several breweries in the Lake area with unique offerings in a casual environment.

Lake of the Ozarks Brewing Company in Osage Beach is a microbrewery serving craft beer and food. Ozark Distillery and Ozark Distillery located off of KK in Osage Beach has both spirits and beer to sip and enjoy.

Shortleaf Brewing Co. in Camdenton offers a beer menu as well as long list of bourbon, scotch and rye spirits. A new brewery called The Sanctuary Brewery, housed in an old church in Osage Beach, recently opened offering food and brews. (watch for an upcoming story in Vacation News!)

#### **Explore the Caves**

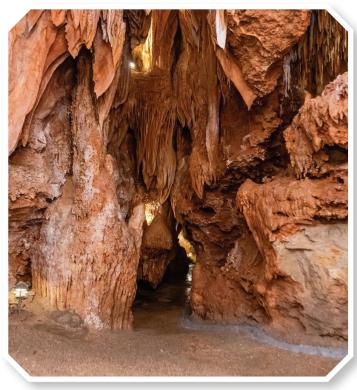
Missouri is the cave state and a few show caves are located in the Lake area. Tour guides will explain the history and beautiful formations as you take a stroll in an underground wonderland.

Bridal Cave in Camdenton, Jacob's Cave in Versailles, and Stark Caverns outside of Eldon all have unique layouts and features.

With about 6,4000 caves throughout Missouri, there are four operated by Missouri State Parks including Ozark Caverns at the Lake of the Ozarks State Park down Hwy. 42. Make reservations online through the Missouri



The Morgan County Museum is located in the old Martin Hotel. The hotel register shows a signature from notorious outlaw Frank James. Photos by Charis Patires



Bridal Cave on Facebook

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#### Dive In

Local waterfront pools, public beaches and conservation areas provide plenty of spots to swim and soak up the sun.

Big Surf Waterpark in Linn Creek is an outdoor waterpark that is open through Labor Day weekend. Eldon, Camdenton and Versailles all have city pools.

If you want more peace and quiet, local conservation areas provide ways to access the water for fishing, bird watching, hunting, paddling and swimming. Search the Missouri Department of Conservation website for places closest to your zip code. In Miller, Morgan and Camden counties there are over 20 conservation access to experience. (www.mdc.mo.gov/ conservation-areas-search)

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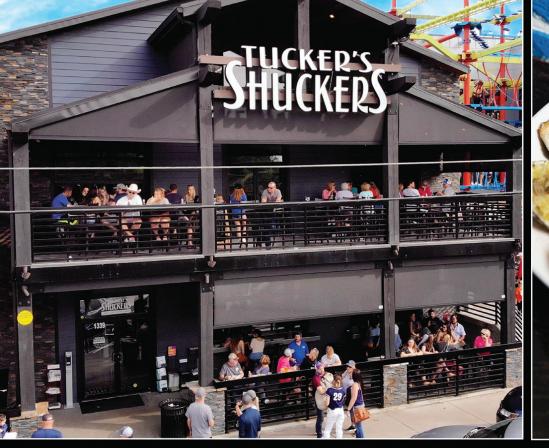
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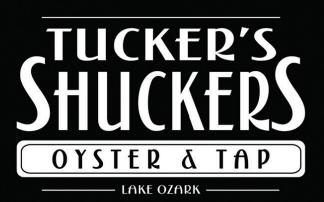
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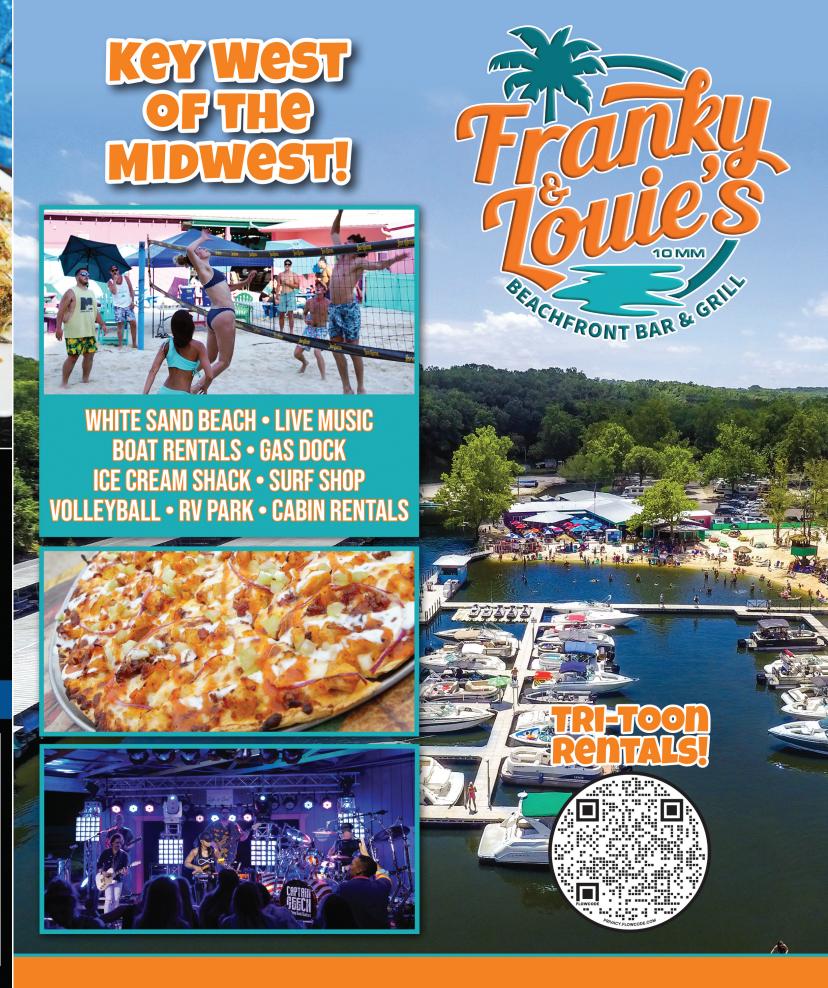
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by Marie Krolikowski

# Hanging around the Lake

#### Blues Traveler performs at Ozarks Amphitheater



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our high school buddies gathered in their drummer's parent's basement in Princeton, New Jersey to jam 36 years ago. From those high school sessions emerged a group that has been continuously performing music that has resonated with fans and stood the test of time. Blues Traveler kicked off their "Blue Monsters Tour 2023" in July and will take the Ozarks Amphitheater stage on August 19.

"We were one of the few bands that never split up and never took a break," said Blues Traveler guitarist Chandler (Chan) Kinchla. "Some people thought we were a southern band, probably because of the harmonica. We consider ourselves a rock and blues band. We grew up with the 70's and 80's classic rock." In fact, if you ask Kinchla who influenced them he will tell you among the members the answers are The Grateful Dead, Jimmy Hendrix and Led Zeppelin. The four original members of Blues Traveler were John Popper (vocals, harmonica and guitar), Chan Kinchla (guitar), Brendan Hill (drums) and the late Bobby Sheehan (bass). Their start was performing along the New York area club circuit, often every night.

"I love sports and I still do," Kinchla said. "I had the opportunity to either continue to play football or go to New York with this awesome band. I chose the band."

Upon graduation from high school the members moved to New York City. Popper, Hill and Sheehan were students in the music program at The New School and Kinchla attended New York University. Eventually they all quit college to pursue music.

In 1990 they released their first album with the song "But Anyway" getting airplay on college radio stations. Their second album, "Travelers and Thieves" followed a year later. Around the same time they got national expo-

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sure with an appearance on The David Letterman Show. Kinchla refers to Letterman as the guy who gave them their first national television break. They have performed on "The Late Show with David Letterman" more than any other artist.

In August of 1999, band member Bobby Sheehan passed away. Agreeing that Sheehan would have wanted them to continue as a band, Kinchla's younger brother Tad joined as the new bassist. "My brother always hung around the band, so it was like he was a member already," Kinchla explained.

They're best known for their improvisational live shows where concert goers recognize hits such as "Run Around", "Hook" and "But Anyway." The song "Run Around" became the groups first chart hit followed by "Hook." In 1992, they founded the H.O.R.D.E. (Horizons of Rock Developing Everywhere) festival which featured traveling headliners in addition to local bands, charities, and organizations.

They went on to appear at Woodstock '94 and became an opening act for The Rolling Stones. A last-minute replacement for the artist Prince, they played on the 1995 season premiere of Saturday Night Live. They went on to record a number of songs for television shows and movies.

The band writes all their own music. Collaboratively, Blues Traveler went on to release several albums, four of which have gone gold, three platinum and one six times platinum. They've sold more than 10 million combined units worldwide. They've played over 3,500 performances and their single "Run Around" had the longest charting radio single in Billboard history. This earned them a Grammy for "Best Rock Performance by a Duo or Group with Vocals." Their first official blues album was nominated for "Best Traditional Blues Album" in 2022.

"We've always loved playing live and that's kept us engaged and into it," Kinchla said. "We had a slow build. We felt we really made it when we got our first tour bus. We had been touring in vans for years. I still love the tour bus to this day." Kinchla added playing to large crowds and earning their first top 10 hit were also milestones for the band. "It's several steps along the way," he explained. "You work hard but you also need a lot of luck."

Other highlights over the years include opening for The Allman Brothers Band for a complete summer when the Blues Traveler members were just in their 20s. The next summer, opening for Carlos Santana was exciting.

"We were just coming out of playing New York bars," Kinchla said. "And then we are opening for these big acts."

The secret to staying together for so long, Kinchla said, is that they are a family.

"I don't know why bands break up, they usually end up getting back together. We love playing together live, and we always fall back on that. There's always room for someone to go off and do a solo project. We're never afraid to learn or do something new."

Having started together at a young age appears to be an asset for the group. "We grew up together," Kinchla added. "We are a family. Like families, there's room to have some tantrums and that's ok."

The band continually tours and has a new rhythm and blues album coming out later this year. This summer's tour consists of 27 shows with stops in 17 different states. Since 1994, with the exception of 1999 and 2020, the band has headlined a fourth of July show at Colorado's Red Rocks Amphitheatre. This tradition attracts fans from all over the country.

"The goal of all our shows is to capture the environment and the vibe," Kinchla said. "We improvise all the time so it's a different show every night."

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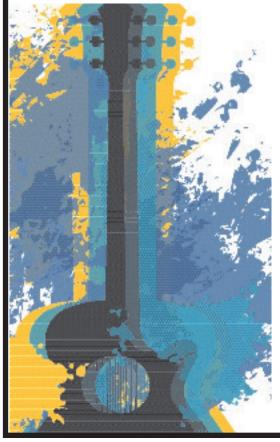
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# July

#### Friday, July 14

Backwater Jack's, The Zeros
Bear Bottom Resort, Brad Morgan, 7 p.m.
Brick House Cajun Cuisine, Bobby Stilwell, 7 p.m.
Captain Ron's, Dirt Road Addiction, 6-10 p.m.
Charlie Foxtrots, Derek Wayne Brown
Coconuts, karaoke, 6:30 p.m.
Dog Days, Whiskey Trio, 9 p.m.
Franky & Louie's, DJ Mikey J, 2 p.m.; Machine Gun Symphony
H. Toad's, Jordan Isakson, 6-10 p.m.; Phat Mike & The Bartenders, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.
Jolly Roger's, Marcus Words 6 p.m.





Margaritaville Lake Resort (Tiki Hut Pool Bar), Art Bentley, 6-9 p.m.
Miller's Landing, Douly Noted, 6-10 p.m.
Neon Taco, Lenny Frisch, 5 p.m.; DJ Mikey, 9 p.m.
Paradise, The AstroKatz, 6 p.m.
Shorty Pants, Grayson Wood
Tap & Grill, Chill Bone, 7 p.m.
Whittle's, DJ Krazy J, 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.

#### Saturday, July 15

Alhonna Resort, Dave Dunklee and the Healing Box Project, 1-5 p.m. Backwater Jack's, The Zeros Bear Bottom Resort, Brad Morgan, 7 p.m. Brick House Cajun Cuisine, Nate Michaels, 7 p.m. Captain Ron's, DJ Kyle, 5-9 p.m. Casablanca, Bobby Stilwell, 7 p.m. Charlie Foxtrots, One more Shot, 8 p.m.-12 a.m. Dog Days, DJ Mikey J, 1 p.m.; Brock Wade Band, 9 p.m. Coconuts, Loaded Dice, 6 p.m. Franky & Louie's, DJ Mikey J, 1 p.m.; Machine Gun Symphony, 8 p.m. H Toad's, Marcus Words, 6-10 p.m.; Phat Mike & the Bartenders, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. High Tide, MC4D Jolly Roger's, Preston Ary Band Lake Burger, JD Heckler Band, 6 p.m. LandShark Pool Bar, Fin Flippin Fun with DJ DocC, 1:30-5:30 p.m. Margaritaville Lake Resort (Tiki Hut Pool Bar), Phil Vandel, 6-9 p.m. Neon Taco, Aaron Blumer, 10:30 a.m., Kael Wade, 5 p.m.; DJ Mikey, 9 p.m.

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#### Sunday, July 16

Backwater Jack's, Marcus Words, 6 p.m. Dog Days, Brock Wade Duo, 2 p.m. Frankie & Louie's, Dave Dunklee and the Healing Box Project, 5-9 p.m. H. Toad's, Travelin Kind, 6-10 p.m. Lake Burger, Jillian, 12 p.m. Margaritaville Lake Resort (Tiki Hut Pool Bar), Phil Vandel, 2-5 p.m. Paradise. Steven Moore, 5 p.m. Redhead Lakeside Grill. Noe Palma

Monday, July 17 Backwater Jack's, The Stevie Newman Band Dog Days, Brock Wade, 6 p.m. Franky & Louie's, Steve Moore

Tuesday, July 18 Charlie Foxtrots, karaoke Franky & Louie's, Marcus Words, 5 p.m. Shorty Pants, Phillip Twitchell

Wednesday, July 19 Backwater Jack's, Aaron Blumer Bear Bottom Resort, The Cheverlys, 9 p.m. Brick House Cajun Cuisine, karaoke, 7 p.m. Franky & Louie's, karaoke with DJ Kyle, 5 p.m. Jolly Roger's, Chloe Hoecker Paradise, David Ponder, 5 p.m. Off the Cliff, Marcus Words, 7 p.m.

#### Thursday, July 20

Backwater Jack's, The Nobodies Casablanca, Tim Newell, 7 p.m. Charlie Foxtrots, open jam Dog Days, Justin Larkin, 6 p.m. Franky & Louie's, Aaron Blumber H. Toad's, Alicia Force, 6-10

p.m. Jolly Roger's, Aaron Hill Paradise, Hometown Tourist, 5 p.m. Whittle's, Out on a Limb, 6:30-9 p.m.

#### Friday, July 21

Backwater Jack's, Queens Boulevard Bear Bottom Resort, Soul Root, 7 p.m. Brick House Cajun Cuisine, Michael Walton, 7 p.m. Captain Ron's, Liz Morionado, 6-10 p.m. Casablanca, Steven Scott, 7-11 p.m. Charlie Foxtrots, DJTaz Coconuts, Retro Nerds, 6 p.m. Dog Days, Dead Roads, 9 p.m. Franky & Louie's, DJ Mikey J, 2 p.m.; Hudson Drive, 8 p.m. H. Toad's, Marcus Words, 6-10 p.m.; Bad Habit, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Jolly Roger's, Adam Powell Lake Burger, Faded Youth, 6 p.m. Margaritaville Lake Resort (Tiki Hut Pool Bar), Rick Lamb, 6-9 p.m. Neon Taco, Art Bentley, 5 p.m.; DJ Mikey, 9 p.m. Oh Tommy's, Dave Dunklee and the Healing Box Project, 5-9 p.m.

Ozarks Amphitheater, Dierks Bentley, 7 p.m. Paradise, Skylar Hunt, 6 p.m. Shorty Pants, Justin Iarkin Tap & Grill, Magnollia Wine, 7 p.m. Whittle's, JC the DJ, 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.

#### Saturday, July 22

**Alhonna Resort**, Dave Dunklee and the Healing Box Project, 1-5 p.m. Backwater Jack's, Queens Boulevard Bear Bottom Resort. Soul Root. 7 p.m. Brick House Cajun Cuisine, Bobby Stilwell, 7 p.m. Captain Ron's, Justin Larkin, 1-5 p.m.; The Groove Pilots, 7-11 p.m. Casablanca, Rebel Walker, 7 p.m. Charlie Foxtrots, TungTied, 8 p.m.-12 a.m. Coconuts, Retro Nerds, 6 p.m. Dog Days, DJ Mikey J, 1p.m.; The Nobodies, 9 p.m. Franky & Louie's, DJ Mikey J, 1 p.m.; Hudson Drive, 8 p.m. H. Toad's, Travelin' Kind, 6-10 p.m.; Bad Habit, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. High Tide, Scooter Jolly Roger's, AKA JD's Roadhouse, Ozark Outlaws Band, 8 p.m. Lake Burger, Down Side Up, 6 p.m. LandShark Pool Bar, Fin Flippin Fun with DJ DocC, 1:30-5:30 p.m. Margaritaville Lake Resort (Tiki Hut Pool Bar), Marcus Words, 6-9 p.m. Neon Taco, Steve Moore, 10:30 a.m.; Kael Wade, 5 p.m.; DJ Mikey, 9 p.m. Paradise, Billy Claycomb, 12 p.m.; Kurt Allien Band, 6 p.m. Redhead Lakeside Grill, Art Bentley Rocky Top Bar & Grill, MOZ, 7-11 p.m. Shorty Pants, Steven D. Hunt Tap & Grill, Magnollia Wine, 7 p.m. Whittle's, Ozark Hollar Boys, 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.

#### Sunday, July 23

Backwater Jack's, J.J. Jam Dog Days, Baub Eis Band, 2 p.m. Fish & Co., Dave Dunklee and the Healing Box Project, 12-4 p.m. Franky & Louie's, Double Down, 12 p.m. H. Toad's, Dakota Livingston, 6-10 p.m.

Lake Burger, Mick Byrd and the Backroad Band, 12 p.m. Margaritaville Lake Resort (Tiki Hut Pool Bar), Marcus Words, 2 p.m. Paradise, Lenny Fisch, 5 p.m.

Redhead Lakeside Grill, Johnny Henry

#### Monday, July 24

Backwater Jack's, James Clay Dog Days, Randall Shreve, 6 p.m. Franky & Louie's, Steve

Franky & Louie's, Steve Moore, 5 p.m.

#### Tuesday, July 25

**Charlie Foxtrots,** karaoke **Franky & Louie's,** Marcus Words, 5 p.m.

#### Wednesday, July 26

Backwater Jack's, Marcus Words, 6 p.m. Brick House Cajun Cuisine, karaoke, 7 p.m. Charlie Foxtrots, Bobcat, 8 p.m.-12 a.m. Franky & Louie's, karaoke with DJ Kyle, 5 p.m. Jolly Roger's, Kael Wade Paradise, live music

#### Thursday, July 27

Backwater Jack's, Phat Mike and the Bartenders Bulldog's Beach House, Dave Dunklee and the Healing Box Project, 4:30-8:30 p.m. Dog Days, Justin Larkin, 6 p.m. Franky & Louie's, Aaron Blumer, 5 p.m. H. Toad's, Justyn moreland, 6-9 p.m. Casablanca, Tim Newell, 7 p.m. Charlie Foxtrots, open jam, 7-11 p.m. Jolly Roger's, Steven Tyler Moore Lake House 13, Marcus Words, 6 p.m. Paradise, PoPo Beck, 5 p.m.

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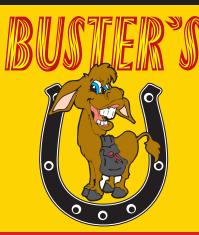
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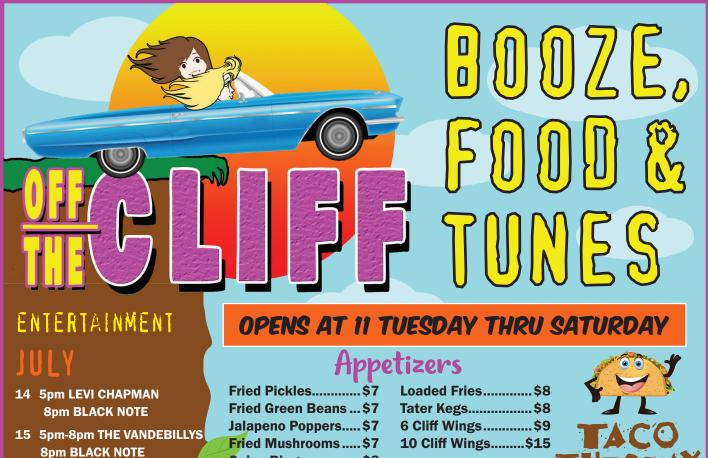












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- 26 5pm LEVI CHAPMAN
- 27 5pm TRAVELIN KIND **8pm GRAYSON WOOD**
- 28 5pm ME AND JIM **8pm PRESLEY BAND**
- 29 5pm TOM BRYANT **8pm DAMIEN GUNN**
- 31 6pm LEVI KARAOKE

Subject to change due to inclement weather or last minute cancellations.

Fried Mushrooms ..... \$7 Onion Rings.....\$8

#### HAPPY HOUR

**EVERY DAY 5-8 PM ALL WEEK** \$1 Off Beer and Wine \$2 Off Buckets, Mixed Drinks & Shots

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