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## IN THIS ISSUE



### 28 New Culinary Destination

Phat Sal's West is adding a new location in Laurie! Favorite Italian fare, pizzas and amazing desserts can now be found at the park.



### 30 Live Music

It might be your last chance to catch some live music before many places close for the season. Check out our list of places to go to hear live music in the Lake area.

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# TOP EVENTS

## In October



The Apple Butter Days Fall Festival will be held at the Camden County Museum on Oct. 20 and 21. Hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. each day. Go early for the best selection of fresh apple butter and apple pies that will be available for sale.

### Wine & Spirits

A Craft Wine and Spirits Festival is being held Oct. 21 at Capone's Speakeasy in Eldon. Sip on some of the finest local wines and spirits from Missouri, and see the many artisanal vendors that will be on hand. For more information, go to Eldon Craft Wine & Spiritis Festival on Facebook.

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### Pink Out



A Pink Out Party will be held at The Encore to celebrate Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The event will be Oct. 21 from 6-11 p.m. Live music from Madd Hoss Jackson, live painting by a local artist, a Pink-Out Contest, and other entertainment is planned. Tickets are \$20/ person with proceeds going to Lake Regional Health System and local cancer care. For more information, go to Pink Out Party at the Encore on Facebook.



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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## October

**20 & 21** • The annual Fall Festival/Apple Butter Days will be held at the Camden County Museum. Craft booths, demonstrations, a quilt raffle, chili supper, and apple pie and butter will be for sale. Hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Free admission. For more information, call 573-346-7191 or go to [www.camdencountymuseum.org](http://www.camdencountymuseum.org).

**21** • The 8th annual Woodcarving Show, Sale & Competition will be held at the Community Christian Church in Camden. Hours are 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Hosted by the Lake of the Ozarks Woodcarvers Club, exhibitors will be selling handmade products and offering demonstrations. The show provides artists the opportunity to showcase their work with many travel from across the Midwest to attend. Admission is free. Carvers will demonstrate their techniques and show their work. A competition, door prizes, vendors and wood will be for sale. Concessions available. For more information, go to [www.lakeozarkswoodcarvers.org](http://www.lakeozarkswoodcarvers.org).

**21** • Lake of the Ozarks Oktoberfest .5K and 5K will be held at The Sanctuary Brewery. Proceeds benefit Wonderland Camp. Non-runners will enjoy the short walk for \$15. The 3.1-mile 5sK for runners or walkers is \$40 and includes a shirt, pint glass and coupon for a free beer. For more information or to register, go to [www.fun-drums.org](http://www.fun-drums.org).

**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** • Kids and their families are invited to the free Lake Regional Cares for Kids Festival from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., in the hospital's main parking lot. A free hot dog lunch will be served from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Kids will have fun with pumpkin painting, games, crafts, clowns, a

straw maze, an obstacle course and more activities. They will be able to tour the Lake Regional Emergency Department and take a look inside emergency vehicles, including a fire truck, ambulance and helicopter. The first 200 children, ages 10 and under, will receive a free Lake Regional Cares for Kids T-shirt.

**23** • A wine tasting and Kiwanis Club Meet & Greet will be held at Shawnee Bluff Winery in Lake Ozark from 5-7 p.m. Anyone is welcome to attend and find out more information about the club and their charitable activities. For more information, call 319-560-5934.

**26-29** • The Sunrise Beach Little Theatre will be presenting a Dessert Theatre Production of the Pulitzer Prize winning play "Harvey" by Mary Chase. Thursday-Saturday doors open at 6 p.m. with the play at 7 p.m. On Sunday, Doors open at 1 p.m. with the play at 2 p.m. BYOB allowed. Cost \$20. Reservations 314-824-9279.

**28** • A Kid-Friendly Trick or Treat Supper will be held from 4-6 p.m. at the Camden County Museum. Parents and children are invited to come by the museum for a simple supper before attending the city's Trunk or Treat event. A \$5 donation/person is suggested. For more information, call 573-873-2990 or go to [www.camdencountymuseum.org](http://www.camdencountymuseum.org).

**28** • The Versailles Area Chamber of Commerce will host the third annual Scare on the Square from 5-7 p.m. A free showing of Super Mario Bros will be held at 7 p.m. at the Royal Theatre.

**28** • West Lake Christian Church in Laurie is hosting a Truck or Treat from 5-7 p.m. There will be games and prizes, hot dogs, chips and refreshments, face painting and cotton candy. The church is located at 936 Highway O in Laurie.

**28** • The Auxiliary of American Legion post 624 will host the annual Fall Bazaar from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. One-hour decoration demonstrations will be held at 9 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Cost is \$10 for one or \$15 for both. All proceeds benefit the legion. For more information, call Christy at 913-708-1760 or email [Christy.r.fischer@outlook.com](mailto:Christy.r.fischer@outlook.com).

**30** • A Trunk or Treat event will be held at the School of the Osage High School parking lot. Each trunk is sponsored by a SOTO club, organization or sports program. Free event from 6-8 p.m.

**31** • Kent Memorial Lutheran Church in Sunrise Beach (next to Sunrise Cantina) will be having Trunk or Treat on Halloween evening from 5 to 7 p.m. Everyone is invited.

## November

**3 & 4** • A dinner theater production of the comedy "Blithe Spirit" will be held at the Camden County Museum at 7 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner served at 6 p.m. For more information, call 573-873-2990 or go to [www.camdencountymuseum.org](http://www.camdencountymuseum.org).

**4** • A Fall Crawl hosted by the Miller County Business District will be held from 4 p.m.-1 a.m. Get a wristband to ride the bus all night for \$10. A pre-crawl will be held from 1-4 p.m. at The Encore Lakeside Grill & Sky Bar. On Friday night, a kickoff event will be held at Ugles Cantina where you can purchase wristbands in advance.

**4** • The Lake Arts Council will present Festival of the Arts from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Lake Ozark Christian Church, 1560 Bagnell Dam Blvd., Lake Ozark. Sponsored by the Lake Arts Council, local artists, makers and creators come together with vendor booths and other entertainment. For more information, go to Festival of the Arts on Facebook.

**4** • The 6th annual Party with a Purpose for Wonderland Camp will be held at 6 p.m. at Margaritaville Lake Resort. The event benefits Wonderland Camp. The theme this year is "Campopoly," a camping-version of a favorite board game. For more information, go to [www.wonderlandcamp.org/events](http://www.wonderlandcamp.org/events).

**4** • The Iowa Reunion Club will meet for "IRC's Night at El Patron's" for all members from 5:30-7 p.m. The club is for former lowans and part-time lowans that live at the Lake. Membership is \$10 per year, per household. For more information, call Bil Cooper at 573-480-4601 or go to [www.iowareunionclub.com](http://www.iowareunionclub.com).

**11** • The Osage Beach Elks Lodge and the City of Osage Beach will host a Veterans Parade on Osage Beach Parkway. Starts at 1 p.m. Anyone is encouraged to participate. After the parade, the Elks Lodge #2571 will offer food and entertainment.

**12** • The Osage Beach Senior Center will host a Holiday Bazaar from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Vendors selling a variety of handmade items, baked goods and other gifts for the holidays will be on hand. For more information, call 573-348-2909.

**12** • A Holiday Bazaar will be held at the Osage Beach Senior Center from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

**16** • 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 Camden. To make an appointment go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code ElksLaurie, or contact Will at 573-236-3276. Walk-ins are welcome but appointments recommended.

**17 & 18** • A Holiday Market Place will be held from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Camden County Museum. Craft booths and vendors with Christmas gifts will be set up. Lunch available. For more information, call 573-873-2990 or go to [www.camdencountymuseum.org](http://www.camdencountymuseum.org).

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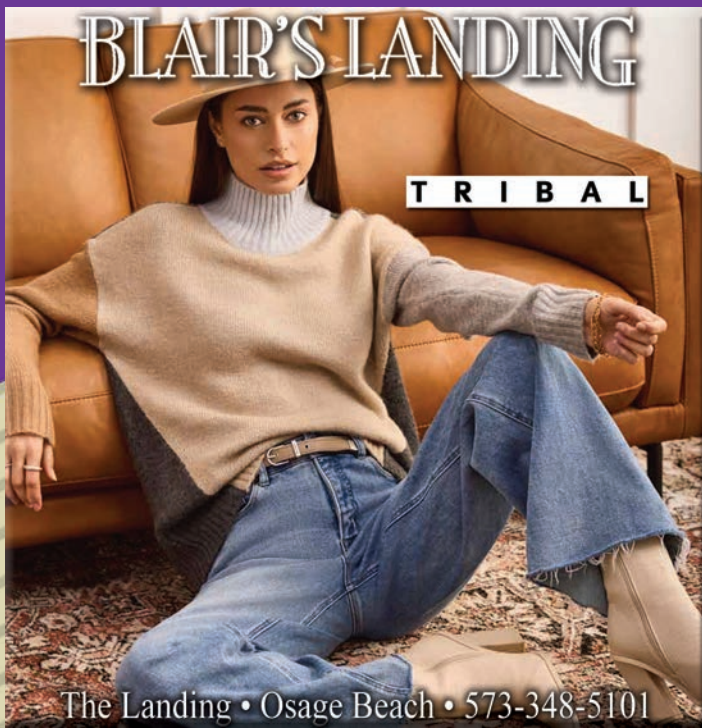
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story and photos by Vicki Wood

# A different kind of lake



**P**omme De Terre Lake is increasingly becoming the sister to Lake of the Ozarks, where locals pull an RV to on the weekends. In fact, many of them have parked a trailer at Pomme de Terre for an easy get-away from the bustle of the Lake of the Ozarks region.

Not as developed as the Magic Dragon, Pomme De Terre is entered by the tiny town of Hermitage. Hermitage is the county seat of Hickory County. The Hickory County courthouse sits on the downtown square. Hickory County was named for President Andrew Jackson, who bore the nickname, "Old Hickory." Settlers to the area came from the eastern United States in the 1830s. The fertile region and abundant waterways drew eastern population with four families setting up shop among the many rivers and creeks. Oak, hickory, and walnut trees provided good timber for building structures. The Civil War in 1861 saw the town divided between Union and Confederate loyalties. Some slaveowners fought with Union troops. Eventually those well-built structures burned, and a lot of the population fled Hickory County due to the many guerilla conflicts. It took a long while for Hickory County to rebuild after the war. The old Hickory County Jail, a native stone structure complete with iron door, still stands lurking behind the brick courthouse.

Lake Pomme De Terre was created by damming of the

Pomme De Terre River by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Named after a potato, or earth apple; that is what Pomme De Terre translates to, the river was dammed into a lake to control flooding in 1957 by the Corps, taking until 1961 to complete. Pomme De Terre State Park is within the Missouri State Parks system and contains 650 campsites and two beaches, comprising most of the limited commercial development of its 113 miles of shoreline.

There are several wonderful places to grab a bite while relaxing on the forested shores of Pomme De Terre. Some are seasonal and already closed for the winter. The Crappie Hole Bar and Grill and Pomme De Rita's are two that remain open in September. The Crappie Hole Bar and Grill is located on State Highway 254 and Pomme De Rita's sits right across the road to the Pomme De Terre Dam at the junction of State Highway 254 and State Highway 64. Anyone knows that a good family style fish house is a must on a lake location. The Crappie Hole provides that with a menu including fried catfish baskets and shrimp, along with a special featuring a walleye sandwich. Pomme De Rita's has Tex-Mex and BBQ. The menu is eclectic. If you love a mesh of food styles, Pomme De Rita's has choices that pull from both BBQ and Mexican, such as the build your own burrito with pulled pork. A \$2 taco special



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The town of Wheatland, a mere 4.5 miles south of Hermitage, is also a gateway to Lake Pomme De Terre. Most know Wheatland as the home of Lucas Oil Racetrack and Lucas Cattle Ranch. But there is a little history in what is left of Wheatland's downtown district. The old Settler's Village still stands, welcoming visitors with a glimpse of living history. The historical landmark was host to the Wheatland Harvest Festival on September 16th and 17th, 2023. They will host a Trunk or Treat in the Settlers Village on October 27th. According to Missouri Genealogy Web Project site, [www.mogenweb.org](http://www.mogenweb.org), Log cabins numbering 13 were relocated to Wheatland, Missouri within the county of Hickory. The Pioneer Village was constructed by the Hickory County Economic Development Council, a non-profit organization, along with volunteers in 1992. The village log cabins had to be disassembled from their original locale, brought to Wheatland and put back together. An original stagecoach relay station from 1858 operating on the Butterfield Overland Mail trail was also brought. The 13 structures at the Settlers Village include guest cabins, mail relay station, a blacksmith shop, corn cribs, barn, and houses. All those structures were donated by owners in Hickory County (Wheatland Hickory Co. Mo, n.d.).

Wheatland is home to a favorite stop, The Hickamo Store and Restaurant. Hickamo has about everything that the traveler could ever need, and some things that you never knew that you needed. The country mercantile theme translates to tasty food in the café, with fresh baked cinnamon rolls and brownies, to a quaint boutique of rustic style clothing. Finally, a full grocery market entices customers for camping goods, or to take home some of the area's fresh grown and made horseradish sauces. The Hickamo Country Store also sells handcrafted, locally made furniture. It is located at 18718 Highway 54, Wheatland.

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# The Fishing Report

## Your guide to catching fish at LOZ!

**T**he lake level was 657.5, generation of 3,000 CFS (cubic feet per second) at the beginning of the week decreasing to 1,200 CFS throughout the week for a level of 657.3 by the weekend. Surface temperature at Bagnell Dam was 76 degrees. Truman Lake was at the 704.8 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.

### Tournament Results

Travis Harriman won the three-day Major League Fishing (MLF) Toyota Series tournament last weekend with 11 bass weighing 42 pounds, 12 ounces.

### Bagnell Dam spillway/Osage River

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

### Lower Lake

Water clarity: Clear. Black bass: Slow on topwater lures, drop shot rigs with finesse worms and jigs along bluffs and wave breaks. Crappie: Fair shooting jigs under docks along points 10 to 25 feet deep.

### Gravois

Water clarity: Clear. Black bass: Fair on Texas-rigged plastic worms, shaky head finesse worms, jigs and topwater lures around brush and docks from 10 to 20 feet deep. Crappie: Good shooting jigs under docks on the main lake and in coves. Catfish: Good drifting skipjack herring in the coves.

### Mid-Lake

Water clarity: Stained. Black bass: Fair on Texas-rigged soft plastics 2 to 8 feet deep around docks. Crappie: Good on jigs along main channel docks 15 to 20 feet deep. Catfish: Good drifting skipjack herring in coves.

### Grand Glaize

Water clarity: Clear. Black bass: Fair on heavy jigs 12 to 25 feet deep around brush piles and along points. Crappie: Fair on jigs and minnows in brush piles 20 to 30 feet deep.

### Niangua

Water clarity: Clear. Black bass: Slow on jigs, shaky



head finesse worms and creature baits around docks with brush piles about 12 to 18 feet deep. Crappie: Slow on minnows and jigs around docks.

### Upper Osage

Water clarity: Clear. Black bass: Slow on Texas-rigged plastic worms and jigs 5 to 7 feet deep around docks. Crappie: Good on minnows and jigs 8 to 9 feet deep around docks. White bass: Good on inline spinners and topwater lures along points. Catfish: Good on rod and reel or noodle lines baited with cut shad along flats.

### Truman Dam spillway

Water clarity: Clear. Fishing is poor for all species.

Sources: Guide Alfred Chapman (573-465-3810), [www.lakeozarkfishingguideservice.com](http://www.lakeozarkfishingguideservice.com); Big Ed's Guide Service (573-692-6710) [www.bigedsguideservice.com](http://www.bigedsguideservice.com); Guide Jack Uxa (573-434-2570) [www.lakeoftheozarksfishingguide.com](http://www.lakeoftheozarksfishingguide.com); Guide John Blankenkemper (573-280-1455); Guide Terry Blankenship (573-480-2835); Guide Jim Dill (573-204-9005) [www.jamesdillguideservice.com](http://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](http://www.bassingbob.com).



# GOLF

## Idiots Club hosts golf fundraiser for area youth



The Lake of the Ozarks Idiots Club recently held their annual golf tournament fundraiser at Osage national Golf Course. Event raised more than \$26,000. Next year's tournament will be held Sept. 23, 2024.

The Lake of the Ozarks Idiots Club is a 501(c)3 all-volunteer, non-profit charity. The Jesters of Goodwill is dedicated to helping youth in need in the Lake of the Ozarks area. The charity provides new clothes, weekend food and supplies, school activity fees and equipment, dual credit scholarships, as well as assisting with other expenses that are not typically met by other service organizations.

For more information about the club, go to [www.lakeoftheozarksidiotsclub.org](http://www.lakeoftheozarksidiotsclub.org).

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# Happy Haunting

**From picking out a pumpkin to carve to touring a haunted cave or going to a few trick-or-treating events, the Lake is crawling with ghosts and goblins out celebrating Halloween. Here's where you can find all the fun fall things to do at the Lake in October.**

Charis Patires photos



## Pumpkin Patches & Haunted Outings

### Pick Pumpkins

The Cave Pumpkin Patch planted thousands of pumpkins this year and they are ready to be picked. Located in Brumley, the pumpkin patch has dozens of other activities included in the admission price. Tour the haunted cave, enjoy tons of yard games, dig in the corn box, play mini golf, ride the a train, and enjoy the other fun games on the property.

Open weekends only, hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person and free for kids 2 and younger (cash only).

Not included in regular admission price but for an additional fee are paint balls, water balloons, corn cannon, snacks and drinks, and pumpkins and mums.

Located at 123 Swinging Bridges Road, Brumley.

The Cave Pumpkin Patch on Facebook



**The Cave Pumpkin Patch in Brumley.**



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Several varieties of pumpkins have been planted and are ready to pick at MECCA Farms near Macks Creek. Open weekends in October, the farm offers a hayride, big slide, corn cannon, hay mountain, petting zoo, obstacle course, face painting, a nature trail and other entertainment for the kids. New this year is a craft station where fall planter boxes are made.

Pumpkins are available to purchase and a concession stand is on-site serving refreshments and fall-themed snacks. Birthday parties and other groups are welcome to call for more information.

Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Cost is \$7 per person and free for kids ages 2 and younger.

Located at 425 Delmar, Roach. [www.meccafarm.com](http://www.meccafarm.com)

## Take A Haunted Tour

The Haunted Castle House in Brumley is offering Halloween-themed Candlelight Tours from October 15-October 30. A list of available dates and times is online. During this two-hour tour, you will be guided through the house and graveyard by candlelight. Owners Steve and Judy Skinner share some of their personal experiences from the past five years and point out locations where activity is most frequently observed.

Guests will have the opportunity to have personal experiences such as Tarot card readings, a Ouija board session, sit in one of the pitch-black "hotspots, and see some of the behind-the-scenes action not on display normally to the general public. Cost is \$30 and are limited. To RSVP email [hauntedcastlehousemo@gmail.com](mailto:hauntedcastlehousemo@gmail.com).

For more information, go to [hauntedcastlehouse.com/tours](http://hauntedcastlehouse.com/tours).

## Halloween Weekends

Mother Nature's Riverfront Retreat offers spooky festivities on Friday and Saturday nights from 7-11 p.m. Held through October and from Oct. 27-31, there will be a haunted maze and hayride, movies on Friday nights and bon fires on Saturday nights.

Cost is \$10 per person for all activities. Call for weekday reservations.

## Haunted House

October 27, 28 & 31 | 15 Leonard North Street, Camdenton

A haunted house designed to support the Shop with a Cop program at the Camdenton Police Department will be held. Hours are Oct. 27 & 28 from 7-11 p.m., and Oct. 31 from 6-11 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults 12 and older, and \$5 for kids. Enter the Toy Story Room for \$2.

## Festival of Fright

October 21 | Laurie Fairgrounds

The Westside Festival of Fright will take place with trunk-or-treating from 3:30-5:30 p.m., followed by a haunted hayride from 5:30-9 p.m. Carnival games, face painting and pumpkin decorating will be held.

Proceeds benefit the Westside Shop with A Hero program.



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Haunted Castle House, Camdenton Haunted House: Facebook photos



**The Cave Pumpkin Patch.** Charis Patires photo

## Spooktacular Events

### Halloween Fundraiser

October 13 & 14 | Boondockz Lakefront Bar & Restaurant

A Haunted Forest with food, a hay ride and games will be held. The following day, a charity auction begins at 2 p.m. to benefit the Climax Springs NW Fire Station #2. Silent auction bidding will be from 2-8 p.m. A raffle will also be held.

For more information, go to Halloween Charity Auction on Facebook.

### Witches Be Crazy Ball

October 21 | La Roca Club

An evening of mystical fun, laughter and enchantment with food, drinks, trivia and prizes, and dancing held from 7-10 p.m.

Cost is \$20 to enter.

### The Haunted Bookstore

October 21 | Stonecrest Mall

Stonecrest Book & Toy will host a kid-friendly event from 4-6 p.m. Games, crafts, spooky stories and treats will be handed out.



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## Haunted House

October 20, 21, 27 & 28 | Lake Breeze Resort

A haunted house event will be held at Lake Breeze Event Center from 7-11 p.m. This special haunt is not for the easily frightened. It's a haunted cave experience where cave crawlers and cave people have evolved to live in the dark of the cave to prey on humans. Liked to local cave folklore, you'll experience exciting scares, creepy moments and suspenseful trek through the hidden caverns. New features this year include the Rising of the Undead and Chainsaw Chase. Cost to enter is \$19 for the tour.

For those who like games try out the Sinister Challenges to win free glow-in-the-dark drinks in the neighboring BlackLight Bar. The BlackLight Bar is a unique and immersive pop-up bar experience, perfect for celebrating Halloween or any other occasion.

An outdoor theater will be showing "The Descent Move" at 8 p.m. for free.

For more information, go to [www.LakeBreezeTerrace.com](http://www.LakeBreezeTerrace.com). Lake Breeze is located at 7127 Old Rte. 5, Camdenton.

## Fall Fundraiser

October 21 | Forget-Me-Not Horse Rescue & Sanctuary

The 5th annual Fall Festival Fundraiser will be held from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. with activities including pumpkin painting, decorate a horse-shoe, a petting zoo, hay wagon ride, face painting, bounce house and more. Pony rides available for \$5/person. Food available for purchase.

The sanctuary is located at 981 Heritage Rd., Linn Creek.

## Witches Night Out

October 22 | Laurie Fairgrounds

The Laurie Fairgrounds will be transformed into a mystical wonderland where witches can gather to celebrate. Held from 5-9 p.m., a costume contest will be held for a chance to win prizes will be awarded for those with the Best Broom, Best Hat, Best Witch and Best Coven. Dancing to spooky beats, vendors and other entertainment will be held. Cost is \$25 and includes a complimentary glass of Witches Brew.

For more information, contact TJ at 573-693-8506.

## Halloween Park & Haunted Trail

October 27 & 28 | Magic Dragon Trails

Businesses have challenged each other to create a fun event at the Magic Dragon Skills Park & Trail at the YMCA in Osage Beach. The goal is to raise more money to build additional trails in the area. The Halloween Park, located at the Skills Park, is open to children ages 2-10 years old. Hours are 6 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Awards will be presented to best themed set.

The Haunted Trail, located on the Forest Trail, is more of a thrill best suited for those over the age of 10. Anyone 10 and younger will need to be accompanied by an adult. Hours are 6:30-10 p.m. An awarded will be given to the scariest vignette.

For more information, email [branches4tl@gmail.com](mailto:branches4tl@gmail.com).



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## Hy-Vee Hollow

October 28 | Osage Beach Hy-Vee

Get in your best costume and visit the many locally-sponsored booths that are set up in the parking lot at Hy-Vee. The 18th annual Trick or Treating Maze is held from 4-7 p.m. where kids will walk away with a bag full of goodies after visiting each booth. Cost is \$2 per child with proceeds going to the Dream Factory and Wonderland Camp.

## Halloween Pub Crawl

October 28 | Gravois Arm of the Lake

Don't put the boat up just yet! Some restaurants and bars along the Gravois Arm of the Lake participate in an annual Halloween Pub Crawl. Stops are at 10-42 BBQ, Tony Gs, Maggie's on the Lake and the Li'l Bass Hole.

For more information, go to Gravois's annual Halloween pub crawl on Facebook.

## Scare on the Square

October 28 | Versailles Downtown

The 3rd annual Scare on the Square takes place from 5-7 p.m. The royal theater will feature a free showing of "The Super Mario Bros" from 5-7 p.m. Seating is on a first come, first serve basis.

For more information, go to 3rd Annual Scare on the Square on Facebook.

## Halloween on the Strip

October 28 | Lake Ozark Strip

Come dressed in your best costume and walk the Bagnell Dam Strip to trick-or-treat at participating stops. From 2-4 p.m. local businesses will be handing out candy and games will be held at Luby's Plaza. The cookie walk is at 2 p.m. and a costume contest is at 4 p.m.

For more information, go to Halloween on the Strip on Facebook.

## Teen Dance

October 28 | La Roca Club

Games, dancing, a bon fire, costume contest and concessions will be offered for teens in a safe environment. Admission is \$10. Starts at 7 p.m.

For more information, go to [www.larocaclub.com](http://www.larocaclub.com).

## Witches and Wine Festival

October 28 | Shawnee Bluff Winery

A costume contest, live music, tarot and reiki readings, vendors and wine will be offered from 4-7 p.m.

## Spookathon

October 28 | Heritage Elementary

The Heritage and ECC OFP will host an event from 4-7 p.m. A costume contest, inflatables, silent auction, games and activities, and food and drink will be offered.



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## Trunk-or-Treat Events

**October 28: Lake Valley Golf Club**

The third annual event will be held from 3-6 p.m.

**October 28: City of Linn Creek**

A free event for the community with face painting, treats, a haunted house, and food trucks. Held from 6-9 p.m.

**October 28: Eldon Upper Elementary**

Trunk-or-treat event from 5-7 p.m. in the parking lot between South School and Upper Elementary.

**October 31: Kent Memorial Lutheran Church**

Candy and goodies handed out from 5-7 p.m.

**October 31: First Baptist Church in Camdenton**

Trunk or treat from 5:30-7 p.m.



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# Popular Halloween costumes

**C**ostumes and candy are synonymous with Halloween. Individuals may spend weeks or months trying to come up with the perfect costumes for their trick-or-treating excursions or Halloween parties. Many children and adults also enjoy costume themes, in which they dress up to coordinate with others in their group.

There is always a steady selection of classic costumes that appeal to Halloween revelers, including vampires, cats, witches, and pirates. But one only need look to pop culture to come up with costumes unique to a particular year or era. The following are some costume ideas that figure to be wildly popular in 2023.

- **Barbie™:** Due to the release of the mid-summer motion picture “Barbie,” starring Margot Robbie as the titular character and Ryan Gosling as “Ken,” there are bound to be many pink-clad trick-or-treaters traveling through neighborhoods this fall. Barbie always has had an impressive wardrobe, so fans of the film can dress up in any of her signature looks.

- **Ariel:** Disney has reinvented many of its popular animated classics into live-action retellings, and “The Little Mermaid” took its turn this year. Life is more fun under the sea, so costumes for Ariel the mermaid and her underwater friends and foes figure to be popular.



- **Creed:** Rocky’s boxing spin-off series “Creed” gave fans its latest installment with “Creed III” in 2023. The boxing champ dons all-white or all-red color schemes in this movie, and fans may want to emulate that in their costumes.

- **Geralt of Rivia:** “The Witcher” fandom is widespread, and viewers were treated to another season of the Netflix series this summer. This is the final season with Henry Cavill in the titular role (Liam Hemsworth is reportedly set to take over), so fans may be inspired to dress the part for Halloween this year.

- **Jigsaw:** “Saw X” will be released on October 27,

and the Jigsaw Killer might be a choice for those looking to instill fear around the neighborhood.

- **Wednesday Addams:** Fans took to the inspiring new Addams Family spinoff that explores life through Wednesday’s eyes. With her signature black frocks and pigtails, it doesn’t take much to look like this macabre teen.

- **Nepo Baby:** The phrase “Nepo Baby” grew wings this year with the spotlight placed on many celebrity kids whose rise to fame may have been pushed along by their successful parents. All it takes is a pair of jeans and plain white T-shirt with “Nepo Baby” on the front to pull

off this look.

- **Ted Lasso:** The main character from the Apple TV series potentially has made his last appearance on the pitch, as the most recent season, which premiered in March, is rumored to be the show’s last. Nevertheless, Lasso’s goofy, down-to-earth-isms and unique look will live on through those who wear his signature mustache, jacket and visor.

Halloween costumes run the gamut of classics and pop culture references. This year people are bound to see some common threads in neighborhoods across the country.



## Catching a glimpse of the solar eclipse

The April 8, 2024, total solar eclipse is six months away, and the excitement is building at the prospect of this once-in-a-lifetime event for the Ozarks. While the path of the eclipse is long in the U.S., stretching from Texas to Maine, a relatively small band of totality will be seen in Missouri. One of the best opportunities for Show-Me state residents to view this special astronomical occurrence is in West Plains where the path of totality will surpass the three-minute mark and a local task force has been planning for the event for the past three years.

Out of the group's planning has come the "Party in the Path," a four-day festival which kicks off with a concert on Friday, April 5, and continues over the weekend to include a neon parade; Cosmic Carnival for Kids; Sunshine Festival with food trucks, vendors and beer garden; a 5K run; hot air balloon glow event which includes concerts by Ha Ha Tonka and Fender Bender; a mural-painting event by internationally known artist Bolaji Ogunwo; art exhibits and self-guided art and history tours; live music; and other activities, leading up to and including the main event on Monday, April 8, when totality begins at 1:54 p.m.

City of West Plains Tourism Manager, Melissa Wharton, says, "Don't be satisfied with only seeing a partial eclipse. You need to get to totality! Those who have witnessed the difference can't emphasize this enough. And you may think you've seen a total eclipse like we'll experience next April, but if you live in south-central or southwest Missouri, unless you've travelled to totality you have not seen a total eclipse! The one in 2017 was not total for this region, only for extreme southeast Missouri, and before 2017, the last total solar eclipse visible from Missouri was on August 1, 1869. After 2024, the next total solar eclipse visible from



Missouri will be in 2178."

A Scientific American article from 2017 written by Edwin L. Turner, a professor of Astrophysical Sciences at Princeton University, drives the point home about the need to not settle for partial viewing:

"First and most importantly, you will not see anything particularly spectacular unless you are in the path of totality, where the sun is 100 percent covered by the moon....The standard astronomical way of describing eclipses is highly misleading in this respect. It simply states the maximum fraction of the sun covered by the moon as seen from some location. So a total eclipse is 100 percent, but over a much wider area of the world, the moon will cover a smaller fraction, say, 95 percent or 80 percent or 40 percent or whatever.

"A reasonable person might conclude that an 80 percent eclipse is 80 percent as interesting/spectacular as a 100 percent eclipse. That is completely wrong.... it gets about 10,000 times darker when the moon covers the last 1 percent of the sun's surface."

Wharton also notes that West Plains is an ideal choice for eclipse viewing because the city is the largest in a 100-mile radius in Missouri, and its infrastructure, overall, is better prepared for an influx of visitors than many of the surrounding, smaller communities. "Starting just to the west of West Plains, the path of totality is measured in seconds, not minutes, so driving an extra twenty miles to our city center is crucial to maximizing the eclipse experience. Additionally, as the county seat of Howell County, resources are available to provide amenities and entertainment to add to the special experience, and a four-lane highway is at our door step."

More information about the area and the eclipse is available online at <https://explorewestplains.com/tse/>. For other questions, please contact the Ozark Heritage Welcome Center at [tourism@westplains.gov](mailto:tourism@westplains.gov) or 417-256-8835. For updates, like and follow Explore West Plains and Eclipse West Plains on Facebook.



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## Halloween party ideas for adults

**H**alloween may seem like child's play, but many adults participate in Halloween hijinks. According to the National Retail Federation, \$1.7 billion was spent on adult Halloween costumes in 2022, while \$1.2 billion was spent on kids' costumes. Witches, vampires, ghosts, and pirates top the list of popular costume categories.

When all dressed up, adults will need some place to have fun, and parties with friends typically are events that fill not only Halloween itself but the days leading up to it. Those who will be planning Halloween parties for adults may be inspired by these frighteningly fun ideas.

### **Hallowine Time**

Make a Halloween party even more spirited with a wine-themed party. Guests will enjoy a wine tasting with various offerings. Party hosts can try to find wines with macabre-sounding names.

### **Classy gathering**

While Halloween may be about ghastly and ghostly decorations in many cases, some party hosts may want to have parties that offer subtle nods to Halloween instead. Black-and-white-striped plates on orange or purple chargers can set the tone for a fancy Halloween fête.



### **Murder Mystery Party**

Murder can be the name of the game for a Halloween party when guests have to follow a script and figure out "Who done it?" Some of the biggest challenges with this type of party is creating the characters and writing the storyline. Free printable scripts make it easier for event planning. Murder Mystery themes also can be included in office parties for team-building activities.

### **Ghouls Night Out**

Girlfriends can get together

and plan a coordinated costume theme and then have a girls night out by visiting various bars or restaurants around town.

### **Scary Surgeon**

Plan a party around a mad scientist or scary surgeon concept. Decorations and foods can be geared around the idea. Instead of Jello™ shots, for example, there can be syringe shooters filled with a similarly spiked mixture. Replicate the look of body parts with various foods, like hot dogs made to look like cut fingers or toes.

Halloween party ideas for adults abound. A little inspiration can ensure such parties are frighteningly festive.





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# ONGOING EVENTS

## Ongoing events, club meetings & support groups at Lake of the Ozarks.

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](http://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.

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. 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.lake-ozarkwoodcarvers.org](http://www.lake-ozarkwoodcarvers.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](http://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](http://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.

The Lake Area Parkinson's Support Group meets the third Thursday of the month at noon at Lake Ozark Christian Church, 1560 Bagnell Dam Blvd., Lake Ozark. Bring a dish, exercise, talk, literature table, etc. Call Patsy at 573-356-6036.

Lake Bloomers Garden Club meets the second Wednesday of the month. A local civic Federated Garden Club of Missouri member, all projects are in the area of Laurie and Sunrise Beach. Contact Mary at 573-347-1151.

A Farm Market & Bazaar every Wednesday from 3-6 p.m. at the Camden County Museum, 206 S. Locust St., Linn Creek. They have local crafters with sewing, crochet, jams, baked goods,

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## Phat Sal's West adds park location



For more information, follow their Facebook Page at [www.facebook.com/phatsalswest](http://www.facebook.com/phatsalswest) or visit them online at [www.phatsalsloto.com](http://www.phatsalsloto.com).

Phat Sal's West got an idea out of their recent success at the 2023 run of the Hillbilly Festival in Laurie in September. Why not make the expansion permanent?

The Hillbilly Fairgrounds at the Laurie City Park have shelter buildings that are under private ownership, but also under contract with the City of Laurie to be open and in business during the Hillbilly Fair. Phat Sal's is leasing the former Burger Shack, the first in line of shelter buildings. It is a premium location and has hosted a BBQ business, and the former JJs at the Copper Pot.

Phat Sal's West debuted a new item, smoked chicken wings, at the Hillbilly Fair. The wings sold out and were such a hit that Phat Sal's West went back to the Laurie City Park to run a satellite business from their main store in the Laurie Terrace Mall on Highway 5 in the same shelter building. They transferred carry-out pizza orders with their phones ringing at the park, and are able to serve a limited menu at the Phat Sal's at the Park location. Pizza, wings, their famous parmesan truffle fries, sub sandwiches and tiramisu and dessert cannoli round out the Laurie City Park location of Phat Sal's West. The new smoked wings are available bone-in, with a variety of choices of sauces. We chose the sweet and tangy golden Carolina sauced. The team sold out of their smoked wings again on Sunday, closing at 5 p.m. with 80 pounds of chicken wings served.

The ownership of Phat Sal's West has also made an interesting shift. Two servers at the popular west side restaurant

recently took the helm. The former owners made the move back to their home state of Colorado after bringing the business from the Bagnell Dam Strip to the Laurie Terrace Mall. They offered the business to two of their servers, Shelby Sandborn and T.J. Sutton. The two took over, along with Chef Caleb Tallmage, Sutton's husband. He trained to make the incredible pizza under the former owner and chef, but Tallmage, Sandborn and Sutton have added a little of their own flair, such as the smoked wings and smoked turkey to the menu. Otherwise, Sutton said the desire was to keep everything in place that customers have come to expect and love about Phat Sal's West Italian menu. Another change was expanding the weekly ravioli special into a rounded pasta special. Lorelei Schiermann came with the culinary team and was staffing the food shack on Sunday. She then took the Hillbilly Fair stage to teach a dance class when the crowds slowed down Sunday afternoon. She is a dance teacher and plans to open a dance studio in the Laurie Terrace Mall.

The Laurie City Park location will continue to be open on Sunday afternoons from 12-5 p.m. as long as customers want to keep enjoying eating al fresco dining in the picnic table area. The ladies are interested in advancing community spirit in Laurie, and Laurie Parks Director James Bryant and the Laurie Board of Alderman are supportive. Sutton and Sandborn are sponsoring a Witches Night Out event near Halloween and an Enchanted Walk on two different evenings this holiday season run of the Enchanted Village of Lights.



## America's Best Restaurants visiting the Lake



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Local restaurants Tavern at Trails End and The Tavern Smokehouse will be hosting a visit from America's Best Restaurants in mid-October 2023.

America's Best Restaurants, a national media and marketing company focusing on bringing attention to both local, independently-owned restaurants, will bring its ABR Roadshow to both restaurants on October 23rd.

Popular dishes will be highlighted, along with an extensive on-camera interview with Tavern at Trails End owners Sherri and John Buchanan about the restaurants' special place in the community. The episodes will be aired extensively on social media channels at a later date.

Tavern at Trails End is reportedly the oldest standing structure at Lake of the Ozarks. The Buchanans opened at the end of 2021, taking over from what Sherri describes as a 'dive bar'.

"You had to cut the smoke with

a knife, it was so bad," she says, adding that the rustic, old look of the restaurant appealed to her, and renovations took care of the smoke scent.

Tavern at Trails End has won several local awards including Best New Restaurant in 2022.

With all food made from scratch, the Buchanans offer a one-page menu for brunch or dinner. House favorites that may be featured on the episode include the 'cowboy ribeye', grilled salmon with a bourbon honey glaze, and the Sunday chicken, which John describes as a "hand breaded, hand dipped chicken breast, and I do a duck fat black pepper gravy over mashed potatoes."

"What I'd like people to see is that this is a chef-driven operation. Both of our hearts are in this restaurant," John says. "We want to be a part of the community and we want people to know there's this really hidden gem out there with very good food and old school service."

The Tavern Smokehouse opened about a year after the Buchanans opened Trails End. They offer a full barbecue menu of sandwiches, bowls, plates and sides.

America's Best Restaurants will be filming on location on Monday October 23. The Tavern Smokehouse will be from 9 am to noon CST; The Tavern at Trails End will be from 4 pm to 7 pm CST. The press is invited to attend. The restaurants' finished episodes premiere dates will be announced on their respective Facebook pages and will be featured on America's Best Restaurants' website at <https://americasbestrestaurants.com/rests/missouri/the-tavern-at-trails-end> and <https://americasbestrestaurants.com/rests/missouri/the-tavern-smokehouse>.

Restaurants featured on the ABR Roadshow are found through customer nominations or by a restaurant applying to be featured at [www.americasbestrestaurants.com](http://www.americasbestrestaurants.com).



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## October

### Friday, October 20

**Brick House**, Nick Adams, 7 p.m.  
**Casablanca**, Marcus Words, 7 p.m.  
**Charlie Foxtrots**, DJ Taz, 8 p.m.-12 a.m.  
**Franky & Louie's**, Slick Nickel, 7 p.m.  
**Off the Cliff**, Cindy Lawhorn, 5-8 p.m.  
**Oh Tommy's**, Marcus Words, 5-9 p.m.  
**Shawnee Bluff Winery**, Steve Moore, 12-3 p.m.; Faded Youth, 4-7 p.m.

### Saturday, October 21

**Brick House**, Noe Palma, 7:30 p.m.  
**Casablanca**, Steven Scott, 7-11 p.m.  
**Charlie Foxtrots**, Pure Drive, 8 p.m.-12 a.m.  
**Franky & Louie's**, Slick nickel, 7 p.m.  
**H. Toad's**, Travelin' Kind, 6-10 p.m.  
**Off the Cliff**, Marcus Words, 7 p.m.  
**Shawnee Bluff Winery**, Me & Jim, 12-3 p.m.; Grayson Wood, 4-7 p.m.

### Sunday, October 22

**Shawnee Bluff Winery**, Mike Byington, 4-7 p.m.

### Thursday, October 26

**Casablanca**, Tim Newell, 7 p.m.  
**Tirebiters**, Marcus Words, 7 p.m.

### Friday, October 27

**Brick House**, Baub Eis Band, 7:30 p.m.  
**Casablanca**, Adam Powell, 7 p.m.  
**Franky & Louie's**, Marcus Words, 7 p.m.  
**Shawnee Bluff Winery**, Starla & Scotty, 4-7 p.m.

### Saturday, October 28

**Brick House**, JJ Jam, 7 p.m.  
**Captain Ron's**, The F-Bombs, 7-11 p.m.  
**Casablanca**, PDA, 7 p.m.  
**Charlie Foxtrots**, One More Shot, 8 p.m.-12 a.m.  
**Franky & Louie's**, Marcus Words, 7 p.m.  
**H. Toad's**, Velvet Bricks, 6-10 p.m.  
**Shawnee Bluff Winery**, Duoly Noted, 12-3 p.m.; Mitch Shields, 4-7 p.m.

### Sunday, October 29

**Franky & Louie's**, Marcus Words, 12 p.m.

### Tuesday, October 31

**Charlie Foxtrots**, karaoke and costume party

### Friday, November 3

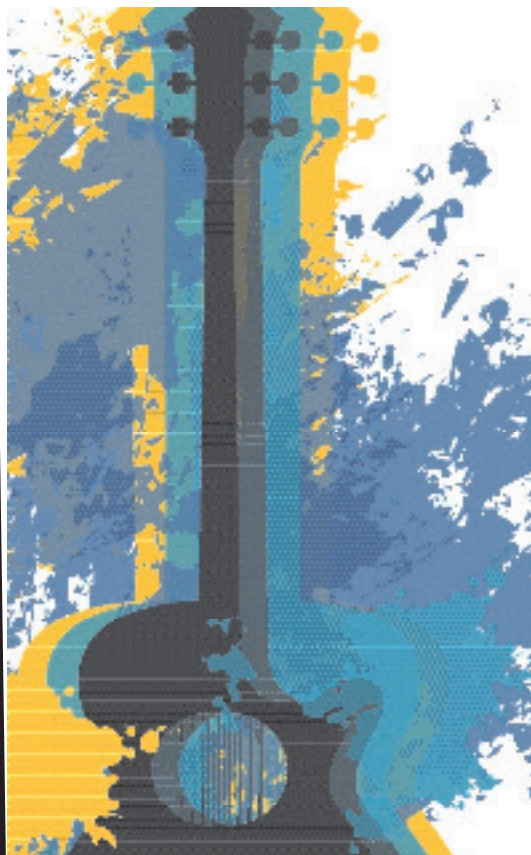
**Brick House**, Jordan Isakson, 7 p.m.  
**Off the Cliff**, Cindy Lawhorn, 5-8 p.m.  
**Shawnee Bluff Winery**, Travelin' Kind, 4-7 p.m.

### Saturday, November 4

**Brick House**, Grayson Wood, 7 p.m.  
**Casablanca**, Steven Scott, 7-11 p.m.  
**Off the Cliff**, Marcus Words, 4 p.m.  
**Shawnee Bluff Winery**, Me & Jim, 12-3 p.m.

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- 8pm JAMES CLAY
- 21 5pm MARCUS WORDS
- 8pm ONE MORE SHOT
- 23 6pm LEVI - KARAOKE
- 24 5pm THE VANDERBILLY'S
- 7pm LEVI - KARAOKE
- 25 5pm ZAC SIMPSON
- 26 5pm THE VANDERBILLY'S
- 7pm GRAYSON WOOD
- 27 5-8pm ME AND JIM
- 8pm BLACK NOTE
- 28 5pm REBEL WALKER
- 8pm BLACK NOTE
- 30 6pm LEVI - KARAOKE
- 31 5pm DUANE RAMELOT
- 7pm LEVI - KARAOKE

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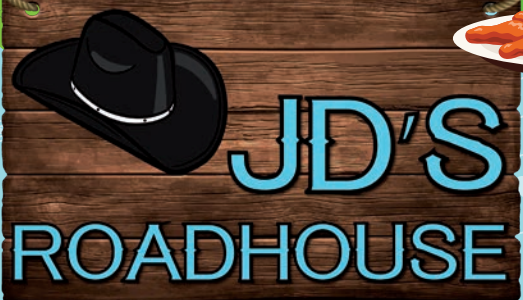
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