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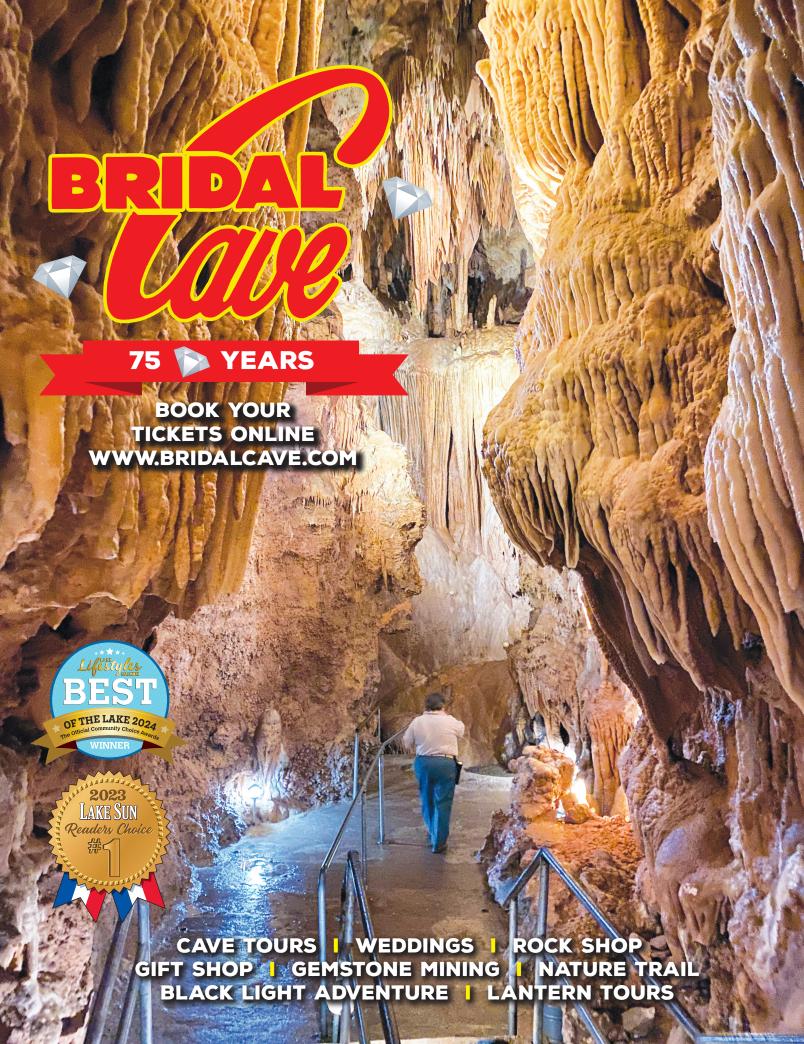
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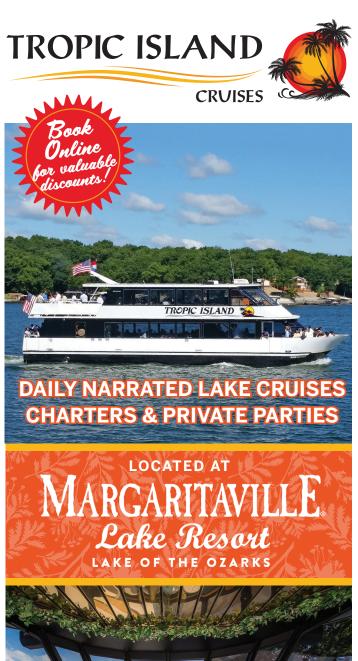




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Miner Mike's celebrating 30 years

Miner Mike's has continued to offer family-friendly fun for 30 years now. This June, they celebrate their 30th anniversary with season tickets for only \$30!



Best antique shops and flea markets

The Lake of the Ozarks is home to some amazing second-hand shops. Thanks to Lake Lifestyles Best of the Lake contest, we have a list of the top five in the area. Check them out when you come to visit!

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TOP EVENTS

Mid-Mo Poker Run • June 1

Mid-MO Muscle Car Club is hosting a Poker Run on June 1 to Benefit Grace Braun who is facing a double lung transplant as a result of Leukemia treatment. Please come out to show your support. Check in is from 10:30 a.m. - noon at Twin Bridges. Second stop - Corner Market, third stop - Lucky's, fourth



stop - Hero's Junction, last stop - Whittles Pub & Grub. Check in by 5 p.m. The poker run ends at Whittles and joins the Eldon Noble Eagles with their Mid-Coast Bike Run that has a ride in bike show. Whittles has live entertainment by Jason Earl from 8 - 11 p.m. For questions about the poker run, contact Jenn Pettit at 572-291-3817. Any questions about the bike show or the entertainment reach out to Whittles at 573-392-5900.

Run What Ya Burng Poker Run • June 2

The Lake of the Ozarks Run What Ya Brung Poker Run will be held June 2 starting at 10 a.m. Locations are Captain Ron's, Nauti-Fish Rum Bar, Paradise, Redheads, Dog Days and Shady Gators. Run What Ya Brung Poker Run registration is \$200 and includes the boat, one poker hand and a T-shirt. For more information and to register, visit https://lakeoftheozarksshootout.com/run-what-ya-brung/.

Lake Area Commuity Orchestra • June 11



The Lake Area Community Orchestra will be in concert Tuesday, June 11, at the Eldon Airpark (First Baptist Church in case of rain). The concert begins at 7 p.m. with no admission charge. Donations are accepted. Attendees are encouraged to bring a chair. The summer series will feature "Main Street Celebration," "Great Movie Marches," "Theme from Lawrence of Arabia," "Hobbits from Lord of the Rings," "The Wizard of Oz" and "Semper Fidelis." Traditionally, the orchestra closes with John Philip Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever." For more information, contact Andrew Drennan, director, at 636-439-1305 or Bob Szczys, president, at 573-723-2052. You may also check out the orchestra's website at www.lakeareacommunityorchestra.org.



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- 4 The Lake Area Community Orchestra will be in concert Tuesday, June 4, at the Ha Ha Tonka Castle on Route D outside Camdenton. The concert begins at 7 p.m. with no admission charge. Donations are accepted. Attendees are encouraged to bring a chair. The summer series will feature "Main Street Celebration," "Great Movie Marches," "Theme from Lawrence of Arabia." "Hobbits from Lord of the Rings," "The Wizard of Oz" and "Semper Fidelis." Traditionally, the orchestra closes with John Philip Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever." For more information, contact Andrew Drennan, director, at 636-439-1305 or Bob Szczys, president, at 573-723-2052. You may also check out the orchestra's website at www.lakeareacommunityorchestra.org.
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site at www.lakeareacommuni- Orchestra will be in concert tyorchestra.org.

- **18** The Lake Area Community at 5709 Osage Beach Parkway Orchestra will be in concert Tuesday, June 18, at California United Church of Christ at 101 N.Oak St. in California. The concert begins at 7 p.m. with no admission charge. Donations are accepted. The summer series will feature "Main Street Celebration," "Great Movie Marches," "Theme from Lawrence of Arabia," "Hobbits from Lord of the Rings," "The Wizard of Oz" and "Semper Fidelis." Traditionally, the orchestra closes with John Philip Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever." For more information, contact Andrew Drennan, director, at 636-439-1305 or Bob Szczys, president, at 573-723-2052. You may also check out the orchestra's website at www.lakeareacommunityorchestra.org.
- 15 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.
- 25 The Lake Area Community Orchestra will be in concert Tuesday, June 25, at West Lake Christian Church on Route O in Laurie. The concert begins at 7 p.m. with no admission charge. Donations are accepted. The summer series will feature "Main Street Celebration," "Great Movie Marches," "Theme from Lawrence of Arabia," "Hobbits from Lord of the Rings," "The Wizard of Oz" and "Semper Fidelis." Traditionally, the orchestra closes with John Philip Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever." For more information, contact Andrew Drennan, director, at 636-439-1305 or Bob Szczys, president, at 573-723-2052. You may also 462-6623. check out the orchestra's website at www.lakeareacommuni- 23 • The Lake Area Commutyorchestra.org.

July

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Tuesday, July 9, at Hope Lutheran Church Senior Center in Osage Beach. The concert begins at 7 p.m. with no admission charge. Donations are accepted. The summer series will feature "Main Street Celebration," "Great Movie Marches," "Theme from Lawrence of Arabia." "Hobbits from Lord of the Rings," "The Wizard of Oz" and "Semper Fidelis." Traditionally, the orchestra closes with John Philip Sousa's "Stars 723-2052. You may also check and Stripes Forever." For more information, contact Andrew Drennan, director, at 636-439-1305 or Bob Szczys, president, at 573-723-2052. You may also 28 . Kirby's School of Wake check out the orchestra's website at www.lakeareacommunityorchestra.org.

- **16** The Lake Area Community Orchestra will be in concert Tuesday, July 16, at First Christian Church on East Capitol Avenue in Jefferson City. The concert begins at 7 p.m. with no admission charge. Donations are accepted. The summer series will feature "Main Street Celebration," "Great Movie Marches." "Theme from Lawrence of Arabia," "Hobbits from Lord of the Rings," "The Wizard of Oz" and "Semper Fidelis." Traditionally, the orchestra closes with John Philip Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever." For more information, contact Andrew Drennan, director, at 636-439-1305 or Bob Szczys, president, at 573-723-2052. You may also check out the orchestra's website at www.lakeareacommunityorchestra.org.
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- nity Orchestra will be in concert Tuesday, July 23, at Lake Ozark Christian Church on Bagnell Dam Boulevard. The 9 • The Lake Area Community concert begins at 7 p.m. with

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- Day Camp will be held June 28 from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Iguana Marine Group Dealership, 4773 Osage Beach Parkway, Osage Beach. Cost is \$100. This event gives students the opportunity to make new friends, learn from other students, receive expert coaching on the best wakeboarding boats and try the latest Ronix wakeboarding equipment. Students may join us for a morning session or afternoon session, they are welcome to book multiple sessions and welcome to stay for the whole day. For more information and to register, visit https://kirbysschoolofwake. com/day-camp/.
- 30 The Lake Area Community Orchestra will be in concert Tuesday, July 30, at the Versailles High School Performing Arts Center. The concert begins at 7 p.m. with no admission charge. Donations are accepted. The summer series will feature "Main Street Celebration," "Great Movie Marches," "Theme from Lawrence of Arabia," "Hobbits from Lord of the Rings," Wizard of Oz" and "Semper Fidelis." Traditionally, the orchestra closes with John Philip Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever." For more information, contact Andrew Drennan, director, at 636-439-1305 or Bob Szczys, president, at 573-723-2052. You may also check out the orchestra's website at www.lakeareacommunityorchestra.org.



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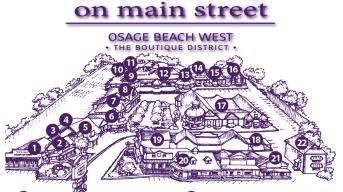






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n the bustling Lake of the Ozarks, avid fishermen and outdoor enthusiasts have spoken, and their verdict is in! With an abundance of water to explore, it's no surprise that Lake residents hold a strong interest in bait and tackle shops. After weeks of voting, the results are in for the coveted title of "Best Bait & Tackle 2024," and these five establishments have emerged as the winners. From carrying top-of-the-

line equipment to offering expert advice and exceptional customer service, these shops have truly gone above and beyond to cater to the needs of local fishermen. As selected by the readers, these winners are sure to be the top destinations for all things fishing at the Lake. Without further ado, let's take a closer look at the five best bait and tackle shops of 2024.

1. Fitz Fishing Tackle & Supplies

3621 Osage Beach Parkway, Osage Beach

What locals are saying:

"Wonderful staff"
"Easy to find things"
"Good bait"

2. North Shore Shopping Center

19554 Wonderland Road, Rocky Mount

What locals are saying:

"Great place for tackle, plenty of lures and poles. Close to Coffman and convenient!" "Variety and best cashiers EVER!"

3. Bojangle Baits Fldon

What locals are saying:

"Nice people"
"Great business"

4. Eco Fishing Shop

1479 Business Route 5, Camdenton

What locals are saying:

"Nice selection and passionate fisherman"

5. Heritage Outdoors 6406 U.S. 54, Macks Creek

What locals are saying:

"Awesome place, great service, great products."

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The Fishing Report

Your guide to catching fish at LOZ!

Bagnell Dam Report

The lake level was 656.9, generation of 21,000 CFS (cubic feet per second) at the beginning of the week decreasing to 5,000 CFS throughout the week for a lake level of 657.0 by the weekend. Surface temperature at Bagnell Dam was 63 degrees. Truman Lake was at the 712.3 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

No tournaments were reported last weekend.

Bagnell Dam spillway/Osage River

Water clarity: Clear. Black bass: Good on swimbaits along rocky banks. Crappie: Good on small swimbaits and Slider jigs around current breaks. White bass and hybrids: Good on Roostertails around eddies. Catfish: Good on cut shad and skipjack herring.

Lower Lake

Water clarity: Clear. Black bass: Fair on shaky head worms, wacky-rigged Senkos and Ned rigs along rock transition banks and gravel pockets in coves. Crappie: Slow on jigs 10 to 20 feet deep around docks on the main channel and in coves.

Gravois

Water clarity: Clear. Black bass: Good on wackyrigged Senkos and Carolina-rigged creature baits in the gravel pockets. Crappie: Fair on jigs 12 to 15 feet deep around docks on points.

Mid-Lake

Water clarity: Stained. Black bass: Fair on shaky head worms along steep banks at the mouths of coves. Crappie: Good on jigs around docks along steep banks at the mouths of coves.

Grand Glaize

Water clarity: Murky. Black bass: Fair on Carolina-rigged plastic lizards or creature baits and wackyrigged worms in gravel pockets. Crappie: Slow on jigs and minnows 4 to 12 feet deep along gravel banks.



Niangua

Water clarity: Muddy on the upper end and murky on the lower end. Black bass: Fair on wacky-rigged worms around docks along gravel banks. Crappie: Fair on jigs around docks 1 to 3 feet deep or brush 12 to 20 feet deep along gravel banks.

Upper Osage

Water clarity: Murky. Black bass: Fair on Texas- and Carolina-rigged plastic lizards and creature baits along gravel banks. Crappie: Good on jig and bobber setups 4 to 5 feet deep along rock transition banks and gravel banks. Catfish: Good on jug lines baited with live sunfish, shiners and bullheads.

Truman Dam spillway

Water clarity: Stained. Crappie: Slow on jigs and minnows in the deadwater channel during the evenings. White bass and hybrids: Good on jigs along the riprap. Catfish: Good on cut shad.

Sources

Guide Alfred Chapman (573-465-3810), www.lake-ozarkfishingguideservice.com; Big Ed's Guide

Service (573-692-6710) www.bigedsguideservice. com; Guide Jack Uxa (573-434-2570)

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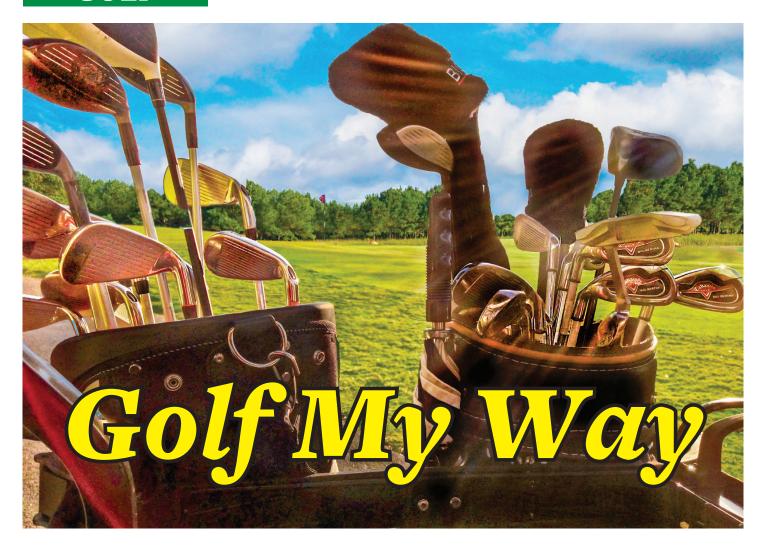
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have been a PGA Professional for 31 years and have given hundreds of lessons over my career. I have learned a lot about teaching this great game. Each time I give a lesson, read instructional material or listen to other teachers I gather information that makes me a more proficient teacher of the game. Here are some of the most important swing thoughts and observations that have influenced my teaching mythology, and hopefully will help you ways to improve your game this spring.

Start early. Yes, this game is for all ages, but starting early when you have no preconceived ideas or bad habits will only benefit you. Don't worry though if you pick the game up later in life you will be just fine.

Concentrate heavily on the basics when you start playing and never stop practicing the basics your whole life. The basics of any athletic movement is the basis for success. In golf it starts with the grip. Then aim, alignment, posture, ball position and balance. A proper grip is vital because the way you place your hands on the club has a direct impact on the clubface at impact.

Stand up and let your hands fall to your side. Notice how the palms of your hands face your body. Remember that when you place your hands on the club, your palms should face inward because that's how your hands fall naturally. I see so many players who grip the club where one or sometimes both palms are facing the sky. Your hands, while swinging the club, will naturally want to move into a more natural position. If that happens do you think the clubface will be in the same position at impact? Probably not. The clubface will most likely be closed or open at impact, because your hands have moved into a position that is more comfortable. Make sure you have a proper, naturally comfortable grip on the golf club and you will have the best chance of continued success and enjoyment.

Posture and balance go hand-in-hand in the golf swing. Any athletic activity you do successfully you are balanced throughout the motion. You can't be successful without proper balance. When you throw a ball, ski, dance, hit a tennis ball or baseball, throw darts, play corn hole or whatever you do you maintain your balance

throughout the activity to give yourself the best possibility of a successful outcome. Start with your feet about shoulder width apart, and bend at the waist with your knees slightly bent letting your arms and hands hang down with your weight balanced over the balls of your feet. From this position you should be able to move side to side without readjusting your weight distribution. As you slide the club into your hands (for a right-handed player) your right hand will slide down while your left hand will be on the top of the grip. In this position you should be naturally set up with a slight tilt as your right shoulder should be lower than your left while you address the golf ball to prepare to swing. Depending on the club you are using and the ball position, the tilt of your spine or your shoulder angle will be more pronounced with a driver then it is with a pitching wedge. The farther forward the ball position toward your lead foot, the greater the tilt or shoulder angle. From this position you should be balanced with slightly more weight being positioned on your back foot as you begin your swing. During the swing it is imperative to maintain this spine tilt throughout your swing until impact. If the spine tilts in the other direction during your swing, it will need to be corrected before impact or you will have difficulty getting the ball airborne. Straightening of the right knee on the backswing is one of the biggest mistakes a right-handed player can make, as you immediately lose your angles required to get the ball airborne.

Aim, alignment and ball position are the last piece to consider before making that swing. Most players try and line their body, i.e. feet, hips, shoulders towards their intended target. This is incorrect. If you do that think about where the ball is located and where your club head is, they are away from your body. In this scenario the club head is now pointed to the right of where you think you are aiming, causing you to swing across your body. This also causes you to most likely lose the proper angles and your balance.

The proper way to align yourself is to set up like you're standing on a pair of railroad tracks. A right-handed player will stand on the left track making sure his feet, hips and shoulders are parallel to the track they are on. The club head and ball are located on the right track, which if extended out, should go through the intended starting point of your shot or at your target if you are attempting to hit a straight shot. The body should never be lined up where if a line is extended it would cut through your intended target line. As you begin learning the swing your ball position will change slightly depending on the club. Any easy way to start is the ball position will be in the middle of your stance with your shortest club. As each club gets longer the ball position will move slightly forward until you get to the driver where the ball position will be inside your left heel. With the driver you will feel the most dramatic tilt of the spine and your right shoulder will be at its lowest point compared to your left. Once again, keeping your spine angle and your position behind the golf ball will allow you the best opportunity to make solid contact.

Other key elements to consider before you actually make the swing is to stand tall. Do not hunch your shoulders or have your chin buried in your sternum. By standing tall and having your chin up your shoulders will have the best opportunity to rotate unrestricted under the chin to maintain the proper posture and angles throughout the swing. Another myth in the golf swing is that your hands rotate open and then close during the swing. The hands actually hinge during the swing. How do you know if you are hinging and not opening the hands? Try this ... with the club on the ground hinge the club upward so it is out in front of you. Then rotate your shoulders and chest away from you. At this point the club should be parallel to the ground behind you with the toe of the club pointing to the sky. This is the proper position of the club at this point. Now try to get the club into this position by starting with the club on the ground. If you can get the club into the same position on the backswing you are correctly hinging your wrists. If the club face is facing the ground or the sky at this point, you are not properly hinging your wrists.

Lastly, relax. The more relaxed you can be in your hands, arms and shoulders the more effortless your swing will be. Tension is a speed killer in the golf swing.

For a better understanding of your golf swing, see a PGA Professional for some detailed instruction. The fundamentals are the best way to improve fast and to have more fun, and that's the name of the game!





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

Suzie Sawyer's Twisted Golf Classic

When: June 10 – Shotgun start at 8 a.m.

Where: Lake Valley Golf Club

Cost: \$75 per person or \$300 per four-person team. Cost includes participation in the tournament, lunch, prizes and raffles

For more information, contact: Sam Brauman at 573-346-4911, or email at samantha_brauman@nationalcops.org.

Ladies Scramble Invitational

When: July 13-14

Where: Lake Valley Golf Club

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Two-Man Scramble Invitational

When: Aug. 3-4

Where: Lake Valley Golf Club

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School of the Osage Foundation Golf Scramble 2024

When: Aug. 5 - 8 a.m. registration and breakfast; 9 a.m. shotgun start; 2 p.m. lunch and awards.

Where: Bear Creek Valley Golf Club

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For more information, contact: toenjesc@osageschools.org.

Parrot Head Open/Two-Person Invitational

When: Aug. 24-25 - Entry deadline is Aug. 19

Where: The Oaks Golf Course at Margaritaville Lake Resort



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For more information, contact: the golf shop at 573-348-1677 or 573-348-8522. To make hotel reservations, call Margaritaville Lake Resort at 800-826-8272 and mention the Fall Two-Man Invitational Rate of \$199 (must be reserved prior to July 26).

6th Annual Lake of the Ozarks Idiots Club Charity Golf Tournament

When: Sept. 23; Registration and check-in begins at 10:30 a.m. Tournament welcome at 12:30 p.m.

Where: Osage National Golf Resort

Cost: \$700 for foursome, \$350 for twosome and \$175 for

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For more information, visit: https://ozarks-idiots-club.per-fectgolfevent.com.

Fall Couples Scramble Invitational

When: Oct. 5-6

Where: Lake Valley Golf Club

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

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

To submit a golf tournament, contact Jordyn Wilson at jordyn.lakesun@gmail.com with the date, location, cost and contact information.

CAREFUL PREPARATION

Urged by Water Safety Council as boating season kicks off

s we enter summer, boaters can expect to encounter significantly increased boating traffic on Lake of the Ozarks. The Water Safety Council urges careful review of boat safety features to help people have safe boating experiences.

According to Bob May Co-Chair of the Lake of the Ozarks Water Safety Council "the selection and use of properly sized life jackets is the first things boaters or swimmers should consider before they get out on the water." Coast Guard reports indicate that 86% of drowning victims were not wearing a life jacket.



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Life jackets should be checked for wear - There must be a properly sized jacket readily available for everyone on the boat. In Missouri children age 7 and under must wear a life jacket at all times while on a boat. In addition, boats must carry a throwable device to assist in water rescue.

Know the rules of navigation when boating and minimize your wake – If overtaking another boat, the boat being passed has the right-of-way so stay clear. If crossing, the boat on the right has the right-of way, slow and let them pass. Operate your boat so the wake it causes is minimized.

Be careful launching for the first time of the year – Make sure to put the plug in and fill your boat with fresh fuel. It is recommended to run the blower for at least 4 minutes before starting or restarting a boat to clear fuel vapor that might explode.

Use the engine cut-off lanyard - Federal rules require the use of an engine cut-off lanyard for water craft 26 feet and under to avoid runaway boat accidents. According to the Coast Guard more boater drownings occur on smaller vessels.

Be a sober boater - Operating a boat while under the influence is against the law in Missouri and any boat operator found with a blood alcohol concentration above 0.08% can be charged with Boating While Intoxicated (BWI).

The Lake of the Ozarks Water Safety Council is a notfor-profit public service organization that promotes boating and water safety at the Lake of the Ozarks and the Midwest. The Water Safety Council was formed in 2007 with the mission of promoting water safety and to serve as a source for boating and water safety information. The Council has representation from the local area Chambers of Commerce, Missouri State Highway Patrol-Water Division, Camden County Health Department, U.S. Coast Guard, Ameren Missouri and community members. Visit lozwatersafetycouncil.com.







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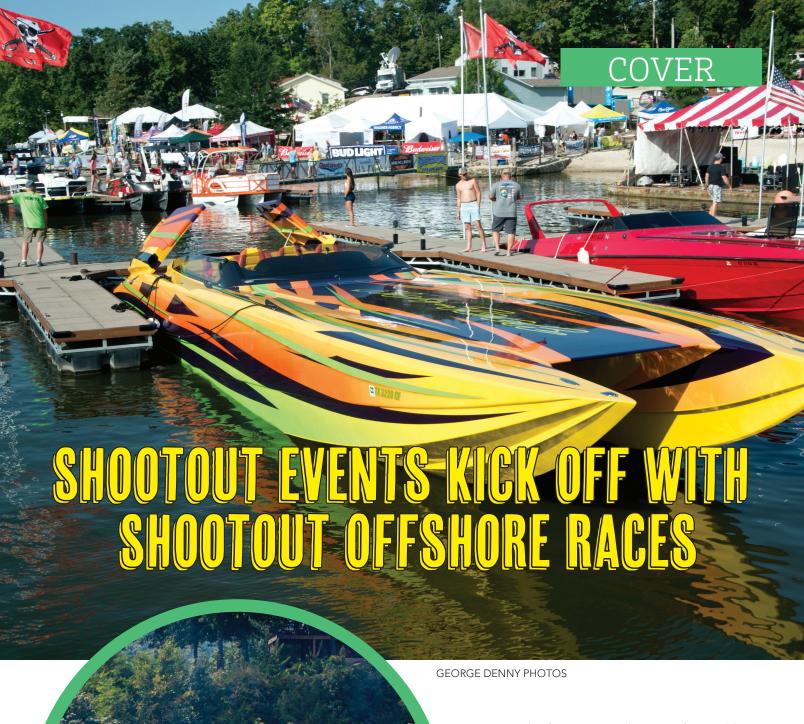


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22 VACATION NEWS May 31 - June 13, 2024



he fastest powerboats in the world will come to Lake of the Ozarks for Shootout Offshore Race (formerly known as Lake Race). Sanctioned by the Offshore Powerboat Association, the event is held May 29 - June 2.

On Thursday, a pre-party, which is open to the public, will be held at Shady Gators from 5 p.m. - 1 a.m. DJ Greasy will begin at 7 p.m.

On Friday, Jerrod Niemann will be in concert at Lazy Gators. The show begins at 7:30 p.m. with doors opening at 7.

Race day is Friday and Saturday, May 31 and June 1, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the 7-mile marker.

For more information, visit lakeoftheozarkss-hootout.com.



Mini Shooutout held at Ha Ha State Park. GERORGE DENNY PHOTOS



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JUNE 2:

Run What Ya Brung Poker Run

Gas up your boat and spend the day out on the water. Register between 9 and 11 a.m. at Captain Ron's and arrive at Shady Gators by 5 p.m. Locations are Captain Ron's, Nauti-Fish Rum Bar, Paradise, Redheads, Dog Days, Camden on the Lake and Shady Gators. Run What Ya Brung Poker Run registration includes the boat, one poker hand and a t-shirt.

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JULY 7:

Trapshooters Event

Held at the Missouri Trapshooters Association in Linn Creek. Shooting times are 9 a.m. or 1 p.m. with lunch served from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Cost is \$100/shooter. Choose sporting clays or trap. There will be prizes and gun raffles.

AUGUST 3: Float Your Boat

Watch as boats made of cardboard and duck tape compete to make it to the finish line. A prize and bragging rights will go to first place.

AUGUST 16 - 18: Mini Shootout

Held at the entrance to the Ha Ha Tonka springs, see the fastest and smallest boats compete for Top Gun.

AUGUST 20: Hall of Fame Dinner

See who made the list this year during the annual dinner.



AUGUST 21: Street Party

See all the boats and meet with the teams during this popular social from 5 - 10 p.m. on the Bagnell Dam Strip. Registration for boats only.

AUGUST 22: Poker Run Meet and Greet

If you plan to participate in the poker run, don't miss out on the social/meet and greet.

AUGUST 23: Poker Run

AUGUST 23: Live Auction at Lazy Gators

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Top 5 best antique shops/flea markets at the Lake

estled inside the beautiful Lake of the Ozarks are some of the best antique shops and flea markets in the Midwest. And in 2024, readers have spoken and voted for the top five winners in the highly coveted "Best Antiques/Flea Market" category. These five winners have managed to capture the hearts and imaginations of locals and visitors alike, with their unique and diverse selection of vintage items and treasures that are sure to satisfy any antique lover's cravings. From charming antique shops filled with rare and one-of-a-kind pieces to lively flea markets bustling with vendors selling hidden gems, the winners of this coveted title have truly set the standard for antique and flea market shopping at the Lake of the Ozarks. Join us as we delve into the top five winners of "Best Antiques/Flea Market 2024," as voted by passionate readers who have discovered the endless wonders of the Ozarks' antique and flea market scene.



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What customers have to say: Friendly & helpful staff. Large variety of inventory. Great size, awesome booths, friendly staff! Lots to look at. Great prices.



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LAKE NEWS



Joe Page pays the final toll Tuesday morning to end 26 years of motorists having to pay to cross the bridge. CLINT SCHAFFNIT/GEORGE DENNY IMAGES

spectacular day at the Lake - a calm, bright blue backdrop set the stage for one of the most anticipated events in the last 25 years - the Community Toll Bridge becoming free at last. A special ceremony was held in the parking lot of J.B. Hooks Tuesday morning and included local and state dignitaries. One highlight was that the first person to cross the toll bridge 26 years ago was the same person being the last to pay Tuesday and the first to cross free of charge – Joe Page. Here, Joe pays the last Community Bridge toll Tuesday morning. He turned around and became the first to cross free.



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TOLL BRIDGE NO MORE

Bringing the Lake communities together is one of the most significant outgrowths of the Community Bridge, and that will become even more evident after the toll bridge became free as of noon Tuesday, April 30, after 26 years.

Those were among the observations made by Joe Roeger, treasurer and vice president of the Community Bridge Corporation, during special ceremonies Tuesday morning to mark the end of toll collections that began at midnight May 1, 1998.

"We named it the Community Bridge originally back in 1992 because it was going to combine the communities of the Lake of the Ozarks," he explained on a stage overlooking the bridge and the Lake. "It kind of took on a more important meaning when we realized that was actually the community and our guests that paid for that bridge. So, it really is a community bridge."

He said the bridge also became known as the toll bridge, but that is no more after bonds that financed construction of the bridge are paid off.

"We're not sure what the public will call it," he continued. "They've been calling it the toll bridge. Now, I understand that from social media it's going to be called the old toll bridge. I'm actually okay with that. Because surrounding states have forever toll bridges and forever toll roads. Not in Missouri. We actually terminate toll bridges and make them free bridges. So I'm really okay with an old toll bridge."

Lake Ozark Mayor Dennis Newberry echoed Roeger's comments, noting that, "in my opinion, this was probably the most pivotal moment in our community when this bridge was built. It truly affected the entire communities surrounding the Lake and brought us all together. It opened up a corridor that has showcased hundreds of millions of dollars worth of development."

Joe Page driving across the now-free toll bridge with the toll bridge cross arms in the truck bed. CLINT SCHAFFNIT/GEORGE DENNY IMAGES

















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Newberry presented a proclamation to Eddie Pue, the president and chairman of the Community Bridge Corporation, on behalf of the City of Lake Ozark. It read, in part: "...Lake of the Ozarks Community Bridge was created as a result of a public-private partnership between the state of Missouri, the county of Camden, the city of Lake Ozark and the Lake of the Ozarks Community Bridge Corporation... duly express appreciation to all the entities and persons who have participated in the creation and support for the Lake of the Ozarks Community Bridge and duly recognize the importance of this infrastructure improvement to the city and to the entire Lake of the Ozarks region during the past 26 years and into the future..."

Pue, 97 years old, commented: "I'm happy to accept your proclamation and your nice comments which are fitting for this beautiful day. And this day will never be replicated. It is something for all of you to remember from now on."

LT. GOV. MIKE KEHOE

Lieutenant Governor Kehoe, a former member of the Missouri Transportation Commission, complimented those involved in creating the Community Bridge.

"It's a great day for the state of Missouri when we get something for free," he joked. "But this really is the model ...that all communities around the state should follow, a

model that many people doubted from the very beginning would ever work and, quite frankly, sometimes in the middle of the project."

"But all those people working together with the Highway Commission, the community, this is what it's about. This is who Missouri is... It just goes to show you that if you put the right people in charge and you have the right stakeholders, we can make things happen. Economic development is the key to our state's economy with tourism our second largest industry. All the things that affect the state are happening right here where we sit today."

ABOUT THE BRIDGE

The Community Bridge TDD previously estimated that the Community Bridge would become toll free in 2026. The facility is now toll free two years earlier than estimated and 18 years ahead of the original term of the bond debt. More than 35,000,000 vehicles have crossed the Community Bridge since its opening in 1998.

The Community Bridge was the first and only toll facility developed under the Missouri Transportation Act of 1991.

The toll plaza will remain in place, with a reduced speed limit through the plaza, until MoDOT makes arrangements to have it removed later this year.



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Branching Out into the Ozarks

ranches for the Lake hosts free family-fun day to encourage getting outdoors

Branches for the Lake is hosting a family-fun day on June 15 at La Roca Event Venue in Osage Beach to celebrate Great Outdoors Month. The event aims to encourage kids of all ages to unplug and explore the great outdoors. Hang up your phones and enjoy a day full of activities, kids' games, music, food, a beer garden, outdoor yoga, trail walking, and other entertainment. Unplug and reconnect at this outdoor family event.

Activities begin at 10 a.m. with a yoga class for all ages and abilities, followed by kids' yoga from 11-11:30 a.m. No cost and no equipment is needed; just show up on time and join in the courtyard. From 11 a.m.-3 p.m., booths representing local clubs around Lake of the Ozarks

will introduce programs and outdoor activities available in the area. The Lake of the Ozarks Water Safety Council, Osage Beach Parks & Recreation, the Lake of the Ozarks State Park, Lake Area Runners Club, and other organizations will provide more information about their groups. The Camdenton Dance TEAM will offer face painting and temporary tattoos for a donation. The first 100 families to stop by the Branches for the Lake booth will receive a goodie bag.

Gorilla's Grub Food Truck will sell a variety of food all day, and Twisted Whip will have sweet treats. Magic Dragon Trails volunteers will be on hand to answer questions about trails in the area. The Magic Dragon Bicycle Skills Park and Walking Trail is located within walking distance of La Roca and is open for use daily.



Get a team of five together and enter the FamilyMpics, an adrenaline-pumping family Olympics competition. Test your group's skills with these timed, wacky backyard games. Entry is \$30 with no age limits. An Old-Fashioned Washer Tournament will be held from 3-6 p.m. The tournament is sponsored by El Bandido Tequila, who will be providing tequila tastings. Teams of two will compete in double elimination rounds. The winner will receive prizes. Registration is \$50. Register for either event by going to www.branchesforthelake.org and clicking on the "retail/tickets" tab.

For more information about the event, visit Branching Out in the Ozarks on Facebook, call 573-480-9973, or email branches4tl@gmail.com. La Roca is located at 980 Airport Road in Osage Beach.

ABOUT BRANCHES FOR THE LAKE

Branches for the Lake is a non-profit based in Osage Beach dedicated to fostering economic growth through community, collaboration, connectivity, and commerce. The organization is actively engaged in implementing impactful programs within the community. In 2023, Branches for the Lake was awarded a grant from the Missouri Department of Economic Development, administered by the Missouri Community Service Commission, to develop an AmeriCorps program that will allow B4TL to deliver a wide range of services focused on economic opportunity and education.

Through the implementation of AmeriCorps programs, Branches for the Lake intends to address critical community needs, such as increasing academic achievement, mentoring youth, sustaining national parks, creating outdoor recreation for all, providing job skills training and preparedness, increasing economic development, and other key initiatives.

For more information, visit www.branchesforthelake. org.









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Buster's Indoor Garage that has exciting go-kart racing for the family, and the Longbranch Saloon are two favorites for those of all ages.

There are rides such as the ferris wheel and mini mine train that cater to the littlest ones in the family. Ball pits and tunnels are what made the family fun amusement center originally famous at Lake of the Ozarks.

To celebrate Miner Mike's 30th Anniversary, season passes are now available for \$30 plus tax.

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rie has earned degrees in herbology, massage therapy and Ayurveda, the Hindu system of alternative medicine that serves as the traditional system of medicine in India. Together they are the owners of Castle in the Clouds Alternative Health Center, a facility that offers holistic alter-

Although the original 14,000 square-foot castle location was destroyed by fire in 2019, Sexton and Sherrie still practice in their Osage Beach location. Their most requested treatment is a complete body detoxification that rids the body of toxins. This treatment, Sexton explained, aids in the treatment for cancer, seizures, diabetes, heart conditions and more.

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"A great detox is beneficial for anybody," Sexton explained. "I've had people come for treatment from all over the world, and all from word of mouth. We've even had celebrities."

Sexton has taken his years of knowledge and experience and put it in words for others to enjoy. Books he's writing and available for purchase on Amazon include, "Simply Well: Effective Alternative Therapies, " "I'll Miss You in the Moon", a book he and Sherrie co-authored and "Romantic Poetry for the Soul: Of Dreams and Used to Be's."

The written word isn't the only way Sexton expresses his feelings. He learned to sculpt and self-taught himself to carve and most impressively paint.

"Creativity comes from my mother's side of the family," he explained. "My painting began when I was a child, on the floor between the pews at church with my Ben Hur coloring books. I have a vivid imagination and see the world in ways others don't. People say I have a specific technique but I don't see that. I like anything that is challenging."

Sexton can't define where his inspiration comes from, but said he loves using Ha Ha Tonka State Park as a subject. He's doing an entire series of paintings that depict the four seasons of the park that will be turned into a calendar.

"It's going to be Ha Ha Tonka like you've never seen it," he said. "Some of my paintings have actual fragments of stone from the castle ruins there. Ha Ha Tonka has a soul and I try to put that feeling into my paintings. I want people to be able to see it as they would never be able to see it, before the castle burned."

Sexton said he's a perfectionist when it comes to painting, and his best critic is his wife. "I've spent as much as 280 hours on one painting," he explained. "Sherrie is my best critic. She gives me her honest opinion."

Sexton stressed that his wife is the most beautiful work of art he's ever seen, but he does have a favorite painting that he has done. It's called "Pray for Ukraine" and the focus is a church, with people walking up the hill to enter. "People say it draws them into the painting," Sexton explained.

When he doesn't have a paintbrush in his hand, Sexton can be found holding a guitar or microphone. Noting once again that his talent comes from his mother's side of the family, it's where his love for music originated also he said.

"My mom was a singer and guitar player, and she and her sisters played on a radio show in Kansas City called Brush Creek Follies," he said. "My mom's stage name was Little Vera. The name of their group was The Missouri Sweethearts. My mom sang with Hank Williams, Hank Snow, Chet Atkins and others." Several years in a row, Sexton's mom earned the title of Missouri State Yodeling Champion.



When he was 9 years old, Sexton's aunt taught him to finger pick the guitar. When he was 16, his dad taught him classical guitar. With the consent of his parents, he began playing in a Kansas City bar at the young age of 12. "All the band members were 25 to 30 years old," he recalled. "They liked me because I could play the funky guitar sounds of James Brown and others."

Sexton eventually left Kansas City and moved to Las Vegas. There he played guitar, fiddle and sang as the opening act for Don Rickles, Sammy Davis Jr., and Lou Rawls to name a few. He wrote a show called "Cross Country," which depicted the history of country music. He moved to the Lake, bought a building and opened what was known as Star World Showroom.

"We took old country music and rocked it up," he explained. "It was a production show with lasers, imperson-

ators and 64 songs that reflected the history of country music." The lasting memory, Sexton said, was when he sang happy birthday to a woman in the audience. When leaving, he saw the older woman was leaving with her daughter. The daughter was crying.

"The woman sang happy birthday along with me," Sexton said. "The daughter told me that was the first time she had spoke in 25 years."

Sexton continues to paint and see patients in his Osage Beach clinic. Other than an occasional open mic in a coffee shop, the singing and guitar playing he does to entertain himself.

"We ride around in our old Jeep CJ5, jump in the boat and have fun," he explained. "We are so lucky to live here in the Ozarks."



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he idea for the Hillbilly Yacht Club was born in June 2005, in the basement of Dave Sona's home at the end of Coconuts Cove. That is where it flourished for 18 years until last year, when insurance rates skyrocketed.

"We hurried to find a solution, and our insurance agent told us we could move the bar to the building outside our home," Sabrena Sona explained. "With the donated assistance and skill of our customers Dave and I turned our shed into a bar. We started building last November and opened in this new space March 15th."



Cheese and onion rings add to the taste of this chicken sandwich. PHOTOS COURTESY OF HILLBILLY YACHT CLUB









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Dave moved from St. Louis after working for Prax Air. When he opened his "club," customers loved this homey, hillbilly feel, with dollar bills decorating the ceiling. They came from across the United States and beyond.

"I met Dave through a mutual friend and employee of his," Sabrena explained. "I had been doing social work when we met and started helping around the bar and restaurant and decided to make it my full-time job. Dave and I will be married five years in May." She continued, "Dave and I like everyone to feel at home. We have people that have been coming here since the Hillbilly opened and they come back every year. Now they are bringing their children who were babies then and are now bringing their own families. That's a great feeling."

One of the best things the Hillbilly Yacht Club offers is the food. Dave is an excellent chef and takes pride in everything he cooks. Sabrena noted he is best known for his one-pound Hillbilly Burger and smoked wings.

Opened year-round, this couple only takes off due to illness or sometimes weather.

They like hosting events to welcome customers, including chili and rib cook-offs in the winter, potlucks, karaoke, cornhole tournaments and bands.

"We have themed parties like Hillbilly Olympicsanything to keep it fun and interesting," Sabrena said. "We have 15 boat slips if you come by water and a long dock for the bigger boats. The last two years have brought lots of changes, and the Hillbilly is now on the water. We have a nice patio for music, and it is very relaxing."

She mused that their bar is definitely not a frilly entitled place. She smiled and expressed, "There is a certain feel here. We do try to keep you coming back and most do. This is 700 feet from our home, and we put our heart and soul into this space."

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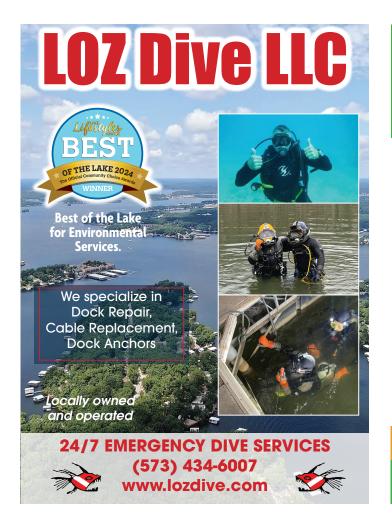
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hen these three sisters set their minds to opening a restaurant, they began to live their dream. With perseverance and hard work they opened Willowe's Bar and Grill in August of 2007. Angie Blagden, Lisa Arnold and Tammy Wilde have worked in food service much of their lives. Their mother, Twiggy, a single mom, raised her girls in Linn Creek while also working in the same industry.

"There were few year-round jobs in the area, so she turned to that to make ends meet," Blagden explained. "In our teen years we all worked in the hospitality industry in some way and eventually ended up in food service. In the early 2000s we all worked together. When places closed down, we thought about opening our own restaurant but didn't have the money. In 2006, a couple people approached us about this building on A Road that was available to lease."

They began researching different funding ideas and eventually asked a friend to take a chance on them and sign with them for a loan. After gutting the place, finding equipment and furniture, purchasing supplies and painting, they came up with a menu and opened their doors.

There's a funny story as to where the name Willowes came from."We each had ideas but couldn't agree, so our middle sister, Lisa, jokingly said 'how about Willowes because we are going to owe forever," Blagden explained. "It stuck."

In 2015 Arnold decided to leave the business and Blagden and Wilde continued to run the show. They have survived the COVID era, the rising cost of food and are glad to see their future brightening a bit. They offer an extensive, four-page menu filled with home-cooked options from grilled cheese to steak and pasta. One of their most popular items is their fried chicken, served on Tuesdays. The spiced rum bread pudding is also a customer favorite. Other favorites are liver and onions, hand breaded mushrooms and Cajun pasta.

"We try to keep our prices affordable and treat people right," Blagden said. "We have hosted numerous events for local charities through guest bartenders, theme nights, murder mysteries, corn hole tournaments, live entertainment and much more. We host other events yearly including parades, contests and benefits for the community."

Blagden confirmed that she and her sister have met so many amazing people during their time here and are blessed to call most of them friends.

"We love our community and being able to provide a place for people to gather and have a meal or drinks together," she added. "We are truly blessed and have the most amazing customers on the planet who continue to support us. If you haven't tried us, we invite you to come check us out."

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LAKE SPOTLIGHT

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Motor Mike Makin' Waves

ight when Michael Galloway turned 14 years old he got his boaters license, and 14 years later he's captivating audiences on the lake with freestyle performances riding his stand-up Personal Watercraft (PWC).

While flipping through the air for audiences on docks, Galloway goes live for an online audience on TikTok who watch it all from his GoPro camera mounted on his helmet.

Galloway has gained 7.1 million likes on his videos and has 312, 200 followers on TikTok.

"The impact across the lake with TikTok intertwined in there, is insane,"said Michael Galloway. "I have had people literally coming to my front door, whether they are coming by car or boat."

As his popularity grows on social media, he said if fans see him on his porch while driving by, they will yell out his social media handle (@imotormike). "It's fully encompassing," Galloway said. "Everyone gets so fired up, I love it. The lake community is second to none. It's completely come full-circle, now with the lake being my home."

While going live, Galloway also will put on a freestyle show every Saturday from 12-2 p.m. at Big Dick's Halfway Inn, starting Memorial Day weekend and ending Labor Day weekend.

Galloway said he tries to implement something a little bit different than other waterfront venues by putting on his freestyle shows. "The goal here is really just to provide some extra entertainment, we're really just trying to do something different and give more people a reason to come here, and so far it has been a smash hit this year," he said.

It all began when Galloway got his boaters license. "It all started the day I turned 14, and that was in December," he said. "I was ready to rock and roll and was on a Jet Ski the very next day."

He said he had the urge to jump waves after watching his cousins in Texas. "They bought and sold stand-ups, and I remember watching them come up here by the truck load with six Jet Ski's, and I was just a 10-year old kid watching them have the time of their lives," Galloway said. "The second I could get on one I knew it was what I had to do."

Galloway noted that while he enjoys racing and entering competitions, he mainly enjoys interacting with people all across the lake. "What I enjoy most is interacting with people and creating content and having fun is the avenue that I prefer," he said. "Just to give more content and awareness around the sport and hobby is what I really enjoy most."

Another aspect that Galloway loves about going live is getting flagged down by fans from throughout the country, and







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some even knock on his door in Gravois Mills. "Yeah it's been crazy, people will be like I'm visiting from California and have been watching your videos and now I'm here. I couldn't have asked for a better impact here," he said. "The lake community is from all over the place, whether people are here for a weekend or the whole summer or you live here full-time, and people love to be here from so many different places."

Galloway said when he's live streaming fans will ask what lake he's at and he's always proud to let them know he's doing double backflips on the number one lake for water sports in the United States of America. "When I'm live streaming people will always ask what's so special about it, because they see it's such a unique experience," he said. "It's 95 miles long, it's more like a river than an oval. And, I tell people you can do whatever you want to do, if you want to party from sun up to sun down, if you want to go fishing, if you want to ride Jet Ski's, if you want to wake surf, if you want to wakeboard. Whatever it is that you want to do, this lake has something for you. It's the number one recreational lake, and it's not even close. Also, the non-recreational portion of the lake is still elite in my opinion."

What sets the Lake of the Ozarks apart from others that Galloway has visited, are the different areas, and a longer shoreline than the state of California. "It's such a long lake, you have completely different atmospheres," Galloway said. "From million dollar mansions, to pristine untouched land, old school lake house vibes, and you can see the equivalent of a hundred different lakes on one lake, and to me that gives you the ability to identify for whatever you are looking for, and I think the tis what makes this lake so special."

When it comes to advice, Galloway also shares pointers for any beginner stand-up PWC riders.

"As far as any recommendations, first thing I would say is start young," he said. "Start young like I did, and these days they make Jet Ski's specifically for kids where they can start a lot earlier."

He added that the has helped fans as early as age eight learn to ride their stand-up PWC. "Get started early, and you don't need an expensive ski," Galloway said. "It doesn't matter what you ride, because if you get on the water, you're having a great time."

He noted that although a large majority of his younger fans come from TikTok, he feels passionate about inspiring the younger generation, by flipping through the air doing what he loves. "There are like thousands of people watching the stream daily, and its just one of those things where they are meeting other people with similar passions and hobbies, everyone is chatting, and they're watching me, but I'm just the facilitator in the middle," Galloway said. "Them interacting is the real win of the whole situation. So, when they recognize me and they want me to show up and do flips, I will never turn someone away. I am always willing to meet the people who helped me get to this point."



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Onsite Registration/Practice - 10 a.m.

Big Air Wave #4 - 11 a.m.

Big Air Wave #5 - 1 p.m.

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Sunday, June 9

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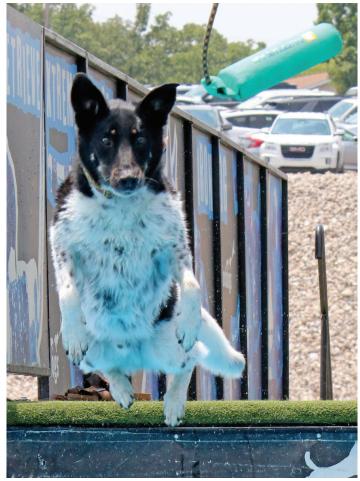
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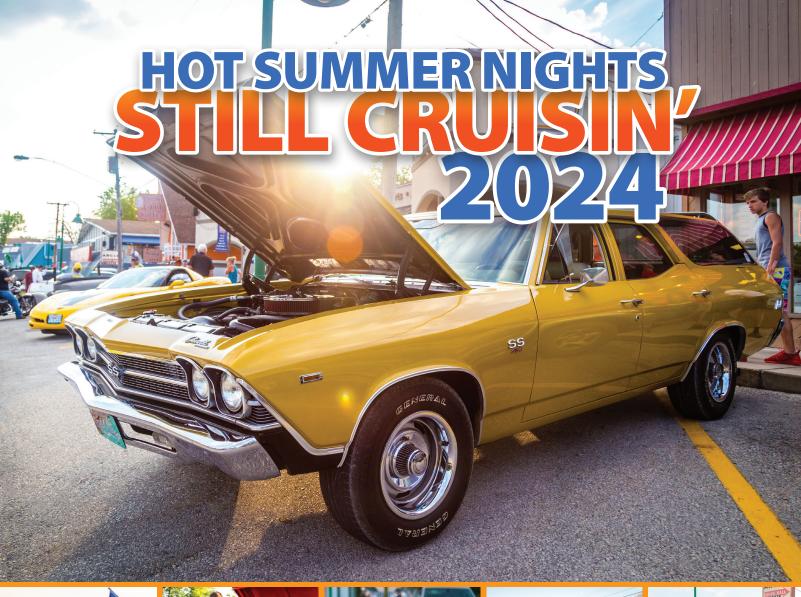
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Friday, May 31

Paradise, Blake Gardener, 6 p.m.
Shawnee Bluff, Kalani, 12 p.m.
Charlie Foxtrots, Rebel Walker, 8 p.m.
H. Toad's, Adam Powell, 6 p.m.
Neon Taco, Kalani, 5 p.m.; DJ Mikey, 9 p.m.
Franky & Louie's, Sound Boxx, 8 p.m.
Casablanca, PDA, 7 p.m.
JB Hook's, Steve Moore, 5:30
Off The Cliff, I-Berry's, 8 p.m.

June

Saturday, June 1

HK's Restaurant, Starla Queen/Scotty, 6:30 p.m. **Off The Cliff,** Zach Simpson, 8 p.m. **Brick House,** Sam Swanson, 7 p.m. **Casablanca,** The Fabulous Love Muffins, 7 p.m. **Shawnee Bluff Winery,** Al Jolly, 12 p.m.; Phantom Sam, 4 p.m.



Charlie Foxtrots, Gypsie Outcast, 8 p.m. H Toad's, Marcus Words (duo), 6 p.m. Neon Taco, Art Bentley, 12 p.m.; Kalani, 5 p.m. Paradise, Skylar Hunt, 12 p.m.; Allie Hutsell, 6 p.m. Shorty Pants, Steven Moore Franky & Louie's, Sound Boxx, 8 p.m.

Sunday, June 2

Shawnee Bluff Winery, John Allen, 12 p.m.; Duo'ly Noted, 4 p.m. **Paradise,** Hometown Tourist, 5 p.m.

Franky & Louie's, Jake James, 12 p.m.

Tuesday, June 4

Shorty Pants, Bobby Stillwell

Wednesday, June 5

Paradise, The Nobodies, 5 p.m.

Thursday, June 6

Casablanca, Tim Newell, 7 p.m. **Paradise,** Scott Levan, 5 p.m.

Friday, June 7

Off The Cliff, Black Note, 8 p.m.
Brick House, Johnny Henry, 7 p.m.
Casablanca, Cheryl Lynn, 7 p.m.
Shawnee Bluff Winery, Mickey Hollis, 12 p.m.; Steve Moore, 4 p.m.
Charlie Foxtrots, Brittan DUO, 8 p.m.
H Toad's, Dave Bennett, 6 p.m.; Hudson Drive, 9 p.m.
Neon Taco, Art Bentley, 5 p.m.
Paradise, The Astro Katz, 6 p.m.
Shorty Pants, Grayson Wood
Franky & Louie's, Black Top South, 8 p.m.

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Saturday, June 8

Off The Cliff, Tom Bryant Band, 8 p.m.

Brick House, Jordan Isakson, 7 p.m.

Casablanca, Zach Simpson, 7 p.m.

Shawnee Bluff Winery, Mike Byington, 12 p.m.; Grayson Wood, 4 p.m.

Charlie Foxtrots, Blue Collar Kings, 8 p.m.

H Toad's, Shawn C, 6 p.m.; Hudson Drive, 9 p.m.

Neon Taco, Kalani, 12 p.m.; Kael, 5 p.m.

Paradise, Po Po Beck, 12 p.m.; Whiskey Rebels, 6 p.m.

Shorty Pants, Steven Moore

Franky & Louie's, The House Band, 8 p.m.

Sunday, June 9

Shawnee Bluff Winery, Planet Jazz, 12 p.m.; Austin Reed, 4 p.m.

Paradise, Steven Tyler Moore, 5 p.m.

Franky & Louie's, Double Down, 12 p.m.

Monday, June 10

Franky & Louie's, Dave Dunklee, 4:50 p.m.

Tuesday, June 11

Shorty Pants, Healing Box Project

Franky & Louie's, Money For Nothin', 5 p.m.

Wednesday, June 12

Paradise, Roy Elliot, 5 p.m.

Thursday, June 13

Casablanca, Tim Newell, 7 p.m.

Paradise, Art Bentley, 5 p.m.

Franky & Louie's, Zach Simpson, 5 p.m.

Friday, June 14

Off The Cliff, Dirt Road Addiction, 8 p.m.

Brick House, PDA, 7 p.m.

Casablanca, Rich Whalen, 7 p.m.

Shawnee Bluff Winery, Dayne Hudek, 12 p.m.; Mitch Shields, 4 p.m.

Charlie Foxtrots, Mendon Hale, 8 p.m.

H Toad's, Jordan Isakson, 6 p.m.; Red Rock Revival, 9 p.m.

Neon Taco, Preston Ary Band, 5 p.m.

Paradise, Hometown Tourist, 6 p.m.

Shorty Pants, Steven Moore

Franky & Louie's, I-70 Overdrive, 8 p.m.

Saturday, June 15

Off The Cliff, Turnstyles, 8 p.m.

Brick House, Jordan Isakson, 7 p.m.

Casablanca, Steven Scott, 7 p.m.

Shawnee Bluff Winery, Tim Gaines, 12 p.m.; Starla & Scotty, 4 p.m.

Charlie Foxtrots, Keith Wells and the Tonky Stompers, 8 p.m.

H Toad's, Phillip Twitchell, 6 p.m.; Red Rock Revival, 9 p.m.

Neon Taco, Kalani, 12 p.m.; Kael, 5 p.m.

Paradise, Art Bentley, 12 p.m.; Slick Nickel, 6 p.m.

Shorty Pants, Rebel Walker

Franky & Louie's, I-70 Overdrive, 8 p.m.



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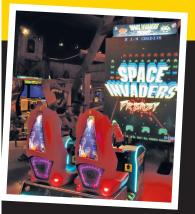
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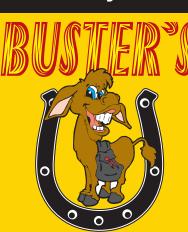
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Subject to change due to inclement weather or last minute cancellations.

OPENS AT II TUESDAY THRU SATURDAY

Appetizers

Fried Pickles\$7	Loaded Fries\$8
Fried Green Beans \$7	Tater Kegs\$8
Jalapeno Poppers\$7	6 Cliff Wings\$9
Fried Mushrooms\$7	10 Cliff Wings\$15
Onion Rings \$8	

HAPPY HOUR

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



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