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Golf Tournaments

It's time to dust off those clubs! There are plenty of golf tournaments to keep you busy throughout the season. Check out a few that are happening in the upcoming months.



Celebrate St. Patrick's Day

Looking for ways to get festive this St. Patrick's Day? The lake has got you covered. With on- and off-water parades, golf tournaments, etc., there is fun for the whole family this holiday!

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TOP EVENTS

St. Pat's Parade



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Bridge & Dam Run



The 10th anniversary of the Bridge & Dam Race will take place at 7:30 a.m. March 23, beginning on the Bagnell Dam Strip. The race includes a 5K, 10K, Half Marathon and 25K. The course is a scenic run in Lake Ozark across and back on the historic Bagnell Dam, and across the lake and back on the picturesque Community Bridge (10K+). The course has long rolling hills but ends with a one mile down hill finish. Proceeds benefit the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Register at www.bridgeanddamrace.com. Come for the race. Stay for the weekend!

Lake West Chamber EXPO



The Lake West Chamber of Commerce Business Expo will take place from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., March 23, at Lake Christian Academy. This is the best place to display, promote and explore products and services under one roof.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March

8 • Knights of Columbus Council #10381 will hold "All You Can Eat" fish fries on the Fridays during the Lenten season. The fish fries will be held from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Laurie in the lower level.

8 • Pizza for a Purpose will be held at Redhead Lakeside Grill with doors opening at 6 p.m. This fundraising event for Children's Learning Center will include a cash bar, silent auction, prizes and, of course, pizza. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Redhead is located at 1700 Yacht Club Drive in Osage Beach.

8 & 9 • The 2024 Missouri Christian Convention will be held at the Lodge of Four Seasons, from 2 p.m. March 8 to 5 p.m. March 9. The two-day event will include guest speakers Cody Walker, Lead Pastor Hope City Church, Joplin; Aaron Brockett, Lead Pastor Traders Point Christian Church, Indianapolis, Ind.; and Caleb Kaltenbach, Research Pastor Shepherd Church, Los Angeles, Calif. Tickets cost \$50 for a standard ticket, or \$125 for a family pass.

11 • The public is invited to attend the Missouri Right to Life Lake of the Ozarks Chapter meeting at 5:30 p.m. at Sunrise Bible Church, 17184 N. State Highway 5 in Sunrise Beach. The topic will be planning for future events at the Lake of the Ozarks. For additional information contact Pam at 573-216-9457.

12 • The Sunrise Beach Little Theatre will be hosting an Irish Ceiligh (Irish Party) featuring a Baked Potato Bar including an Irish Music Sing A-Long at the Sunrise Beach Community Center, 15133 N Highway 5, Sunrise Beach, on Tuesday, March 12, at 7 p.m.

Admission: \$15 at the door (Cash, Credit Card, or Check) BYOB Allowed. For more information: 573-374-0374.

13 • Grandparents Raising/Caring for Grandchildren

Support Group 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Old School Commons Building Central Missouri Foster Care & Adoption Association Regional Training Center, 4427 Osage Beach Pkwy N. Osage Beach. Physical, emotional, personal and spiritual support. Breakfast, snacks and lunch provided. Child care is provided. Please RSVP so they have appropriate child care providers as well as a correct number for lunch. RSVP by calling or texting 573-280-1659 or 573-301-4943 or email fergfam2@icloud.com or kristin@mofosteradopt.com by Monday, March 11.

14 • The Lake of the Ozarks Woodcarvers Club is holding beginner and intermediate woodcarving classes this spring for people interested in woodcarving. The club will provide the tools and wood for the projects. The total cost for either class is \$40. Classes will start on Thursday, March 14th, and run weekly through April 18 for a total of six classes. The classes are from 6:30-9 p.m. They will be held at the Camdenton Community of Christ Church, 42 Sunset Dr., Camdenton. To register, call or text 913 558 2023, email jahgonefishin@gmail.com or mail to Lake of the Ozarks Woodcarvers Club, PO Box 1372, Camdenton, Mo. 65020.

14, 15, 16, 17 • The Royal Theatre presents Little Women at The Royal Theatre, 107 Monroe Street, Versailles. Showtimes are: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 7 p.m.; Sunday 2 p.m.

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16 • Radio-Active Players, a talented group of local actors perform their very entertaining monthly Reader's Theatre, in the style of live Old-Time Radio, at Barista GO Coffeehouse, on State Road KK, at 7pm, doors open at 6pm. For information, contact Beth at

913-909-8603 or Will at 573-462-6623.

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16 • The 33rd Annual St. Patrick's Parade on the Water will be held at Captain Ron's Bar & Grill, 82 Aloha Lane, Sunrise Beach. The parade begins and ends at Captain Ron's, and there will be a prize for best costume/decorated boat and raffle drawing. An optional breakfast begins at 8 a.m., with the National Anthem at 9:30. Blessing of the Fleet will take place at 9:35 and boarding will be at 9:45. Call the Lake West Chamber at 573-374-5500 to purchase tickets or T-shirts,

17 • Osage National's 2024 St. Patty's Day Open will be held Sunday, March 17. Breakfast opens at 9 a.m. with a shotgun start at 11. The three-person scramble costs \$85/person which includes the breakfast buffet and 18 holes of golf with a cart. Visit <https://osagenational.com/> or Osage National on Facebook for practice round information and lodging specials. Osage National Golf Resort is located at 400 Osage Hills Road, Lake Ozark.

19 • The Lake Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting its Monthly Networking Social on Tuesday, March 19, from 5 - 7 p.m. at Camden on the Lake, 2359 Bittersweet Road in Lake Ozark.

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26 • School of the Osage is hosting a Career Expo 2024 from 1-3:30 p.m. at Osage High School. There will be career presentations involving professional communication, interviewing, SOTO graduate success stories and networking. This will be an opportunity to give students information about local businesses, job opportunities, summer hiring, career paths, etc. Register for a booth for the Business Fair by contacting toenjesc@osageschools.org.

28 • Laurie Elks will hold a blood drive from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the upstairs banquet room at the Elks Lodge, 175 Elks Road, Laurie. Culver's in Osage Beach and in Camdenton has donated coupons for a pint of frozen custard for each pint of blood donated. Visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code ElksLaurie, or contact Katie Bailey at 573 489 2383 or katheryn.bailey@redcross.org. For eligibility questions call the Red Cross at 866-236-3276 or visit the Red Cross website www.redcrossblood.org. Walk-ins are welcome, but it is recommended you make an appointment in case we are only able to take walk-ins to fill in for no-shows.

By John Neporadny, jnoutdoors.com

The Fishing Report

Your guide to catching fish at LOZ!

The lake level was 656.6, generation of 700 CFS (cubic feet per second) throughout the week for a level of 656.6 by the weekend. Surface temperature at Bagnell Dam was 54 degrees. Truman Lake was at the 705.5 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

Roger Cook and Corey Cook won the Bass World Sports tournament last Sunday with five bass weighing 17.42 pounds.

Bagnell Dam spillway/Osage River

Water clarity: Clear. Black bass: Good on Ned rigs, tube baits and crankbaits along rock banks.

Lower Lake

Water clarity: Clear. Black bass: Poor on jigs, crankbaits and jerkbaits on secondary points and in main lake pockets. Crappie: Good on jigs and jerkbaits around main lake docks.

Gravois

Water clarity: Clear. Black bass: Slow on jerkbaits, jigs, crankbaits and Alabama rigs along points or steep channel banks in creeks. Crappie: Good on jigs and jerkbaits around condo docks. White bass and hybrid white bass: Good on small swimbaits, Roostertails, jerkbaits, jigs and Alabama rigs along windy points and backs of coves.

Mid-Lake

Water clarity: Stained. Black bass: Slow on jerkbaits, crankbaits and jigs along steep banks and rock transition banks in coves. Crappie: Good shooting jigs under main lake docks.

Grand Glaize

Water clarity: Stained. Black bass: Fair on jerkbaits, jigs, crankbaits and Alabama rigs along points or steep channel banks in creeks. Crappie: Slow shooting jigs under main lake docks or on jig-and-bobber setups over brush 10 feet deep. White bass: Good on jigs in the backs of wind-blown pockets.



Niangua

Water clarity: Clear. Black bass: Fair on jerkbaits and Ned rigs along channel swings and bluff points. Crappie: Fair on jigs around condo docks and brush 8 to 20 feet deep. White bass: Fair on crankbaits along windy banks.

Upper Osage

Water clarity: Stained. Black bass: Good on jigs, jerkbaits and crankbaits along channel banks in creeks. Crappie: Good on jigs and jerkbaits 5 to 7 feet deep around docks and brush. White bass: Good on jerkbaits along windy banks in creeks. Catfish: Fair on jug lines baited with cut shad in the middle of the creek channels.

Truman Dam spillway

Water clarity: Clear. Crappie: Fair on jigs and minnows in the dead water channel. White bass: Fair on jigs. Walleye: Good on jigs along the rock riprap. Catfish: Fair on cut shad.

Sources: Guide Alfred Chapman (573-465-3810), www.lakeozarkfishingguideservice.com; Big Ed's Guide Service (573-692-6710) www.bigedsguideservice.com; Guide Jack Uxa (573-434-2570) www.lakeoftheozarksfishingguide.com; Guide John Blankenkemper (573-280-1455); Guide Terry Blankenship (573-480-2835); Guide Jim Dill (573-204-9005) www.jamesdillguideservice.com; Fitz Fishing (573-693-9299); Bryants Osage Outdoors (573-374-2278); Casey Scanlon (913-449-3176), Unreel Guide Service (636-751-8816) and Cody's Bait & Tackle (660-723-5115). Tournament Results—Thanks to www.bassingbob.com.

Upcoming fishing tournaments

Compiled by Jordyn Wilson

Want to put your angling skills to the test? Teams and individuals have a plethora of opportunities to show what they've got and possibly take home the prize when it comes to fishing at the Lake of the Ozarks. Here are just a few tournaments in the upcoming months.

March 9 Brad Kilpatrick Memorial Catfish Tournament

7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Rick's Oar House – 25842 Old Oar House Road, Warsaw

Tournament entry fee: \$125 per team

3:30 p.m. check-in; 4 p.m. weigh-in

For entertainment, the Full Moon Band will be playing live classic rock from 5-8pm inside the Old Oar House.

March 9 Midwest Outdoor Experience Winter Tournament Series

7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Coffman Beach Public Access

Tournament entry fee: \$120

Preregister at www.midwestoutdoorexperience.com or sign up the morning of the tournaments starting at 6 a.m.

March 23 US Angler's Choice Lake of the Ozarks Division (Tournament 2)

SHOW ME Tournaments, LLC

7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Public Beach #2 – 711 Public Beach Road, Osage Beach

Tournament entry fee: \$180 per boat

Optional \$20 side pot

Membership Fee: \$40

Angler's Choice is a team tournament circuit. You must be or become an Angler's Choice member to participate. You may become a member at the ramp or contact the director for additional options. Tournament eligibility and entry is open to all members in good standing with at least one team member 18 years of age or older. No membership is required for those under 18 fishing with an adult.



April 6 Just Fish Team Trail

SHOW ME Tournaments, LLC

6:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Robin's Resort – 4935 Robbins Circle, Osage Beach

Tournament fee: \$180 per boat, includes Big Bass and 85 percent payout
Optional \$20 side pot

No membership required

Must fish at least four regular season events to qualify for Just Fish Team Trail Championship (date TBD).

All anglers must update registration forms and participation agreement annually.

April 6-7 Alhonna Resort Buddy Bass Fishing Tournament

7 a.m. take off both days. Weigh-in 4 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday.

Alhonna Resort 8 Mile Marker

Tournament fee: \$110 per boat

Awards presentation Sunday at Alhonna Resort immediately after weigh-in. For more information, go to <https://thealhonnaresort.com/buddy-bass-tournament>.

April 27 35th Annual Mid-America Carpenter's Buddy Bass Tournament

SHOW ME Tournaments, LLC

7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Public Beach #2 – 711 Public Beach Road, Osage Beach

April 28 3rd Annual Veterans Bass Fishing Tournament

SHOW ME Tournaments, LLC

5 a.m. registration; 6:30 a.m. boat launch; 3 p.m. live-stream weigh-in
Gravois Mills Public Access

Tournament fee: \$150 per team, includes 85 percent payout
Optional \$20 side pot

Post-awards dinner: \$20/person

This is an open event (fish solo or as a two-person team), following the standard SHOW ME Tournaments, LLC event rules. The event, hosted by the Lake of the Ozarks Business District of Morgan County in collaboration with the Heroes Outreach Program, has generated approximately \$5,000 in donated funds to benefit local veterans.

By Doug Beck

Become a safe boater

Spring is around the corner and before you know it the boating season and fun on the water time is here.

In the fall, you most likely winterized your boat and covered it up, made some mental notes to purchase that new fish finder or get the bottom paint done and other boating maintenance must-do's.

Unfortunately, there are several items on your boat that will be needed that most people ignore or take for granted. As the lake levels are down and the weather is changing, this is a good time to check the four most overlooked items that all boaters have.

NAVIGATION LIGHTS

Check to make sure your port, starboard and stern/anchor lights are operating, as well as the swim platform courtesy lights if so equipped. This is also a good time to switch from incandescent lights to LED.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

Check your fire extinguishers. Make sure the dial is in the green showing that the extinguisher is full, check the hose and nozzle for damage and make sure they are easily accessible. Also check to make sure they are in compliance with the new United States Coast Guard regulations.

April 20, 2022, new U.S. Coast Guard regulations change extinguisher expiration dates and the minimum classification of fire extinguishers carried aboard newer boats went into effect.

The new regulation puts a 12-year expiration on all disposable (non-rechargeable) fire extinguishers. A boater should look for the manufacture date on the bottom of the bottle or near the URL label. It may appear as two or four digits (e.g., 08 or 2008). The 12-year expiration date puts the U.S. Coast Guard regulations in line with the National Fire Protection Association's recommendations.

For 2018 model boats or newer:

- Must carry "5-B", "10-B", and "20-B" classified extinguishers. The number on the new labels refers to the size (in square feet) of a potential fire the device is suitable to extinguish.
- Please note, for boats 26-65 feet the requirements vary.

For 2017 model boats or older:

- May carry older "B-I" or "B-II" disposable extinguishers until their 12-year expiration date, and then they must be replaced with newer class extinguishers.
- Boats built prior to 1952 have special rules.

Boats must also carry a minimum number of fire extinguishers based on the length of the vessel.

Length of boat	Number of extinguishers needed
Under 16 ft and 16 ft to 26 ft	1
26 ft but less than 40ft	2
40 ft but less than 65 ft	3

Make sure your boat meets the new fire extinguisher requirements by getting a vessel safety check with your local U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and United States Power Squadrons.

ANCHORS AND ANCHOR CHAINS AND LINES

These get a lot of use and abuse, getting caught in underwater structures and rocks. The anchor is often under severe loads and needs to be checked for any deformities or damage as it's raised and secured. Any deformity or damage should soon be addressed, as it affects the anchor's performance and your boat's security.

Inspect your anchor line and chain. During an anchor chain inspection, the chain cables should be ranged out on the dock floor and visually inspected for wear. Anchor chains can become deformed. To check for deformation, measure the length of the chain link and shackle. The length of the chain link with gear exceeds 7 percent of the original length, and the chain link without gear or shackle exceeding 8 percent of the original length can no longer be used.

Make sure you have the proper length of anchor and chain for proper anchoring. How much anchor chain and rope do I need? Determining how long your anchor rode should be is as simple as multiplying the deepest water you expect to anchor in by eight. As for rope size, the rule of thumb is 1/8-inch of rope diameter for every 9 feet of boat length. So, if you expect to anchor your 26-foot boat in 30 feet of water, you need 240 feet of 3/8-inch nylon rope.

LIFE JACKETS

This is a good time to examine your life jackets. If you do not wear them on a consistent basis and keep them stored, honestly, you are not alone. Every boater knows that you must have a life jacket for each passenger, but in the state of Missouri the life jackets must be readily accessible. In other words, not under a seat, where someone is sitting or stored in a container. The life jacket must be within reach and easy to put on in the event of an emergency.

The best bet is to wear one at all times when you are under way. Children 7 years or younger must wear a jacket at all times.

LIFE JACKET MAINTENANCE

- Check your life jackets at the beginning of each boating season.
- Check that all hardware and straps are in good shape, are firmly attached and are in working order.
- Check for leaks, mildew, lumpy or hardened buoyancy material and oil saturation in the fabric.
- Make sure that there are no rips or tears in the fabric.
- Make sure that the label stating USCG approval is attached, and that it is readable.
- Discard and replace life jackets that show signs of deterioration – tears, mildew stains, punctures, etc.

AUTO INFLATABLE LIFE JACKET

- As a general rule of thumb, you should always check that your inflatable life jacket is in good and serviceable condition before every season or outing. Perform “beginning of season maintenance” every two-to-three months for light to moderate users or more often if used frequently or in a humid climate.
- Check that it’s free of rips, tears or holes and that all seams are securely sewn. Likewise, ensure that the fabric, straps and hardware still hold strong.

INSPECT AN INFLATABLE LIFE JACKET

- Remove the CO2 cylinder and bobbin.
- Visually inspect the device for abrasions, rips, tears and punctures. Inspect the outer shell by “pinching” the fabric. It should not fray or tear. Life jackets with fabric that has faded, torn or deteriorated should be removed from service and replaced.
- Perform a leakage test by orally inflating the chamber until firm. Let the device stand overnight to ensure enough time has passed to make a judgment. If a loss of air occurs, repeat the process to validate the result. If the leak persists, remove the life jacket from service and replace the device.
- Confirm the oral inflation valve is properly functioning by inflating the device and holding the valve underwater. If bubbles appear, repeat the process to validate the result. If a leak occurs, remove the life jacket from service and replace the device.
- Inspect the bobbin by looking for the white, water-soluble substance located within the bobbin. Check to make sure the white substance is still intact with no signs of cracks or breaks. Replace the bobbin if the manufacture date is over three years from the date of inspection.
- Inspect the CO2 cylinder for any holes or piercings near the face of the cylinder. Be sure to look for signs of rust or corrosion as well and replace them if needed.
- For 1F & 3F models (bayonet style CO2), inspect the sensor ring. If broken, replace the cylinder.
- Follow repacking and re-arming instructions.

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By Paul Leahy

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YOUR GOLF QUESTIONS ANSWERED BY OUR PGA GOLF PRO

What should I do to keep my game sharp in the off-season? - Clay B., Lake Ozark

This is something all golfers should think about when the weather gets chilly. If the weather is conducive for play, practice outside as much as you can just like you would in-season. If it turns cold for a substantial length of time, make sure you do some stretching daily to keep your muscles engaged and golf ready.

You can also utilize some of the indoor facilities that have popped up at the Lake in recent years at the LOZ Golf Lounge, Osage National Resort and Eldon Country Club. If you have room in your house, you can also purchase an inexpensive hitting net, chipping net or putting mat for those cold days that you are stuck inside.

The more you keep your muscles and body golf-ready, the more prepared you will be to hit the links in mid-season form this spring.

How do I hit a shot off a severe downhill lie? I have a lot of trouble on hole No. 9 at the Oaks Course getting it over the water. - Betty D., Camdenton

You are not alone trying to hit a golf ball off a downhill lie. This is one of the toughest shots to hit, and particularly if you have to get the ball elevated over water or other obstacles. It starts with selecting the correct club.

With a severe downhill lie the golf club will be de-lofted increasing the odds that the ball will not get elevated. Choose a club that has more loft than you would normally play from the distance you have to go. Play the ball in the middle to the back of your stance and position your shoulders in line with the downhill slope. For a right-handed player that will mean your right shoulder is higher than the left as you address the ball.

Club head speed is the next thing you need. More club head speed at impact will help elevate the ball. Swing harder than you would normally to generate as much speed as you can. The faster you can swing the club the greater chance you have of elevating the ball over that obstacle. Speed is your friend on this shot.

I hope this helps and good luck! It is a very hard shot to master.



I have been thinking of getting a range finder but don't know if I need one. I typically shoot 95 to 100. - Joe W., Eldon

This is a great question that does not have a simple yes or no answer. A lot depends on if you know how far you hit given clubs.

If you know within 5 or 10 yards how far you hit each club, it makes sense to invest in a rangefinder to get the exact distances to the pin. If you hit (for instance) your 7-iron anywhere from 120 to 160 yards, depending how solid of contact you make on a given shot, you would probably be better served with a device that will give you a yardage to the front, middle and back of the green. That way you know how far you need to hit each shot to reach the green, not just the exact yardage to the pin.

Most players under-club so knowing front, middle and back distances can assist in club selection especially when there may be trouble short or long of a green. I hope this helps and if you need additional assistance, stop by any of your local golf courses and ask your PGA Professional for guidance.

Paul Leahy is a PGA Golf Pro and the Director of Golf at The Oaks at Tan-Tar-A.

Upcoming Golf Tournaments

Compiled by Jordyn Wilson

Dust off those clubs and enter yourself in a golf tournament – or two or three! There are plenty of opportunities for golfers to compete throughout the season. Don't miss out! Guarantee your spot by registering in a timely manner – tournaments are filling up quickly!

2024 St. Patty's Open

When: March 17 – Breakfast opens at 9 a.m. with shotgun start at 11 a.m.

Where: Osage National Golf Resort

Cost: \$85 per person or \$65 for members – includes breakfast buffet, tournament, tee gift, on-course events and flight prizes. Practice round available Friday or Saturday for \$45.

For more information, contact: 573-365-1950 ext. 110 or lsalsman@osagenational.com.

Spring Two-Man Scramble

When: April 13-14

Where: Lake Valley Golf Club

Cost: \$400 entry fee includes 36 holes of golf with cart, skins event on both days, pari-mutuel on Sunday and closest-to-the-hole prizes on Saturday. A practice round is available for \$30 during the tournament weekend.

For more information, contact: 573-346-7218 or visit www.lakevalleygolf.com.

Cocktails & Caddies

When: April 15 – Lunch and auction at 11 a.m., tee off at 1 p.m.

Where: The Club at Porto Cima

Cost: \$100 per player/ \$300 per team of three. The fourth player is a male caddie bid on during the auction.

For more information, contact: info@lakeareachamber.com or 573-964-1008.

Clown Golf Tournament

When: April 27-28 – 10 a.m. tee-off Sunday

Where: Osage National Golf Resort

Cost: \$200 entry fee includes a complimentary cocktail and hors d'oeuvres party, cocktails on holes, BBQ day of tournament and a \$100 merchandise tee gift.

For more information, contact: 573-3022355 or visit www.clowngolf.com.

Greg Gagnon Memorial Golf Tournament

When: May 3 – 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. registration, lunch, complimentary range balls, putting contest and silent auction. 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. 19th hole happy hour and awards.

Where: The Ridge Golf Course

Cost: \$200 includes \$50 gift card to be used anywhere at the Lodge of Four Seasons, green fees, box lunch and two drink tickets (limited to the first 130 golfers).

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Grab your green, a couple of buddies and your party pants – it's St. Patrick's Day at the Lake of the Ozarks! The Lake area isn't one to shy away from a good time, and you shouldn't either. From parades to pub crawls, golf tournaments to scavenger hunts – there is fun for the whole family this holiday.

Parades

Benne Media is hosting the 40th Annual Lake of the Ozarks St. Patrick's Day Parade Saturday, March 16, at 1 p.m. on the Bagnell Dam Strip. Deck the whole family out

in green, grab the lawn chairs and head out to Bagnell Dam Strip for an afternoon of family fun watching the various floats, cars, motorcycles and, yes, even boats as they make the trip along the Strip. And who knows, you might even score some candy!

The 33rd Annual St. Patrick's Parade on the Water will be held on March 16 at Captain Ron's Bar & Grill, 82 Aloha Lane, Sunrise Beach. The parade begins and ends at Captain Ron's, and there will be a prize for best costume/decorated boat and raffle drawing. An optional breakfast begins at 8 a.m., with the National Anthem at 9:30. Blessing of the Fleet will take place at 9:35 and boarding will be at 9:45. Call the Lake West Chamber at 573-374-5500 to purchase tickets or T-shirts.



Pub Crawl

The Lake West Chamber's 14th Annual St. Pat's Day Pub Crawl will be held March 16. Buses start at 5 p.m. and include 14 stops. Wristbands cost \$15 each and can be purchased at any route location. There are two raffles included for \$1,400 or a wagon of prizes. Route locations include: American Legion Post 624, Bear Bottom Resort, Branding Iron, Captain Ron's, Chance's R, Chic's n Dix, Franky & Louie's, Nautifish Rum Bar, Redd's Bar-B-Que, Rocky Top Bar & Grill, Stogies Liquor & Tavern, The Glory Hole, Westside Pub and Whisky Dick's.

Scavenger Hunt

The Lake Ozark Offroad Park "The LOOP" is hosting a scavenger hunt on March 16. The Big Cheese, a food truck out of Columbia, will be at the event from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The LOOP offers almost 600 acres of wooded, hilly, rocky, rough terrain with beautiful Ozark views.

i-Berrys 7th Annual Irish Hooley

It's the St. Patrick's Day party everybody goes to! On March 16, see The i-Berrys in the annual St. Patrick's Day parade on board the Poly Lift Boat Lifts float. Then, right after the parade, join this band of Irish minstrels at The Encore in Lake Ozark from 4 to 8 p.m. Join the Lake area's only Irish rock band for this free event at the lake. Aye!

Golf Tournament

Osage National's 2024 St. Patty's Day Open will be held Sunday, March 17. Breakfast opens at 9 a.m. with a shotgun start at 11. The three-person scramble costs \$85/person which includes the breakfast buffet and 18 holes of golf with a cart. Visit <https://osagenational.com/> or Osage National on Facebook for practice round information and lodging specials. Osage National Golf Resort is located at 400 Osage Hills Road, Lake Ozark.

FUN WAYS FOR CHILDREN TO PARTICIPATE IN ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

St. Patrick's Day commemorates its namesake, the patron saint of Ireland who helped spread Christianity across this island nation. While it may have begun as a religious holiday, eventually the fanfare expanded to transform St. Patrick's Day into a secular celebration spanning the world - reaching Irish diaspora in various countries. In fact, some of the largest St. Patrick's Day events occur outside of Ireland.

In addition to paying homage to St. Patrick, the holiday is largely known for being one big party catering to the over-21 crowd. It's common to find people raising pints throughout the day on St. Patrick's Day. However, for those who want children to be a part of the festivities, there are plenty of entertaining ways to incorporate them into any celebration.

Attend a parade

Parades are a common sight come St. Patrick's Day, and they're ideal activities for children. If your town or city is hosting a St. Patrick's Day parade this year, make plans to attend with the children. Follow safety precautions, including remaining socially distant, when necessary, and watch the floats, pipers, colorfully clad characters, and other participants go by.

Serve child-friendly beverages

For those hosting St. Patrick's Day at home, be sure to have a variety of foods and beverages on hand, particularly ones that children can enjoy. Whip up your own concoction like a Leprechaun Punch that features lemon-lime soda, green food coloring and lime sherbet.

Learn St. Patrick's history

Children may not realize that St. Patrick, even though he is the patron saint of Ireland, actually was born in Britain, according to National Geographic Kids. Also, he wasn't always associated with the color green; he was first depicted wearing blue robes. These are just some of the facts adults and children can explore together.

Collect clovers

St. Patrick used a three-leaf clover, or shamrock, to explain the basic tenets of Christianity. The three-leaf clover represented the Holy Trinity. If St. Patrick's Day falls on a nice day, everyone can venture outside to collect shamrocks and hunt for the elusive four-leaf clover, which may bring good luck.

Get dressed up

Children can have fun dressing up in all sorts of apparel. While green shirts are par for the course, kids also can don rugby or soccer shirts from their favorite Irish teams. Authentic Irish Aran wool sweaters and cardigans, or other traditional clothing, also can be worn. Kids may have fun making masks or hats they can wear as well.

St. Patrick's Day is a fun time for people of all ages. The holiday can be made kid-friendly in a variety of ways.



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Celebrating spring's arrival

Spring is a season of rebirth in more ways than one. Spring is when certain animals emerge from hibernation, while many species lay eggs or give birth this time of year. Flowers and trees also bloom in spring, providing spectacular foliage and awe-inspiring color.

People also may feel like they have a new lease on life as they shake away the doldrums of winter and embrace longer hours of sunlight and warmer temperatures. The arrival of spring is worthy of celebration, and these activities and ideas can be enjoyable ways to spend the first day of spring.

Spend time outdoors

One is never too old for a picnic in a park or a bike ride along the trails. Spending time outdoors is beneficial because it exposes people to sunlight, which is a precursor to the development of vitamin D. Vitamin D affects muscles, joints and tissues. It also can affect mood.

Plant a tree

Honor the first day of spring, and Earth Day shortly thereafter, by planting trees. Trees provide habitats for wildlife, create shade, reduce air pollution by filtering the air, and produce oxygen. A sapling is a manageable tree to plant and something children can do as well.

Enjoy spring crafts

Grab an inexpensive canvas and paint a landscape that is in full bloom. Use quick-set plaster to create stepping stones embedded with mosaic glass pieces for color that can be added to the backyard.

Host a spring potluck

Put fresh spring vegetables and fruits on display. Options include artichokes, apricots, asparagus, carrots, dandelion greens, and radishes. Put together a pasta primavera, which essentially is a spring pasta dish laden with fresh vegetables.

Decorate with flowers

Bring fresh flowers indoors and put them on display in vases or table centerpieces. Cut stems on a 45-degree angle underwater to help flowers last longer. In addition, choose floral themed curtains and throw pillows to add some spring decor.

Create a water feature

The sound and sights of cascading water can be both relaxing and picturesque. A water feature can be something as simple as a small fountain or more elaborate like a koi pond.

Spring is a time of year when people can enjoy seasonal activities that make the most of the warmer weather and blooming landscape.



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Lake View Deck. 3 Bd, 2 Ba, 1536 SF. Open Lvg/Kit/Dng, Wood Burning Fireplace. Kitchen has lots of Cabinets, Breakfast Bar & Pantry. W-I Closet in upper Bedroom & W-I Shower in lower Bath. Finished Sunroom & lots of Windows to watch the pet Deer. 2-Car Garage, Storage Shed & over half an Acre for extra Parking. Lake Access across street.

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Lake View/Lake Access Ranch Home includes 12x40 Dock Slip & Lift. Vaulted Ceilings, 3 Bd, 2 Ba, 1429 SF, open Lvg-Kit-Dng, Custom Cabinets & Breakfast Bar. Master Bd/Ba, W-I Steam Shower & dbl Sinks. Trex Decking, Lawn irrigation & easy Golf Cart Access to Dock. Clubhouse, Pools & Hot Tub..

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The 1,800 SF Building has an Office, three 10x12 Garage Doors, Large Lean-To for Storage, Concrete Floors, Concrete Plaster Siding & a large Wood Burning Stove. The Building is plumbed for Water & Sewer. There is also a 1988 Mobile Home included that is currently rented for \$675 a month. The Home is 3 Bd, 2 Ba, 1,070 SF, propane heat & central air. There is a stocked Pond and the Acreage lays nice. This is a great location for any Business with Highway Frontage.

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MLS# 3559611 • \$490,000



LAKE HOME!!

Main Channel View & 2 Lots. TURNKEY, 2 Bd, 1 1/2 Ba, 932 SF, Lake View Windows & Eat-In Kitchen with SS Appl. Bedroom & Bath w/ Walk-In Shower Down & Family Room, Bd & Ba upstairs. 1-Well Dock, 2-Carports & Storage.

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BAND PROFILE

By Marie Krolikowski



PHOTOS PROVIDED

If you regularly seek out live music at the Lake of the Ozarks you may have been fortunate to catch a show with Blake Gardner & The Farmers. This multi-talented band can't be defined by a single music genre. They mix blues, reggae, hip-hop, funk and everything else into an improvised performance that makes each show unique.

"We are a groovy, funky, bluesy, jammy, twangy, jazzy, hippy party band from the Midwest," explained lead vox/acoustic member Blake Gardner. "We just try to make the songs groovy and fun to listen to."

Although the band has members that rotate from time to time, the main group consists of Blake Gardner, Brandon Phillips (drums/percussion/backup vox), Jordan Tucker (bass), Forrest Wilson (lead guitar), Leighton Dennis (percussion/drums), Jeremy Jones (percussion/drums) and Trevor Phillippe (sax). All members live within the state of Missouri with Gardner living in Missouri and Illinois.

The group formed while in college and has been actively performing together since 2010.

"It was a way to ignore college," Gardner said. "I thought Blake Gardner & The Farmers was a clever name, but there was one point where all the other members were farmers or had farms in their family. I do enjoy gardening."

The band puts their own twists on covers they perform but have originals also. They perform as everything from a solo act to a nine-piece band.

"It just kind of depends on what we're booked as or what the venue or occasion can handle," Gardner explained. "We mostly travel as a four or five-piece band."

They typically play at the Lake, Hermann, St. Louis, Kansas City, SEMO and western and central Illinois. The band has dipped into the states of Kentucky, Kansas, Arkansas, Iowa and Texas.

"We play at everything from pizza parlors to dive bars to wineries to concert halls to national music festivals," Gardner explained. "We'll go wherever we can set up."



What the band loves most about playing at the Lake, Gardner said, is the beauty, the people, the food and the other music performers. Moving to the Lake area is something Gardner hopes to do someday soon.

The band is a full-time job for Gardner, and they're working on making it full-time for the other bandmates as well. Currently, other members work in everything from the service industry to being handymen to being a student.

They performed 114 shows last year between solo and band appearances. Their music can be found on all music platforms, including Spotify, YouTube, Facebook, Instagram and more. An album has been in the works for the past six years and is close to completion.

Plans for the future, Gardner said, is to just keep hustling.

Catch Blake Gardner & The Farmers at Franky & Louie's for two nights of groovy originals and funky covers from '60s-Modern on Friday and Saturday, March 29 and 30. Tunes from 7-11 p.m. No cover charge, swing by anytime. For more info, visit <https://www.OwnGrownProductions.com/bgatf>





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Friday, March 8

Casablanca, The Fabulous Love Muffins, 7 p.m.
HK's Restaurant & Bar, TBA, 6:30 p.m.
Charlie Foxtrots, Kalani Music, 8 p.m.
Off the Cliff, Cindy Lawhorn, 5 p.m.; JD Heckler, 8 p.m.

Saturday, March 9

Brick House, The Fabulous Love Muffins, 7 p.m.
Casablanca, Mitch Shields, 7 p.m.
HK's Restaurant & Bar, TBA, 6:30 p.m.
Charlie Foxtrots, One More Shot, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, March 12

Off the Cliff, Travelin Kind, 5 p.m.

Wednesday, March 13

Off the Cliff, Jim and Dan, 5 p.m.

Thursday, March 14

Casablanca, Tim Newell, 7 p.m.
Off the Cliff, Travelin Kind, 4:30 p.m.; Grayson Wood, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 15

Brick House, Johnny Henry, 7 p.m.
Casablanca, PDA, 7 p.m.
HK's Restaurant & Bar, TBA, 6:30 p.m.
Charlie Foxtrots, Take Two Duo, 8 p.m.
Frankie & Louie's, Phat Mike And The Bartenders, 7 p.m.
Off the Cliff, Duane Ramelot, 5 p.m.; Turnstyles, 8 p.m.

Saturday, March 16

Brick House, Jordan Isakson, 12 p.m.; Johnny Henry, 7 p.m.
Casablanca, Steven Scott, 7 p.m.
HK's Restaurant & Bar, TBA, 6:30 p.m.
Charlie Foxtrots, The Astro Katz, 8 p.m.
Frankie & Louie's, Phat Mike And The Bartenders, 7 p.m.
Off the Cliff, Zac Simpson, 5 p.m.; Ozark Outlaws, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, March 19

Off the Cliff, Travelin Kind, 5 p.m.

Wednesday, March 20

Off the Cliff, Levi Chapman, 5 p.m.

Thursday, March 21

Casablanca, Tim Newell, 7 p.m.
Off the Cliff, Travelin Kind, 4:30 p.m.; Grayson Wood, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 22

Brick House, Jordan Isakson, 7 p.m.
Casablanca, The Fabulous Love Muffins, 7 p.m.
HK's Restaurant & Bar, TBA, 6:30 p.m.
Charlie Foxtrots, Ted Vaughn Blues Band, 8 p.m.
Frankie & Louie's, Preston Ary Band, 7 p.m.
Off the Cliff, Cindy Lawhorn, 5 p.m.; Roadhouse Strays, 8 p.m.

Saturday, March 23

Brick House, The Fabulous Love Muffins, 7 p.m.
Casablanca, Adam McCabe, 7 p.m.
HK's Restaurant & Bar, TBA, 6:30 p.m.
Charlie Foxtrots, The Nobodies, 8 p.m.
Frankie & Louie's, Preston Ary Band, 7 p.m.
Off the Cliff, Levi Chapman, 5 p.m.; Disengaged, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, March 26

Off the Cliff, Travelin Kind, 5 p.m.

Wednesday, March 27

Off the Cliff, Zac Simpson, 5 p.m.

Thursday, March 28

Casablanca, Tim Newell, 7 p.m.
Off the Cliff, Travelin Kind, 4:30 p.m.; Grayson Wood, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 29

Brick House, Zach Simpson, 7 p.m.
Casablanca, Jordan Isakson, 7 p.m.
HK's Restaurant & Bar, TBA, 6:30 p.m.
Charlie Foxtrots, Zoe Vox, 8 p.m.
Frankie & Louie's, Blake Gardner and the Farmers, 7 p.m.
Off the Cliff, Kalani, 5 p.m.; James Clay, 8 p.m.

Saturday, March 30

Brick House, Mitch Shields, 7 p.m.
Casablanca, PDA, 7 p.m.
HK's Restaurant & Bar, TBA, 6:30 p.m.
Charlie Foxtrots, KC Ritz, 8 p.m.
Frankie & Louie's, Blake Gardner and the Farmers, 7 p.m.
Off the Cliff, Rebel Walker, 5 p.m.; One More Shot, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, April 2

Off the Cliff, Travelin Kind, 5 p.m.

Wednesday, April 3

Off the Cliff, Duane Ramelot, 5 p.m.

Thursday, April 4

Casablanca, Tim Newell, 7 p.m.
Off the Cliff, Travelin Kind, 4:30 p.m.; Grayson Wood, 7:30 p.m.

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- 14 4:30pm TRAVELIN KIND
- 7:30pm GRAYSON WOOD
- 15 5pm DUANE RAMELOT
- 8pm TURNSTYLES
- 16 5pm ZAC SIMPSON
- 8pm OZARK OUTLAWS
- 19 5pm TRAVELIN KIND
- 21 4:30pm TRAVELIN KIND
- 7:30pm GRAYSON WOOD
- 22 5pm CINDY LAWHORN
- 8pm ROADHOUSE STRAYS
- 8pm DISENGAGED
- 26 5pm TRAVELIN KIND
- 27 5pm ZAC SIMPSON2
- 28 4:30pm TRAVELIN KIND
- 7:30pm GRAYSON WOOD
- 29 5pm KALANI
- 8pm JAMES CLAY
- 30 5pm REBEL WALKER
- 8pm ONE MORE SHOT

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