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# On Lake Time



People always say Lake of the Ozarks is a place like no other — many of us have adopted a more relaxed and laid-back attitude. Being on “Lake time” is a concept that I’ve embraced more lately. While I personally pride myself on always being punctual, I do think there is something to be said about slowing down, connecting with nature, and living more in the present moment. Lake of the Ozarks is the perfect place to embrace a slower, more leisurely pace of life. The area is a place to recharge, unwind and indulge in activities that brings joy and relaxation into our lives.

For me, being on “Lake time” means freeing my schedule to do more things like paddleboarding on a lunch break, spending Saturday shopping in Amish country outside of Versailles, or going to a local fundraiser to support a favorite charity. There’s more to life than being busy. I’m choosing to fill my time with more meaningful things.

Growing up I have fond memories of spending the day at Big Surf, horseback riding at the stables at Margaritaville, hiking at Ha Ha Tonka, and swimming and boating on the Lake. All of those same things can still be done today.

Our feature story is intended to give you some ideas that will help you have an unforgettable experience this summer. Whether you are a Lake-local who wants something fun to do when the grandkids visit, or are a tourist for the weekend and plan to enjoy a drink at a pool bar, some of our favorite summer-time activities are featured within this issue.

I’ll never forget the feeling of parasailing for the first time, or my first ride in a helicopter thanks to Lake Ozark Helicopters on the Bagnell Dam Strip (*the Lake looks so much different from the air*). I’ll also never forget the first time I went wakesurfing. After a few tumbles, I was able to ride the wake. It actually isn’t as hard as it looks. All of these experiences are also available to you.

No matter what your summer looks like, I hope you get to spend it doing something you enjoy!

See you out and about!

## MY FAVORITE SUMMER ACTIVITIES



### Farmers Markets

You haven’t lived until you’ve had some Czech pastries from the Bohemian Baker set up each Saturday at the Osage Beach Farmers Market. Held in the parking lot of the outlet mall, there are many other local markets that are also worth a visit. A quick Facebook search will help you find out what’s out there.



### Paddleboard Class

As previously mentioned, I like to paddleboard. If you don’t know me personally, I also love yoga. Combining the two is the perfect combination and you can book a session held on Monday evenings at Soul Centered Yoga Studio. Something fun to do with girlfriends or just another way to soak up the Lake life.



### Live Music

Concerts and live bands are held everywhere you look during the summer at the Lake. Each year Ozarks Amphitheater hosts an amazing lineup. The Goo Goo Dolls and Train are on my list of concerts this season. Maybe I’ll see you there!



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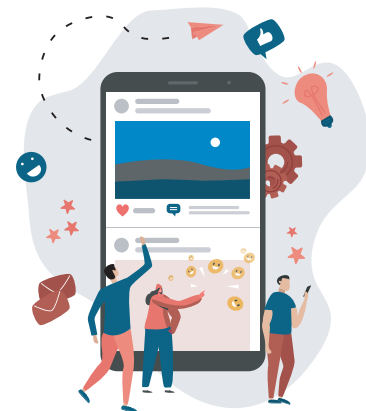
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# SMOOTH SAILING

**NEW TO BOATING OR RENTING THIS SUMMER?  
CREATE LASTING MEMORIES AS YOU EXPLORE THE LAKE.**

*Story by* DOUG BECK

**L**ake of the Ozarks averages 10 to 12 million visitors per year and a vast majority take to the water for the first time. With so many people heading to the lakes and rivers of Missouri, many are getting behind the helm of their own boats or renting a vessel for the day.

There's a lot to know about driving a boat, and it can be difficult for new captains to know how to navigate safely. Whether you're interested in fishing, water sports, or simply cruising, these tips will get you started and keep you safe while out this summer.

## **KNOW THE LAW**

Before you rent a boat or a PWC, there are a few things you should know. Missouri law requires anyone born after January 1, 1984 to pass a boater safety course and carry a boater education card to operate a motorized vessel. The class can be done online ([www.boat-ed.com/missouri](http://www.boat-ed.com/missouri)). There is no minimum age requirement to take the course

and you do not have to be a resident of Missouri, however, you must be 14 years or older to operate a vessel in Missouri.

All you have to do is study and pass the course. The cost is \$29.50 as well as a state fee of \$17. Once completed, print the online completion document off and you are ready to go boating. It's highly recommended that you don't stop there.

Boats operate different than cars. There are similarities but major differences and various influences affect the operation and control of the vessel. A short three hour on-the-water class can make the difference in an enjoyable, safe time verses a horrible vacation memory. You can take a class by contacting Ozark Boat Safety Training at 573-216-8141 or by signing up at [ozarkboattraining.com](http://ozarkboattraining.com).

A class will combine what you learn in the online classes with real-word experience. You'll learn about navigation rules, boater courtesies, fueling, docking, wake, and speed management.



## A DAY ON THE LAKE

If you don't own a boat and plan to rent, there are many things you'll need to know to easily get out on the water and enjoy the day. Renting a boat comes with all the fun and much less stress than owning a boat. It is a great way to bring family and friends together, enjoy the summer out on the water, and make memories.

There are many things to consider before you rent a boat but with the proper preparation and by following the following tips, you can have a great rental experience.

### 1. Plan In Advance

It is wise, especially if you live in a location where boating is seasonal, to make a rental reservation in advance.

Boating season runs through Labor Day weekend at Lake of the Ozarks and summer weekends are very busy for marinas. They may not have any boats available if you plan to just walk in and secure a rental. It is a good idea to make your plans as early in the season as possible. This will ensure that you have a boat to ride when you want it.

### 2. Get There Early

In addition to making early reservations, make sure to arrive early on the day you booked.

Getting there ahead of time will allow you to get the paperwork and required checklist accomplished. This can be a big deal if you are going out for a day trip and have to be back by a certain time. You will want to make sure you are out on the water as much as possible to get the most out of your money.




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### 3. Make Check-in Easy

The best way to check-in smoothly is to read any details in the confirmation letter and to know what you need to bring. Most companies will outline any documents you need, when you should arrive, what accessories or other equipment will be included, and other important information.

### 4. Get The Right Boat For You

When renting a boat, make sure you get the right type of boat. Consider the needs of your party and capacity. You do not want to overcrowd the vessel. If you plan to do water sports, a boat with enough power to pull the equipment will be needed. Pontoons are always a great choice for families wanting a leisurely day on the Lake.

### 5. Go Over The Boat

Even though your rental boat is not something that you are purchasing and they are often well maintained, you will still want to ensure that the boat is in good working condition.

There is nothing worse than being stranded out in the water due to engine issues. Before you go out, ask if everything is in working order and bring it up with the rental company if you notice any issues.

Most places will do a walk-through of the boat to acclimate the captain and crew. Check the outward appearance of the boat as well. This will allow everyone to take note of what condition the boat is like before you leave. If you do notice anything, make the marina aware of it. Unreported damage ahead of time could mean damage charges for you when you get back, even if you did not cause the damage. Don't forget to look at the condition of the prop!

### 6. Be Prepared For Weather

Since the reservation is likely being made in advance, it can be hard to predict the weather. Keep an eye on the forecast and prepare for anything that might happen. Watch the weather radar to determine if it's safe to travel. Another consideration to make is what to wear. Bring a backup layer of clothing in case it gets colder, which it typically does in the evening on the Lake. It's better to have and not need than to need and not have.

### 7. Make A Float Plan

This tip is for every boater. Having a plan and letting someone know that plan is a great way to stay safe.

A float plan should include, departure time, route and stops, expected time of return and who is going out in the boat. That way if something unexpected happens, people will know where to start looking.

Safety is the number one concern any time you are out on the water. Even with the most cautious boat operators, accidents can happen and you want to make sure there is someone on land that is informed of plans.

### 8. Know What To Pack

If you are going out on your own boat, you will likely know everything that is onboard, but that's not the case with a rental. Some of the things you will want to pack includes all-weather clothing, sunscreen, food, water, a cooler, towels, hats, charger for phone, first aid kit including medications, and sunglasses.

You will also want to pack anything that you plan on doing while out on the water. This can include floaties, fishing supplies or water sport equipment.



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### 9. Know How To Operate Your Vessel

Even if you are not required to take a boating safety course, make sure that you know what you are doing when it comes to navigating your vessel. Be confident that someone in your party is competent in operating a vessel. If you are uncomfortable with any part of the process you should ask the company before going out. Some rental companies will have no problem giving you quick on-the-spot training and instruction.

### 10. Consider A Captain

If you really do not feel comfortable operating a marine vehicle, are not familiar with the area, or just want to be out on the water stress-free, consider hiring a captain.

This is not always an option but some places and some types of vessels will offer a charter option that will provide a list of qualified captains. Or you can go online and hire a captain. One reliable source is CaptainsMO.com.

This is most often offered with large power yachts, but it's not the only way to get a captain for your vessel. You might even be able to hire an independent operator to help you out on your rented vessel.

This will allow you to still have a tailor-made boating experience without the pressure of having to navigate and control the boat yourself.

### 11. Know What You Are Signing

More often than not, when you are renting a boat you will have to sign a waiver with the company. Read the document thoroughly before you sign and know what you agree to. This should be something you do every time you sign something.

The standard waiver will make you liable for the boat and the people on board and property damage that is caused by the wake of the boat. This includes any damage to the boat, or any injuries suffered.

You will also be required to pay a deposit as well as be responsible for the fuel cost, in addition to an hourly or day rate.

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# THE GOLF INDUSTRY TODAY

*How it's impacting the Lake area*



Eldon Golf Club. PHOTO BY GEORGE DENNY

Story by PAUL LEAHY



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Two years removed from the pandemic I'm often asked, "how is the local and national golf industry doing?" In one word ... solid. Golf has seen two major corrections over the last century. It took a world war to end the first, and a pandemic to end the second. Only time will tell how long this positive trend will continue.

In the 1920s private clubs in the United States were all the rage and a steady increase in the number of affluent clubs opened to meet the demand. In the 60s the middle class started demanding to play as well, so public courses opened at a record pace to meet the need. In the 90s we saw another boom fueled by real estate developments that were anchored around golf. By the mid 2000s, however, there had been a net decline of about 2,200 18-hole equivalent courses, or roughly 13 percent of courses. If you look at those numbers you may wonder how this can be positive for the golf industry. If you look at the big picture, almost 5,000 18-hole courses were added the prior 20 years so a little correction of supply and demand was necessary.

Then came 2020 and the pandemic. In 2020 everyone wanted to be outside and golf was the perfect outlet. An estimated 502 million rounds were played in the United States that year. This was a 14 percent increase over the previous year, or 500,000 more people played golf in 2020 than in 2019. In comparison, in 2006 almost 30 million people played and it bottomed out in 2017/2018 at 23 million. Golf has seen a steady increase since with the biggest spike from 2019 to 2020. Small growth has continued since and indicators suggest an upward trend moving forward.



The evolution of golf alternatives to traditional golf being played on a course has also helped spur the numbers and interest in golf over the last several years. Facilities such as TopGolf, Top Tracer ranges, Big Shots Golf, PopStroke miniature golf, and many other fun, fast non-traditional golf alternatives have brought young adults 18 to 34 into the sport. In particular, female golfers are flocking to these non-traditional avenues as 41 percent of non-traditional golf participation is by females.

According to the National Golf Foundation, 25.6 million people played on a golf course and another 15.5 million participated exclusively in off-course golf activities in 2022. A record number of 3.3 million people played a course for the first time in 2022. The largest customer age segment is between 18 and 34 years old, with 6.2 million on-course participants and another 5.8 million off-course. Since 2019, the net gain in female golfers is 800,000, a 14 percent increase.

Juniors are another huge and growing segment of golfers. In 2022, 3.4 million juniors played on a course — which is the highest level since 2006. Of those, a whopping 37 percent were girls compared to 15 percent in 2000. With those numbers, golf seems to be heading in the right direction for sustainability.

Since the pandemic of 2020 play has significantly increased even with a four percent decrease from the record high in 2021. In 2022, rounds finished 13 percent up over the five-year pre-pandemic average from 2015-2021. In terms of the number of courses in the world, the National Golf Foundation estimates there are about 40,000 courses worldwide, scattered among 209 different countries. Almost 17,000 of those are in the United States with the next closest country being Japan with a mere 3,200 courses. The states with the most “Top 100” ranked courses are California, Florida and Oregon. The one thing these states have in common are the beautiful ocean views.

Locally the Lake has seen sustained growth similar to the entire country. The years 2020 and 2021 saw record round totals and we even experienced an increase of eight percent in 2022 over 2021 for an estimated 300,000 total rounds being played at Lake area courses. Local residents, season pass holders, visitors and club members have all seen the changes in the landscape. Increased play and inventory of tee times being limited on certain days have effected how players have begun to schedule their tee times. They have also had to become a little more patient as play increases, sometimes that three-and-a-half hour round of golf turns into four or more hours.

For those of us in the industry however we hope that this trend continues for the health and sustainability of the golf business where we make our livelihood. The golf operators have had to make changes to the way we do business as well. Be patient as the dust settles on the increased demand on both the course, staff and your time. Continue to enjoy this great game, as it is the sport of a lifetime!



Above: Old Kinderhook. PHOTO BY AL GRIFFIN

Below: Bear Creek Golf Course. PHOTO RPROVIDED





# ASK THE EXPERT

By PAUL LEAHY

**When is it appropriate to allow players to play through another group? I typically play with one other person and get behind a foursome on many occasions.**

*John D., Iberia*

This question has many layers to peel. According to the rules of golf, a foursome has precedent on the course. However, common courtesy would tell you that faster players or smaller groups should expect to go through a foursome. Even though a foursome may be playing quickly, a group of less than four can play faster than four if everything is equal.

Factors to consider are: is the group directly in front of you keeping up with the group in front of them, or are they waiting as well. Here at the Lake you may only see the group in front of you and you don't realize that the group in front of you is waiting as well. Use the course marshals to ascertain what is happening with the group and or groups ahead of you.

If the course is full for many holes in front of you, it probably is not adventitious to let another group play through as this will continue to slow everyone down. If you are the group behind a foursome, be patient and allow course attendants to address your concerns. If you are the foursome, be aware of other players behind you and if possible let the faster or lesser player groups go through.

**Do you feel the Lake area can support some non-traditional golf activities such as a TopGolf facility?**

*Andrea G., Stover*

Looking at the statistics of how many people participated in non-traditional golf activities since 2020 I think the Lake is ready to embrace this part of the game. I believe in the next three to five years there will be something at the Lake. It may not be a full scale TopGolf venue but I could see a facility installing a Top Tracer Range or a PopStroke miniature golf being installed.

PopStroke is very similar to TopGolf, with food and beverage offerings around a full scale miniature golf course geared toward adults. As the Lake continues to add entertainment activities, I think it is only a matter of time that these types of golf entertainment venues will be here.

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**I love to play but I don't feel I play enough or have the amount of time it takes to get my money's worth out of a club membership. How can I play golf and not break the bank?**

*Terry T., Jefferson City*

There are a limited amount of Mid-Missouri passes available each year that offer a reduced rate for two rounds of golf at each participating facility. These typically go on sale in January and sell-out very quickly. Another option is to look into league play at some local courses. You can typically pay a small league fee and play in their once a week league for a nominal charge.

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Big Surf in Linn Creek has rides for kids and adults. Open daily through Labor Day.  
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**A**h, the dog days of summer. It's time to enjoy a few sun-soaked adventures, embrace the outdoors and create memories to last a lifetime. Whether you are enjoying a weekend getaway or planning a staycation with the kids, here are our favorite ways to spend summer at Lake of the Ozarks.

## FOR THE BEACH BUMS

When everyone is hot and hungry there's a way to solve both problems in one stop. There are a number of waterfront restaurants with pools and local beaches to dip your toes in the sand. All are accessible by car or boat.

### POOLS:

- Dog Days
- Backwater Jack's
- Coconuts Caribbean Beach Bar & Grill
- The Encore (*adult only*)
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- Landshark Bar & Grill
- Camden on the Lake
- Boathouse
- Lazy Gators
- Margaritaville Lake Resort
- Bear Bottom Resort (*check out the waterslides*)
- Hippopotamus Swim-up Bar/Regalia Hotel & Conference Center
- Tap & Grill
- The Cave Bar & Grill

### BEACHES:

- Captain Ron's
- Franky & Louie's
- Pappa Chubby's
- Buddy's Harbor
- Alhonna Resort
- Public Beach No. 1 & 2
- Coconuts Caribbean Beach Bar & Grill



The pool at Backwater Jack's.  
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## FOR THE KIDS

### SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM

Randy's Frozen Custard has been a Lake favorite for years. Cool off on a hot day with a banana split, sundae or frozen custard. For the more adventurous, concretes are available in over 25 flavors and unlimited unique combinations.

**Located at 4681 Osage Beach Parkway in Osage Beach.**

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Scoops Ice Cream has a vast variety of flavors, floats, sundaes and more. For a real treat, try the homemade waffle cone.

**Located at 86 W. US Highway 54 in Camdenton.**

Stuffed with delicious syrups and chunks of dessert, the Ice Cream Factory in Eldon hits the spot. Operating out of a beautifully-renovated manufacturing plant, the business has been growing since opening its doors in 2019. Now you can find their creations in grocery stores across the United States or by stopping by the Eldon location. Cake batter, ice cream, nuts, brownies and layers of other ingredients are sure to satisfy that sweet tooth.

**Located at 3 S. Mill St. in Eldon.**

Lake Burger is known for their burgers, but it's the milkshakes that makes them unique. Loaded milkshakes for the adults in the group include the Funky Monkey and Bad & Boozy. The traditional Root Beer Float is always a crowd-pleaser.

**Lake Burger is located at 29475 Mill Creek Marina Rd. in Gravois Mills. Go by boat or water!**





The ropes course at Malted Monkey on the Bagnell Dam Strip is the perfect kid-friendly activity.  
DAN FIELD PHOTO

## FOR THE KIDS

### ROPES COURSE

Once harnessed in, thrill seekers high above the Bagnell Dam Strip can walk the ropes course or glide suspended from the rails. Participants must be at least 48 inches tall, but those 40 to 48 inches can join the fun with a parent or guardian. Maximum weight is 300 pounds. Once you pay, stay on the course as long as you like. Those under 18 years of age must have a release signed from a parent.

After you're done on the trail, step over to the Malted Monkey for a bite to eat or one of their unique milkshakes. With ingredients like Rice Krispies, marshmallow cream, M&M's and more, there's a combination to please all palettes. For mom and dad, Tippy Shakes are available. Open daily at 11 a.m.

**The Sky Trail and Malted Monkey are located next to each other at 1345 Bagnell Dam Blvd. in Lake Ozark.**



One crew member had to walk the plank before the Calypso pirate ship set sail on a treasure-seeking adventure.  
CHARIS PATIRES PHOTO

### HUNT FOR TREASURE

Ahoy, Matey! Set sail on the Jolly Rogers pirate ship for an unforgettable treasure-hunting experience. Once you board the Calypso, Captain Scalawag and this crew of pirates will take you on a ride to Cannonball Bay where you'll search for buried treasure. It's not your ordinary boat ride.

Tickets are \$29.50 for all ages (book online at [www.grubngrog.com](http://www.grubngrog.com)).

Other cruise options include private charters, a sunset and fireworks cruise or a two-hour sunset cruise.

**Port of call at Jolly Rogers, located at 28443 Polk Dr. in Rocky Mount or 4.5-MM by water.**

## WHEN IT RAINS

### INDOOR WATER PARK

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Open Friday-Sunday. Admission is \$25 for non-hotel guests (2 and under are free).

**Located at the Margaritaville Lake Resort, 494 Tan Tar A Drive in Osage Beach.**



Miner Mikes go-cart track.  
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## MAKE AN ESCAPE

Gather your group and participate in this interactive escape room experience. You will have 60 minutes to find clues, solve puzzles and ultimately celebrate your escape from one of four rooms available. Whether you choose Lakeview Heist, Midnight on the Bayou, Club Cat Cabin or Dr. Lakenstein's Laboratory, the experience promises to be both fun and challenging.

Cost is \$34.99 with a three-person minimum (book online at [www.lakeescapeloz.com](http://www.lakeescapeloz.com)).

**Located at 1384 Bagnell Dam Blvd. in Lake Ozark.**

## FUN & GAMES

This indoor amusement center will bring out the kid in you. The under-roof playground offers miner-themed activities and arcade games. Enjoy the Runaway Mine Train Roller Coaster or the Chuck Wagon Ferris Wheel. Crawl through the maze of tubes and tunnels or ride the bumper cars. Arcades and beverages for adults are located upstairs along with an indoor go-kart track that will appeal to racers of all ages.

**Located at 4515 Osage Beach Parkway in Osage Beach.**

## GO UNDERGROUND

A cool 60 degrees year-round makes a tour of Bridal Cave the perfect summer day activity, especially when it's raining. Beneath the surface lies a geological marvel with a unique history. The cave is so beautiful that more than 4,250 weddings have been performed in the stalactite-adorned Bridal Chapel. Open daily ([bridalcave.com](http://bridalcave.com)).

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Jacob's Cave in Versailles and Stark Caverns outside of Eldon are two other caves in the area worth a visit.



Bridal Cave. CHARIS PATIRES PHOTO



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## FUN IN THE SUN

### HA HA TONKA STATE PARK FUN

You may know Ha Ha Tonka as a great place to hike, but they also offer programs free of charge throughout the summer.

Baskets and Berries on July 8 is a relaxing evening of basket weaving. Participants will also explore the wild edibles Missouri has to offer and recipes to use them in.

If trivia is your thing, don't miss The Great Ha Ha Tonka Trivia Challenge on July 15. Whether you are new to the area or a frequent park visitor, you're guaranteed to have fun and learn some new facts about Ha Ha Tonka.

Island Cave, an impressive habitat for several animal species, can be explored on July 22 during the Island Cave Adventure. While touring, learn about the animals that call this habitat home. Participants must be at least six years of age.

If you're interested in exploring the nocturnal animal world then the Night Hike on July 29 is for you. The hike to the park's spring is an exploration of the world of creatures whose day begins when the sun goes down.

All events are held in the evening and registration is required. For registration and additional information, call 573-346-2986.

**Located at 1491 State Road D in Camden-ton.**

### MAKE A WAKE

Have you been wanting to ride the wake behind the boat but not sure how? Here's your chance to learn.

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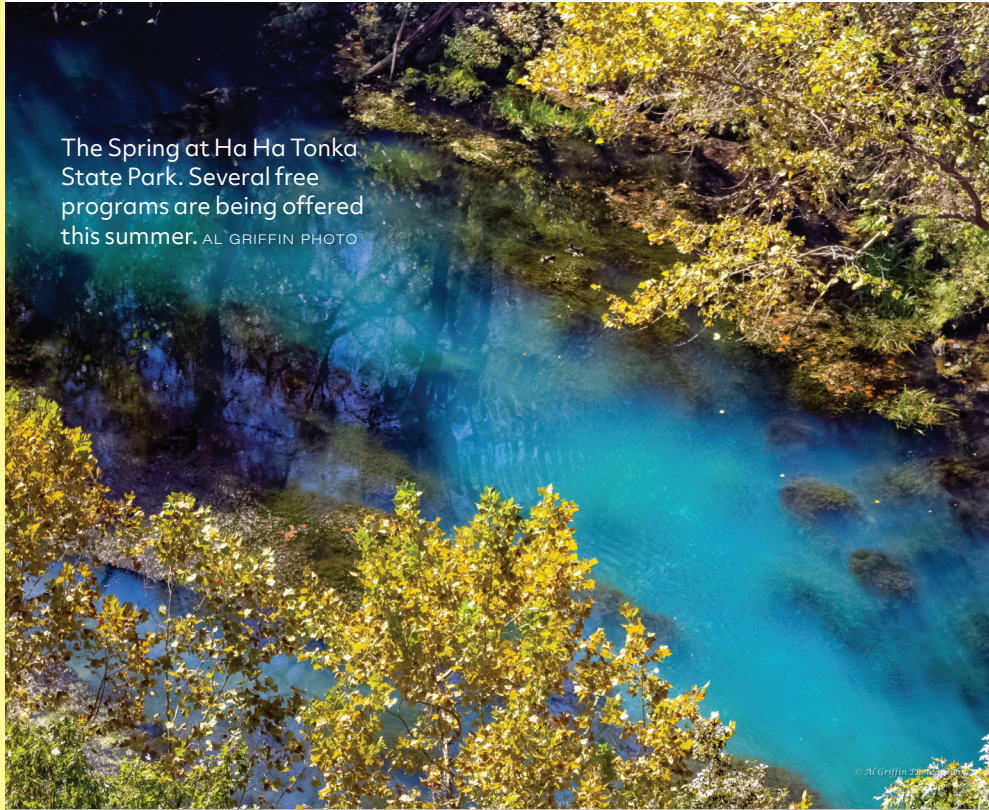
You just might be surprised how fast you learn to surf. Various private and group sessions available to book. ([www.kirbysschoolofwake.com/services](http://www.kirbysschoolofwake.com/services))

### BIRD'S EYE VIEW

Get the thrill of being in a helicopter during a unique experience that offers a different perspective of the world below. Lake Ozark Helicopters has a number of tour options to suit all thrill seekers. There is no age limit for the rides but they are limited to three passengers per helicopter. Passengers can split into separate rides. Walk-ins are welcome but reservations are recommended for weekend or longer flights.

**Located at 2101 Bagnell Dam Blvd. in Lake Ozark.**

The Spring at Ha Ha Tonka State Park. Several free programs are being offered this summer. AL GRIFFIN PHOTO

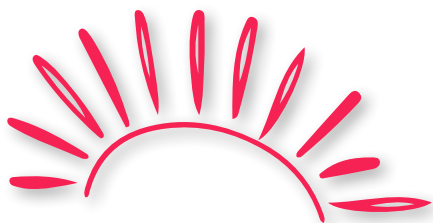


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## ADRENALINE RUSH

Get harnessed in and hoisted 500 feet above the water of the Lake of the Ozarks in this exhilarating adventure. A ride from Paradise Parasail by the Bagnell Dam provides astonishing views, along with a relaxing dip or toe touch in the water if requested. Those under 18 years of age must have a parent signature on the required waiver. Reservations are not required but are recommended. If room allows, family and friends can ride in the boat and watch the fun.

**Located at 1100 Bagnell Dam Blvd. in Lake Ozark.**

## ZIPLINE TOUR

The Osage-8 Canopy Tour through Adrenaline Zipline Company offers a new way to explore the Ozark hills. Available for those from four to 104 years of age, experienced guides will take you soaring through treetop canopies with breathtaking views. The zip lines range in length from 100 to 1,000 feet long, reaching heights of up to 80 feet in the air. There is a 250-pound maximum weight limit and children under 16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Reservations are required ([www.adrenalineziplines.com](http://www.adrenalineziplines.com))

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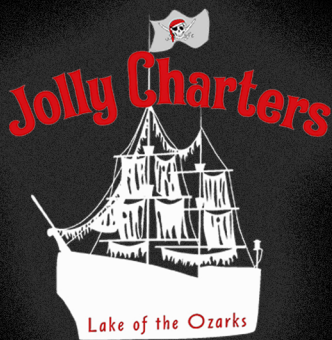
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Shows are held Wednesday-Sunday. Tickets range from \$30-\$40.

**Main Street Music Hall is located at 1048 Main St. in Osage Beach.**

### MORE THAN JUST BOOKS

Lake area libraries all have summer programs for those of all ages. With several locations, there's something going on near you. Several book clubs, presentations and crafts are being offered for adults. Teen game nights, story-time, cooking and other activities are planned for kids. A full schedule is available online.

#### WHERE TO GO:

##### Camdenton Library

89 Rodeo Rd.,  
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573-346-5954

##### Sunrise Beach Library

14156 MO-5,  
Sunrise Beach  
573-374-6982

##### Osage Beach Library

1064 Gutridge Ln.,  
Osage Beach  
573-348-3282

##### Climax Springs Library

14157 MO-7, Climax Springs  
573-347-2722

##### Macks Creek Library

90 State Rd. N, Macks Creek  
573-363-5530

### TAKE IN A MOVIE

When you need a break from the sun or have a rainy day to fill, a family movie can entertain all. Marcus Eagles Landing Cinema has a summer family line-up as well as Value Tuesday, which is offered year-round. The summer line-up is \$3 per ticket. Tuesday admission for all movies is \$6 for members and \$7 for non-members. Membership is free.

Summer Line-up: "The Amazing Maurice," July 4-8; "Minions: Rise of Gru," July 11-15; "Mummies," July 18-22; "DC League of Super Pets," July 25-29; "Puss in Boots: The Last Wish," August 1-5.

**Marcus Eagles Landing Cinemas is located at 1300 Barred Owl Lane in Lake Ozark.**





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Story by CHARIS PATIRES  
Photography by BRAD GLIDEWELL



**L**ocation, location, location. Anyone who's spent time searching for homes at Lake of the Ozarks knows it can be tricky finding the perfect waterfront location. Terrain challenges and rough water are just two of the biggest considerations people often face when deciding where to build.

When Mike and Jennifer Renton decided to establish a place to call home on the Lake, those were two of their main concerns. Finding the right location and contractor for the job was key. The couple lives most of the time in Lincoln, Neb. but makes the six-hour trip to the Lake as often as possible.

After visiting for more than six years, they decided to establish a permanent residence where they could eventually retire. Having rented condos along various parts of the Lake, the Rentons knew exactly what they wanted. Like many people who set their sights on building at Lake of the Ozarks, they wanted a home on the water in a quiet cove. They found what they were looking for at the Mistwood Moorings

Subdivision near the 35-mile marker by water and just outside of Greenvew by land.

"We wanted to be able to easily get to Lake attractions, but not live in the center of the action," Mike said.

They hired Dan Spanburg, general manager of Ozark Custom Homes and Design. The location of the family subdivision, along with Dan's history and knowledge of Lake of the Ozarks, and his more than 40 years of home building experience, was exactly what they needed to make their dreams a reality.

"We chose to work with Dan because we had the ability to completely change the floor plan from the initial concept to its final design," Mike said.

Dan says he takes a hands-on approach with all of this clients sitting down to discuss their needs and budget. Once a design is in place, construction begins with Dan staying on top of the process using in-house crews and contractors that have a keen eye for the details.





From the design phase to construction, every decision was made to maximize the views, taking advantage of the scenic beauty of one of the Midwest's most popular vacation destinations.





The three-story home is 3,894 square feet with three bedrooms and three bathrooms. The lower level is still under construction and once completed will have an additional bedroom with on-suite bath, a game room, and media/theater room.

Like many Lake homes under construction, the slope of the lot can be a challenge and the dirt-work required to excavate can be expensive. Dan says one of the ways he balanced working with the lot and watching cost was to build two bridges that lead from the street to the garage and front door, eliminating the need to fill in the space with dirtwork.



The home sits on a lot off of the main channel, providing dock protection and calm water. The couple has friends in the area, and the established neighborhood is full of long-time residents — the kind who stop to wave from across the cove.





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The kitchen has granite countertops, white shaker cabinets and GE appliances.



Mike says they wanted a modern home with a great view and open floor plan. Upon stepping through the entryway you will get immediate views of the Lake. The dining room is located to the right while the living room and kitchen are just a few steps away.







An electric fireplace with black tile surround makes the room comfortable and cozy. Dan says they got creative with design on a budget.



A separate but not-so-formal dining area provides the seating needed for family gatherings and is out in the open so that everyone can be in the same room when entertaining.



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A bar with a family room resides on the middle floor creating extra living space for family and guests to have plenty of room.

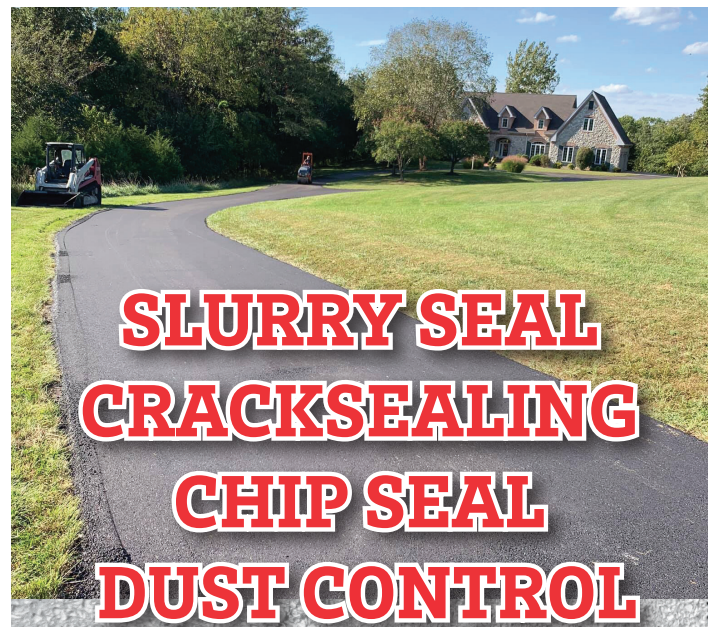
### About Mistwood

Dan has been building homes for 41 years. He started as a general contractor in St. Pete, Fla. and estimates over the years he's built around 150 homes ranging from 1,200-to 8,000 square feet. He moved to the Lake with his wife Karen in 1995 after her father, Gene Sellers, was killed in a car accident. They started where Gene left off in the family business and continued building in the Mistwood subdivision located down Lake Road 5-58 (Sellers Road). The family has a long history at Lake of the Ozarks. Gene was considered a pioneer and started building Mistwood in the 50s. At the time Gene and his wife, Adele, lived in a cabin with no power and water on property where Summer Place Condos is currently located. As the story goes, back then the Hurricane Deck Bridge was a toll bridge Dan grew up hearing stories of how excited Adele would get when a car would travel across, and how Gene would ride a horse to Highway 5 to catch a ride to work.

### HOME RESOURCE LIST

General Contractor: Ozark Custom Homes and Design  
Lumber: Crainshaw Lumber  
Drywall: JR Drywall  
Framing: BS Construction  
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Insulation: Greenspace  
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Bathrooms (shower door):

Marks Mobile Glass  
Kitchen Cabinets: Neighbor  
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# HANGING AROUND **THE LAKE**

BLUES TRAVELER REFLECTS ON RISE TO THE TOP,  
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*Story by* MARIE KROLIKOWSKI



**F**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 exposure 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."

#### **BLUE TRAVELERS ALBUMS:**

1990 Blues Traveler  
1991 Travelers & Thieves  
1991 Travelers & Thieves: On Tour Forever  
1993 Save His Soul  
1994 Four  
1996 Live from the Fall  
1997 Straight on Till Morning  
2001 Bridge  
2002 Live: What You and I Have Been Through  
2003 Truth Be Told  
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**Tickets:** [ozarksamphitheater.com](http://ozarksamphitheater.com)

### **TYLER FARR**

**Where:** The Encore  
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### **PAULY D**

**Where:** Lazy Gators  
**When:** August 11, 7:30 p.m.  
**Tickets:** [lazygators.com/events](http://lazygators.com/events)

### **CASEY DONAHEW**

**Where:** Lazy Gators  
**When:** August 18, 7:30 p.m.  
**Tickets:** [lazygators.com/events](http://lazygators.com/events)

### **INCUBUS**

**Where:** Ozarks Amphitheater  
**When:** August 18, 7:15 p.m.  
**Tickets:** [ozarksamphitheater.com](http://ozarksamphitheater.com)

### **BLUES TRAVELER WITH BIG HEAD TODD & THE MONSTERS**

**Where:** Ozarks Amphitheater  
**When:** August 19, 7:30 p.m.  
**Tickets:** [ozarksamphitheater.com](http://ozarksamphitheater.com)

### **THE DOOBIE BROTHERS WITH MICHAEL MCDONALD**

**Where:** Ozarks Amphitheater  
**When:** August 23, 7 p.m.  
**Tickets:** [ozarksamphitheater.com](http://ozarksamphitheater.com)

### **SKILLET + THEORY OF A DEADMAN**

**Where:** Ozarks Amphitheater  
**When:** September 1, 7 p.m.  
**Tickets:** [ozarksamphitheater.com](http://ozarksamphitheater.com)

### **LARRY THE CABLE GUY**

**Where:** Ozarks Amphitheater  
**When:** September 2, 7 p.m.  
**Tickets:** [ozarksamphitheater.com](http://ozarksamphitheater.com)

### **TRAIN**

**Where:** Ozarks Amphitheater  
**When:** September 9, 7 p.m.  
**Tickets:** [ozarksamphitheater.com](http://ozarksamphitheater.com)

### **GOO GOO DOLLS - THE BIG NIGHT TOUR**

**Where:** Ozarks Amphitheater  
**When:** September 22, 8 p.m.  
**Tickets:** [ozarksamphitheater.com](http://ozarksamphitheater.com)

*\* List compiled by Charis Patires*



# Summer Style

MAKE A STATEMENT  
AND EMBRACE  
YOUR SENSE  
OF STYLE WITH  
VIBRANT,  
EYE-CATCHING  
PATTERNS WHILE  
OUT ON THE LAKE  
THIS SUMMER.

Compiled by CHARIS PATIRES  
Photography by BRAD GLIDEWELL



**Blayre Pauley**  
Owner of Summer Girl Boutique

**WHAT SHE'S WEARING:**

Lspace gold top, \$104; bottom (not pictured), \$98;  
Available at Summer USA.  
Sequin skirt, \$49. Available at Summer Girl Boutique.

**Lizzy McMahon**

Employee at Summer Girl Boutique and student at  
Mizzou

**WHAT SHE'S WEARING:**

Body Glove sparkle suit top, \$67; bottom  
(not pictured), \$53. Available at Summer USA.  
Sequin skirt, \$49. Available at Summer Girl Boutique.



**Taitum Beeker**

Employee at The Encore and student at  
Missouri State University

**WHAT SHE'S WEARING:**

Black Savage swimsuit top, \$125; bottom,  
\$98, Sin City sarong, \$120. Available at The  
Encore Boutique.



**Alexus Rust**  
Employee at The Encore.

**WHAT SHE'S WEARING:**  
Pink Savage top, \$125;  
bottom, \$115. Available at  
The Encore Boutique.

Photos taken on location at The  
Encore pool. Open from 11 a.m.-10  
p.m. until Sept. 30. Adult pool only  
(open to 21+). Happy hour all day  
Sunday at the pool. Don't miss the  
Summer Concert Series and other  
events at the Sky Bar Amphitheater.

**Add a cover-up!**  
Girl Gang mini robe, \$145  
Available at The Encore Boutique.



Flower Beach Bunny top, \$195; bottom, \$155.  
Available at The Encore Boutique.



**Grace Unger**

Employee at Summer Girl Boutique  
and student at the University of  
Arkansas

**WHAT THEY ARE WEARING:**

Rainbow sequenced cover-up, \$52.

Neon feather dress, \$49

Available at Summer Girl Boutique.



**Alli Johns**

Employee at Summer Girl Boutique and  
student studying biological sciences.

**WHAT THEY ARE WEARING:**

Diamond pink cover-up, \$59.

Available at Summer Girl Boutique.

Body Glove top, \$67; bottom, \$53.

Available at Summer USA.

Leather bow set: top, \$41; bottom, \$49.

Available at Summer Girl Boutique.





- Pink ribbed dress, \$42. Available at Summer Girl Boutique.
- Crochet romper, \$52. Available at Summer Girl Boutique. O'Niel swimsuit: top, \$35; bottom (not pictured), \$35. Available at Summer USA.
- Swirl Set top, \$28; skirt, \$32. Available at Summer Girl Boutique.



Beach Bunny top, \$195;  
bottom, \$155  
Available at The Encore Boutique.

**Get these looks at the  
following boutiques:**

**SUMMER GIRL BOUTIQUE**

1438 Bagnell Dam Blvd.,  
Lake Ozark  
Open at 10 a.m. daily  
[www.summergirlboutique.com](http://www.summergirlboutique.com)

**SUMMER USA**

Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily  
1462 Bagnell Dam Blvd.,  
Lake Ozark  
[www.summerusa.com](http://www.summerusa.com)

**THE ENCORE LAKESIDE GRILL  
& SKY BAR (THE ENCORE  
BOUTIQUE)**

3076 Bagnell Dam Blvd.,  
Lake Ozark  
[www.theencoregrill.com](http://www.theencoregrill.com)



- "Small boobs, big heart" t-shirt, \$14; pink leather shorts, \$49.
  - "Drink til' He's Cute" t-shirt, \$14.
  - "Dump Him" baby t-shirt, \$28; lace-up micro skirt, \$32.
  - "I Love Hot Dads" t-shirt, \$14.
- Available at Summer Girl Boutique.





Flower pastel dress, \$32; orange sweater dress, \$39; checkered floral print dress, \$42; pink ruffle dress, \$49. Available at Summer Girl Boutique.

Linked by Summer Girl Boutique. One-of-a-kind permanent jewelry available in 14K gold, solid yellow and white gold. Necklace, bracelets, rings and anklets are clasp-free and welded to fit each individual.





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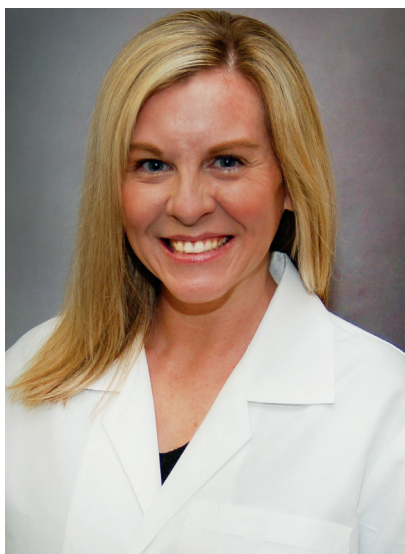
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Lake Regional Emergency Department in Osage Beach. PHOTOS PROVIDED



Jessica Whitworth, FNP-C

# HOW TO CHOOSE

## PRIMARY CARE, EXPRESS CARE OR EMERGENCY ROOM

Story by LAKE REGIONAL HEALTH SYSTEM

**H**elp is always nearby at Lake Regional Health System, but which should you choose: primary care, Express Care or the emergency department? Here's how to know.







### PRIMARY CARE – OPEN WEEKDAYS

[lakeregional.com/PrimaryCare](http://lakeregional.com/PrimaryCare)

Lake Regional has primary care clinics in Camdenton, Eldon, Iberia, Lake Ozark, Laurie, Lebanon and Osage Beach.

Primary care covers a wide range of health care needs, from acute illnesses, such as a sore throat or fever, to managing chronic conditions, such as diabetes and high blood pressure. You choose your provider — could be a doctor, nurse practitioner or physician assistant — and establish care with an introductory visit. Then you return to this provider for future needs.

“Contact your primary care office first for nonemergency ailments and injuries,” said Jessica Whitworth, FNP-C, a primary care provider at Lake Regional Clinic – Camdenton. “Your primary care provider has records of your medical history throughout the years and is likely to be the person with the best understanding of treatments and medications that work for you.”

But when your primary care provider isn’t available, it’s still important to get the care you need, when you need it. In that case, our Express Care team members are here for you.

### EXPRESS CARE – OPEN DAILY

[lakeregional.com/ExpressCare](http://lakeregional.com/ExpressCare)

Lake Regional Express Care provides walk-in care in Camdenton, Eldon and Lebanon.

The clinics look and feel similar to primary care, but with walk-in care, you do not establish care with a provider.

“Express Care is a great option for urgent but not life-threatening issues, such as fevers, colds, stomachaches, allergies and rashes, especially after hours or on weekends,” Whitworth said.

Express Care also treats minor injuries, such as sprains, minor fractures, minor cuts and mild burns. Patients must be at least 3 months of age.

“If you have a medical emergency, then you need to call 911 or drive straight to your nearest hospital,” Whitworth said. “Express Care is not an emergency department.”



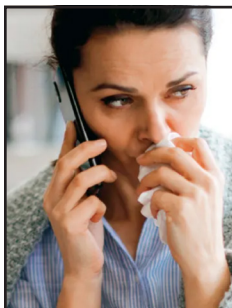
### EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT – OPEN 24/7

[lakeregional.com/Emergency](http://lakeregional.com/Emergency)

Lake Regional Emergency Department in Osage Beach offers 24/7 time-critical care for trauma, stroke and heart attack patients, as well as other life-threatening conditions. In addition to specially trained staff, Lake Regional Emergency Department provides access to specialized care, emergency surgical services and a cardiac catheterization lab.

Always seek emergency care for:

- Chest pain or heart attack
- Stroke symptoms
- Diabetic emergencies
- Major broken bones (dislocation or obvious deformity)
- Severe abdominal pain
- Uncontrolled nausea or vomiting
- Choking
- Difficulty breathing
- Uncontrolled bleeding
- Loss of consciousness
- Seizures
- Drug overdose
- Head injury
- Severe headache
- Poisoning



## Need care? Choose your best option.

**PRIMARY CARE** – Call your provider for non-emergency ailments and injuries. Open week days.

**EXPRESS CARE** – Visit Express Care walk-in clinic for non-life-threatening issues. Open daily.

**EMERGENCY CARE** – Visit the Emergency Department for life-threatening issues. Open 24/7.

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# WHERE STRANGERS *Become Friends*



Story and Photos by  
CHARIS PATIRES

LONGTIME “DIVE BAR” ELEVATES FOOD, DEFIES EXPECTATIONS

When Ilene Vanabbema decided to open up a waterfront bar on the Gravois Arm, she wasn't quite prepared for the challenges that would soon follow. Like many Lakefront establishments, finding seasonal employees on the heels of a pandemic proved to be a difficult.

No stranger to the restaurant business, Ilene has owned Maggie's Bar & Grille in downtown Boonville for more than 15 years. Named after a formerly-beloved pet, the popular restaurant is a local hangout in the style of an old English pub. Once the pandemic hit and things began to slow down, Ilene found herself spending more time at her old log home in Gravois Mills. A patron of the long-established Frog's Bar & Grill, Ilene said when it was placed on the market in 2020 she decided to take it over. After 25 years of being known as “Frog's” the restaurant reopened with a new name, a new look, and a new menu.

Due to the difficulty of finding employees, Maggie's was only open four days a week the first year in business. With fingers crossed, Ilene brought in more help this season and has not only been able to stay open six days a week but has expanded the menu. At first it consisted of mainly fried foods and pizza, but this year many homemade items and some locally-sourced ingredients are crafting dishes that leave patrons craving more. The 7-ounce Missouri Angus beef hand-pattied burgers have become as well-known at the Lake as they are at the Boonville location. Another popular item are the hand-breaded Wisconsin cheese curds, homemade fried pickles and the homemade chicken bites.







The Western Burger with a favorite Lake area libation - the Pain in the Ass. Maggie's version has a rum floater and orange cream cookie straw.

Pizza comes in thin, extra thick or a gluten-free cauliflower crust. Salads, baskets and a variety of burgers and sandwiches make up the remainder of the menu.

### WARM HOSPITALITY & ENTERTAINMENT

Ilene doesn't mind being busy. It's a place that thrives on camaraderie so she'll often stop to check on a table or help the bartender sling a few drinks. There's not an aspect of the business she doesn't handle daily

— from running to the supply room or stepping into the kitchen to help during the dinner rush.

"I'm a social person," she says. "I like the stress when it's busy."

The bar's interior pays homage to its past with vintage photographs, signs and articles explaining the history of the area. Table games such as Brain Teaser and Connect Four, cornhole on the outdoor patio, songs on the jukebox, and friendly staff keep the atmosphere fun and playful.



The Chicken Nachos are made with tortilla chips, spicy chipotle queso, chicken, green onion, tomatoes, lettuce, and a side of sour cream and salsa.





The 10-ounce Fried Pork Tenderloin burger.

Those seeking refuge from the summer sun will find it without having to give up being outdoors. The additional dock space provides ample parking for boaters and the amount of outdoor seating allows everyone to have a view of the Lake while enjoying their meal. The indoor dining room is easily converted to outdoor space by opening up the garage doors leading to the patio.

Locals gather on weekdays, especially for the scheduled entertainment and Monday night bingo from 6-8 p.m. Ilene shops specifically for the prizes awarded to bingo winners and admits some of them might be a little unusual. Live music is regularly held on Saturdays.

### ABOUT THE RESTAURANT

Maggie's on the Lake

Where: 15251 Fleener Dr., Gravois Mills

8-mile marker of the Gravois Arm

Hours: Open Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 4-9 p.m.;

Friday 4 p.m.-close, Saturday & Sunday 11 a.m.-close.

Online: Maggie's on the Lake on Facebook





Story and Photos by  
CHARIS PATIRES

# A Fusion of Flavors

## UNIQUE CULINARY EXPERIENCE AT NEW CARIBBEAN RESTAURANT

**T**ake a trip to the islands this summer, break free from the familiar, and embrace something different. Caribbean Mix, a new and authentic Caribbean restaurant on the Bagnell Dam Strip, is where distinct flavors and diversity come alive.

After moving to Lake of the Ozarks from the Dominican Republic in 2016, Cesar Jimenez had a hard time adjusting to the culinary options of the Midwest.

"We are used to flavor," he said. "The closest thing I could find in the area was Mexican (food)."

After countless trips to their favorite Mexican restaurant in Camdenton, Jimenez knew if he wanted

something different, he'd have to make it happen. He enlisted the help of his family and some connections back home, and in the spring of 2023 opened the restaurant in Luby's Plaza. The goal is to create an inviting and cultural fusion of flavors that transports diners to the islands — and so far it's been a success.

It's a family affair with his wife Philana, his son, and other family members working on various tasks from serving to cleaning and being the cashier.

A small but cozy dining room offers a comfortable reprieve from the busy crowds of the Strip. Hospitality and unforgettable flavors come together in this tropical hideaway.





Rice Balls are one of the restaurant's most popular appetizers.



Celebrate Taco Tuesday with an order of the Birria tacos. This dish is available on select days.



The Arroz con Guandules entrée: Roasted pork shoulder, served with Puerto Rican rice.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY CARIBBEAN MIX ON FACEBOOK



Hailing from the Dominican Republic, chef Yeuris Ramos is able to immerse each dish with rich flavors and the aroma of exotic spices. He graduated from the Mariano Moreno Culinary Institute in Miami, Fla. and moved to the Lake to help open the restaurant. Diners are sure to walk away with an appreciation for the complexity of the dishes. Many flavors come out in sauces, which you will see listed throughout the menu.

You might just find a few unexpected favorites. The Rice Balls appetizer became an instant hit. These deep fried balls are stuffed with oxtail and cheese, and served with avocado cilantro sauce. Another popular appetizer is the Yaroa, made of layers of fries, beef and cheese, topped with a pink sauce.

Two frequently-ordered entrées are the Jamaican jerk ribs, and the Mofongo — fried plantains mashed with chicharron and garlic, topped with a creamy sauce. You can add chicken or shrimp to the dish.

Puerto Rican creamy stew with seafood and rice makes up the Asopao de Mariscos or try the Boca Chica Style Red Snapper (fried fish in an Escabeche sauce). Sides include tostones (fried green plantains), fries or rice.

For lighter fare, there's an Avocado Sandwich, a Cuban Sandwich and the Dominican Tostada — a Dominican bread roll served with cheese, ham, mayo and tomatoes.

On Friday and Saturday, a late-night menu is available from 10 p.m.-2 a.m. and the bar is open late serving all your favorite libations. Ask for the cocktail menu for a selection of hand-crafted drinks that are made from real juices. The Pina Colada comes in a glass or a pineapple shell. Other signature drinks are a Hurricane, Cuba Libre (dark rum, lime juice and soda), a Mojito, Planter's Punch (dark rum, lime juice, grenadine and mint) and a Daiquiri. The two most popular are the Caribbean Breeze and Mojito.

## ABOUT THE RESTAURANT

**Where:** 1375 Bagnell Dam Blvd., Lake Ozark

**Hours:** Open Tuesday-Thursday 11 a.m.-10 p.m., Friday & Saturday 11 a.m.-2 a.m. and Sunday 11 a.m.-8 p.m.

Dine in or carry out.

573-602-0010





Hear live bands perform by the water during AquaPalooza. GEORGE DENNY PHOTO

### July & August

## Community Concerts

7 p.m., Lake venues. The Lake Area Community Orchestra hosts concerts each season. Free to the public but donations are welcome. Remaining shows are: July 11 at Hope Lutheran Church in Osage Beach, July 25 at the High School Performing Arts Center in Versailles, and August 1 at the Lake Ozark Christian Church. This 35-piece orchestra comes from many communities surrounding the Lake of the Ozarks.

### July 3 & 4

## Fireworks Displays

Dusk, Lake venues. Celebrate the Forth of July with several on-the-water fireworks displays. Bear Bottom Resort, Margaritaville, the Lodge of Four Seasons, Point Randall Resort, and Captain Ron's are just some of the large displays traditionally held around the Lake.  
[www.funlake.com](http://www.funlake.com)

### July 14 & August 11

## Car Show

5-9:30 p.m., Bagnell Dam Strip. All makes and models of cars, trucks and motorcycles will be parked along the Strip. Held each month during the summer, this car cruise-in is free to spectators and participants. Held rain or shine.  
Hot Summer Nights - Lake of the Ozarks, MO on Facebook

### July 15

## History Day

9 a.m.-4 p.m., Camden County Museum. 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. Children are asked to bring a sack lunch.  
573-346-7191 or [www.camdencountymuseum.org](http://www.camdencountymuseum.org)

## Club Social

11 a.m.-6 p.m., Franky & Louie's. The Lake of the Ozarks Idiot's Club will host a fundraising social. 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.  
[www.lakeoftheoarksidotsclub.org](http://www.lakeoftheoarksidotsclub.org)

## AquaPalooza

12-5 p.m., Captain Rons. A day of live music on the water is held once a summer giving boaters the chance to tie up and enjoy free entertainment. The lineup this year is: Old Soul Savage, Jacob Smalley & Morgan County Line, Carly Collura and SuperJam. Held at the 34.5-mile marker, bring plenty of drinks, snacks and floaties to tie up and hang out all afternoon.  
573-374-5852





Many events are held for the Lake of the Ozarks Shootout to benefit Lake area charities. The most popular are the races held August 26 and 27.

GEORGE DENNY PHOTOS

## August 18 & 19

### Vintage Sale

9 a.m.-2 p.m., Camden County Museum. Find used books and vintage records from a number of vendors during a used sale. Breakfast available for a donation. 573-346-7191 or [www.camdencountymuseum.org](http://www.camdencountymuseum.org)

## August 23

### Street Party

5-10 p.m., Bagnell Dam Strip. The annual Shootout on the Strip party is a fan favorite. Race teams park their boats along the Strip and are on display all evening. Bagnell Dam Blvd. is closed to traffic from School Road to the Dam. [www.lakeoftheozarksshootout.com](http://www.lakeoftheozarksshootout.com)

## August 26 & 27

### Shootout Races

All day, Lake of the Ozarks/Captain Ron's. The annual Shootout races will be held near the 34 mile marker with teams from all over the country competing for the Top Gun trophy in their class. Watch from the water, or go by land and see the boats docked and vendors set up. [www.lakeoftheozarksshootout.com](http://www.lakeoftheozarksshootout.com)

## July 15 & August 19

### Old-Style Radio

7 p.m., Baristago Coffee House. Radio-Active Players, a talented troupe of actors, perform in the style of Old-time Radio. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the show is at 7 p.m. 913-909-8603 or 573-462-6623

## July 16

### Charity Trap Shoot

9 a.m., Missouri Trapshooters Association. The second annual Shootout for the Shootout will be held with the option to compete with sporting clays or trap shoot (or both). Shoot times are 9 a.m. or 1 p.m. with an awards and lunch from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Prizes and a gun raffle will be held. [www.lakeoftheozarksshootout.com](http://www.lakeoftheozarksshootout.com)

## July 22

### Social & Fundraiser

6-8:30 p.m., Camden County Museum. An Ice Cream Social & Classic Car Cruise-in will be held to raise money for cemetery upkeep. 573-873-2990 or [www.camdencountymuseum.org](http://www.camdencountymuseum.org)

### Blood Drive

11 a.m.-5 p.m., the Elks Lodge in Laurie. A blood drive will be held in the banquet room. Donors will receive a coupon for a pint of frozen custard from Culvers in Osage Beach. Walk-ins are welcome but appointments recommended. [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)

## July 29

### Stage Play

7 p.m., Camden County Museum. 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. 573-873-2990 or [www.camdencountymuseum.org](http://www.camdencountymuseum.org)

## August 11

### Mystery Theater

6 p.m., Camden County Museum. An audience participation mystery theater production of "The Hilarious Hillbilly Massacre" will be presented. Cost is \$20 per person. Doors open at 5 p.m. for the 6 p.m. presentation. 573-873-2990 or [www.camdencountymuseum.org](http://www.camdencountymuseum.org)





# People *in* Places

Photos by GEORGE DENNY

## IN-WATER BOAT SHOW

APRIL 21-23 • DOG DAYS

The Lake of the Ozarks Marine Dealer's Association kicked off spring with the annual boat show featuring local marine dealers and other businesses in the industry.



Kathy and Steve Chalupka



Joe Jeffries, Brian Schuster



Larry and Lisa Steele



Lisa Howard, Jim Phillippe



Teresa Fears, Brendan West,  
Tessa Fears Hill



Mark (Ney Ney) Ginett, Eric O'Dell



Ashley and Shaun McDonnell



Austin Dosenbach, Rick Walls



Kaelyn Winters, Julia Hammond



Aaron and Celene Faulconer



# People *in* Places

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## SPRING FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL

APRIL 29 & 30 • OSAGE BEACH CITY PARK

Twice a year the Lake of the Ozarks Food Truck Festival brings food purveyors and vendors to one location. A fall festival is planned for Sept. 23 & 24.



Cyrus, Joey and Jed Ensinia, and Lynda Brow  
(with dog Wyatt)



Tempary Gunter, Lincoln Ousley



Eric and Michelle Gregory



Marlena Hatmaker, Kathy Jeffries



Jessie Hunter, Av Thorp,  
Amelia Hunter



Josh and Eleanor Johnson



Makayla Smart, Rhonda Ammerman



Jasen and Tallulah Jones (with Biscuit)



Eleanor, Katie and Amelia Berry



Zac and Sebrana Bowlin



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## People *in* Places

### MAGIC DRAGON STREET MEET NATIONALS

MAY 4-7 • LAKE OZARK

Central Missouri's largest car show  
brings more than 800 participants to  
the Bagnell Dam Strip.



Mary and Jerry Rajnoha



Baub Eis, Holly Shoemehl



Dale and Terri Gulley



Katie Ebling, Evelyn Sylvester,  
Ashley Dawn



Michael Elliott, Jeff Anderson



Anna Diebold and Jennifer Reahr



Blair and Joan Hartnett



Laurie Umfleet, Nicole McCullough,  
Heidi Bleil



Danny Patterson, Tom Oliver



Stacy and Shanna Henderson  
(with dog Remi)



Lance and Andrea Ervin



# People *in* Places

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## SPRING HARBOR HOP

MAY 6 • LAKE AREA VENUES

The Lake of the Ozarks Convention and Visitors Bureau hosts the annual Harbor Hop in the spring and fall. Hoppers draw a card at participating locations to make a poker hand for the chance to win prizes.



John and Ruth Marrs



Dawna Busch, Dale Blue, August Busch



Pauline and Doug Zima



William Knox, Natasha Kaster



Darla Hetzel, Derek Kirkpatrick



Alan and Marcia Stine



Derrick and Deborah Buddemeyer



Brad and Josie Crandall



Erica Avola, Luke Weber



Randy and Donna Trone



# People in Places

## BEST OF THE LAKE CELEBRATION

MAY 8 • BAXTER'S LAKESIDE GRILLE

A social was held to celebrate the Best of the Lake winners and finalists.

Those chosen were selected by readers and are recognized for being the best in business at Lake of the Ozarks. Winners were featured in the May/June issue.



Lori Hees, Dr. Christine Livek and Deana Eilers; Lake Regional Health System



(Back) Holly Powell, Mike Swift, Clara Decker, Landree Hills, Christy Wright, Lindsey Macomber, (front) Nikki Sorenson, Hanna Robinson, LO Ott, Kaity Thomson



Joe and Sara Muff, Muff Dentistry



Scott Bullock, Sydney and Owen Leckliter, Keyma Bullock; Hytech Auto Trim



John and Amanda Hayes, Hayes Construction



Angelina and Brad Glidewell, Brad Glidewell Photography



Brandon and Elizabeth Coplin, NautiAft Covers



Autumn Boles & Kenny Conn, CCC Painting



Madison Barnfield, Mpulse Salon & Suites



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Tricia Monteer, Chelsea Compton, Natalie Hanson, Ginger Skinner; Natalie Kay Salon





Jasmin Swisher and Don Schultz,  
Southwest Stone Supply



Amy and Charles Pike, Pike  
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Alarm



John and Sherri Buchanan, The Tavern  
at Trails End



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Heartland & Landscape



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Charles Cloke Custom Homes



Carlos and Lindsey Santiago,  
The Luxe Studio



Jill Ray and Rhonda Smotherman,  
Slumberland



Jacob and Logan Schuster, Maureen  
and Rick Weber; LOZ Brewing



Robert and Shawn Stephens,  
Precisions Auto & Tire



# People *in* Places

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## HK'S LAKE OF THE OZARKS OPEN

MAY 22 & 23 • LODGE OF FOUR SEASONS

The annual golf benefit for Lake Regional Health System brings Kansas City Chiefs Ambassadors to the Lake for the event.



Taylor Seilheimer, Mike Lewis



Jennifer Bethurem, Jake Edinger, Brett Hudson



Kevin McRoberts, Tony Cicerelli, Gary Schierding



Corey and Roxanne tenBensel



Hayden Westbrook, Addison Fowler



Tracy Shiver, Pam and David Patton



Barb Kyle, Mark Niedergerke



Cecilia Thomson, Hope Cherry



Trish Creach, Mike Clayton



Robin Graf, Amanda Davis, Gary Leap, Al Highwood, Joseph Roy, Latoya Bartley



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## LOTO POWERFEST

JUNE 1-3 • LAKE OZARK

Some of the fastest powerboats in the world came to the Lake to race. The course moved up the Lake with most activities at Shady Gators and Camden on the Lake.



C Racing team



Tim and Debbie Seebold,  
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A photograph of a man and a young girl sitting on a boat, fishing. The man, on the left, is wearing a grey jacket and is looking down at the fishing rod. The girl, on the right, is wearing a blue life vest over a pink shirt and is also looking down at the fishing rod. The background shows the water and the boat's structure.

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