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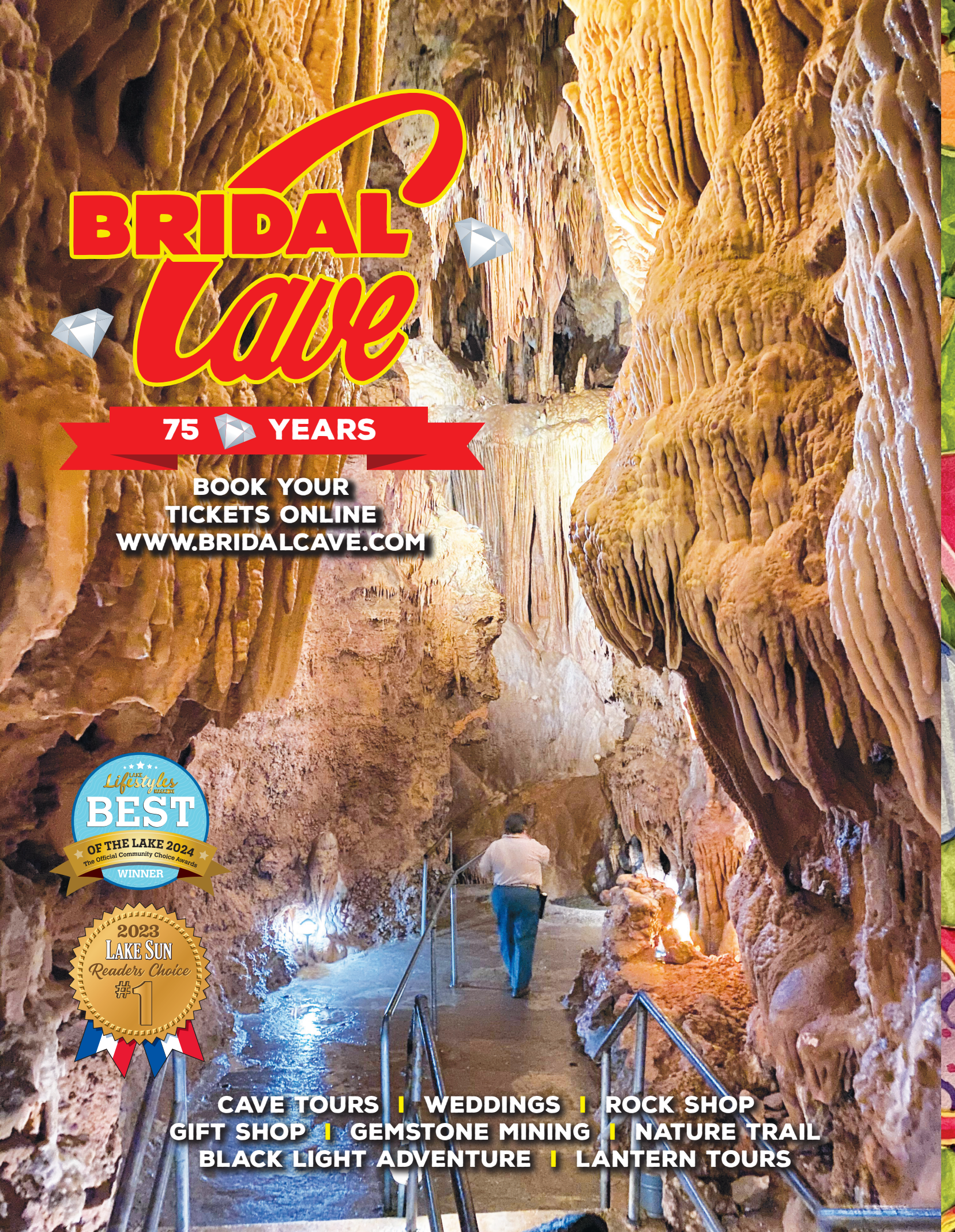
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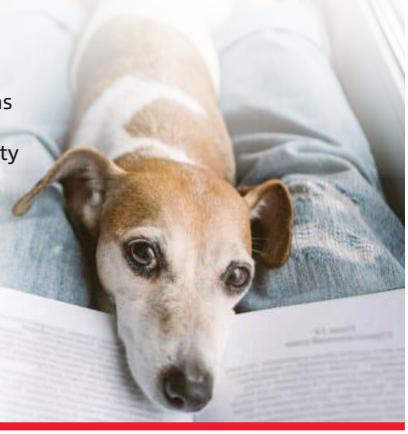

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PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES

Under federal law, a wearable PFD is required for each person on board regardless of vessel length. Children under the age of 7 must wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved PFD at all times unless the child is confined to a totally enclosed area such as a houseboat or a day-cruiser.

NAVIGATION LIGHTS

The required navigation lights differ depending on the size and type of your vessel. You must display the required navigation lights between sunset and sunrise and during periods of restricted visibility.

FIRE EXTINGUISHER

All vessels (there are few restrictions) are required to have a Type B, U.S. Coast Guard-approved fire extinguisher on board in an accessible area. Check the charge level of your fire extinguishers regularly. Replace them immediately if they are not fully charged.

SOUND PRODUCING DEVICES

Vessels more than 16 feet but less than 40 feet in length are required to carry a whistle or horn to signal intentions or positions. Vessels that are 40 feet or more in length are required to carry a whistle or horn and a bell on board.

This is only a partial list. For more information and regulations go to **www.mshp.dps.missouri.gov**

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Splash into summer

Stay cool this summer by checking out some of the Lake area community pools! This list offers both indoor and outdoor options worth the visit.

Fourth of July Barbecue

Nothing pairs better with a fireworks display than a Fourth of July barbecue. Here are some tips on how to save while hosting for family and friends this holiday.

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TOP EVENTS

23rd annual Gem, Jewelry, Rock, Mineral, and Fossil Show

Osage Rock and Mineral Club is hosting the 23rd annual Gem, Jewelry, Rock, Mineral, and Fossil Show Friday through Sunday, June 28-30, at the Eldon Community Center. The theme is Calcite Minerals. They will have a fluorescent mineral display this year along with many gifted artists that make custom jewelry. Displays, kids games and prizes, in addition to gem stones, jewelry, geode cracking, crystals, cabochons, gift items and more will be available. Hours are: Friday 2 - 6 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; and Sunday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Admission is free.

Chiefs Kingdom Party • June 29

The Chiefs Kingdom Party for Wonderland Camp will be held June 29 from 11 a.m. - midnight at Shady Gators/Lazy Gators, 132 Sweet William Road, Lake Ozark. The event will include special guests, live and silent auctions, games and raffles. All proceeds benefit Wonderland Camp.

Country Market & Bazaar • July 3

The Museum Country Market & Bazaar will be held July 3 from 3 - 6 p.m. at the Camden County Museum, 206 S Locust, Linn Creek. Vendors fill the museum every Wednesday through December. A meal is available for a nominal charge.

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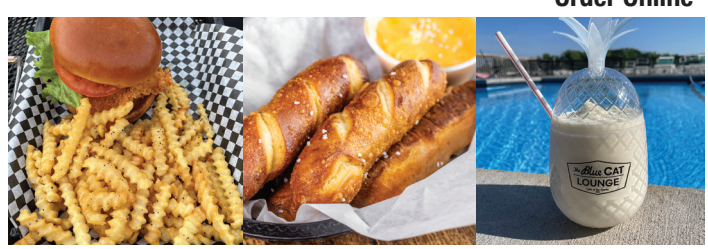

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28 • Kirby's School of Wake Day Camp will be held from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Iguana Marine Group Dealership, 4773 Osage Beach Parkway, Osage Beach. This event gives students the opportunity to make new friends, learn from other students, receive 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. Cost is $100. Contact 573-694-0640 or info@kirbysschoolofwake.com for more information.

29 • Boats, Bikes, & BBQ will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Marine Max, located at 4543 Osage Beach Parkway, Osage Beach. Marine Max and Lake of the Ozarks Harley-Davidson have teamed up to celebrate all things summer. Lake of the Ozarks Harley-Davidson will be on site at Marine Max with the all new Harley-Davidson Road Glide and Street Glide. Along with several other models, merch and plenty of road trip stories.

July

4 • Come celebrate Independence Day at the Lodge of Four Seasons on the Lakeview Patio and cloverleaf pool. Music by DJ Johnny Marsi from 2 - 6:30 p.m. and Sax Man Mike Byington from 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. Fireworks will be displayed at dusk. VIP viewing tables are available by calling 573-365-8009.

9 • The Lake Area Community Orchestra will be in concert Tuesday, July 9, at Hope Lutheran Church Senior Center at 5709 Osage Beach Parkway 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 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.

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.

20 • 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.

23 • The Lake Area Community Orchestra will be in concert Tuesday, July 23, at Lake Ozark Christian Church on Bagnell Dam Boulevard. 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.

25 • 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.To make an appointment, 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.

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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," "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.

August

5 • School of the Osage Foundation Golf Scramble 2024 will be held Aug. 5 at Bear Creek Valley Golf Club. Registration and breakfast at 8 a.m.; 9 a.m. shotgun start; 2 p.m. lunch and awards. Cost is $450 per four-person team — includes green fees, cart, eight drink tickets, snacks, breakfast and lunch. Proceeds benefit the SOTO Foundation. For more information, contact: toenjesc@osageschools.org.

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7 • OsageFest, one-stop for school and community resources. Osage High School, 3-7 p.m., sponsored by Osage Family Partnership. Food, prizes, immunizations, free dental/vision/hearing exams; physicals and haircuts.

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Think big when buying a fishing boat

TIPS FOR GETTING RIGGED ON LAKE OF THE OZARKS

Size matters when choosing a fishing boat for Lake of the Ozarks.

The performance and ride of a bass boat makes it the standard fishing boat for Lake of the Ozarks anglers. However even a fully-rigged bass boat with all the bells and whistles can run into trouble if it lacks the size to handle the Lake's rough waters created by heavy boat traffic.

The longer the bass boat, the better for the Lake of the Ozarks, suggests Chris Callahan, sales consultant at Boat WRX in Osage Beach. The boat dealership sells Bass Cat, Skeeter and Caymas fiberglass bass boats and Avid, Lowe and Xpress aluminum models.

"Typically guys around here are going to run the bigger 21-foot boats because of the rough water," Callahan says. "It kind of just depends on what they are looking for as far as do they want a big wide beam or do they want a smaller beam like a Bass Cat has for a faster boat."

Callahan notes a 19-foot bass boat can handle the Lake's turbulent water sometimes, but he recommends at least a 20-foot boat for the roughest water periods on the weekends.

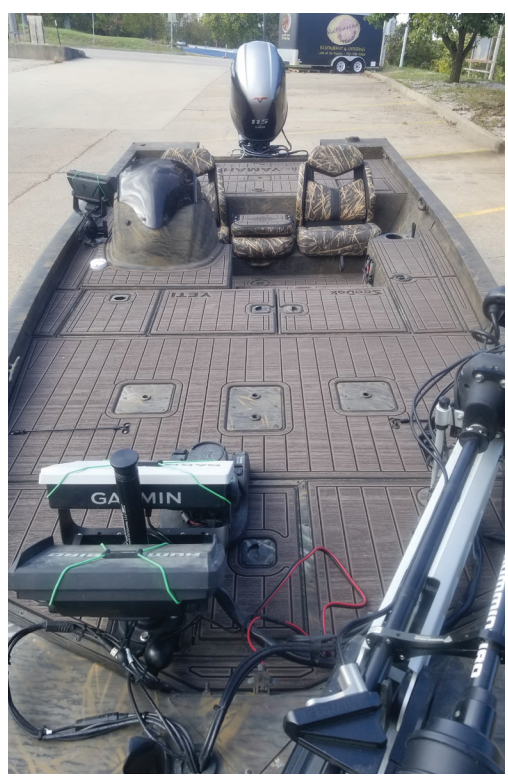
Picking the right horsepower outboard motor for your bass boat is simple. Every bass boat has a maximum horsepower rating recommended by the Coast Guard, so Callahan advises the boat should be powered to the max.

"All of these boats are tested with maximum horsepower," Callahan says. "Performance-wise you should stay with what the boat is rated for." He also suggests a bass boat rigged with a maximum horsepower engine will have a better resale value than an underpowered boat.

Most 21-foot bass boats are rated for 250 horsepower engines, according to Callahan. "Some of the lines will go up to 300's," he says. "Bass Cat has a 22-footer that you can put a 450 on the back. It all varies per manufacturer." Boat WRX bass boats are rigged with Yamaha or Mercury outboards.

The most popular propeller for running a bass boat on Lake of the Ozarks is a three-blade model. Callahan notes some anglers run a four blade prop on heavier bass boats to achieve a better hole shot.

Lake of the Ozarks anglers can be typically classified into three categories: hard core tournament competitors, recreational weekend anglers and panfish enthusiasts. Callahan notices all three types of anglers favor fully-rigged bass boats.



Bass Boats. PHOTOS PROVIDED

"Anymore you see more or less all of these guys – even the crappie fishermen are still running the same kind of setup as the bass fishermen are," he says. "It is all about preference."

Power and length are also important when choosing a trolling motor for your bass boat. "Typically on our 20- and 21-foot boats anymore we are running 36-volt, 112-pound thrust (Minn Kota) Ultrexes," Callahan says. "If you are fishing rougher water of course you want to get a longer shaft. Typically on a bass boat that is 45 inches, but most of the guys around here run 52-inch shafts just because of the waves. Most of the aluminum boats or the smaller 18-foot fiberglass boats are going to run 24-volt systems."

A full day of fishing on Lake of the Ozarks requires a lot of trolling motor use so long-lasting batteries are paramount. Boat WRX equips most of its bass boats with AGM 231 Series deep-cycle batteries, but Callahan has seen a demand from hard core tournament anglers for lithium batteries.

"Lithium weighs about one-eighth less than a standard battery does," Callahan says. "So you are taking that weight out of the boat and these tournament guys want to go fast so weight is a big deal. Lithium also seems to last longer. A lot of guys I have talked to who have lithium batteries said they can run them a full weekend without having to charge them."

Increased fishing pressure has caused anglers to equip their boats with the latest and greatest electronics for locating fish. Callahan notices a demand for Humminbird electronics, but the big seller lately is Garmin units with the Panoptix LiveScope technology, a sonar feature that scans in real time.

"Everybody wants a LiveScope on their rig," Callahan says. "There will still be guys running dual Humminbirds but they also have a Garmin unit up in the front with LiveScope."

Buying the right-sized, fully-equipped bass boat will help you catch more fish and handle the rough water when Lake of the Ozarks gets rocking and rolling.

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Bagnell Dam Report

The lake level was 659.3, generation of 37,000 CFS (cubic feet per second) throughout the week for a lake level of 659.0 by the weekend. Surface temperature at Bagnell Dam was 77 degrees. Truman Lake was at the 709.8 level. To Note: The Lower Lake is from the dam to the 22-mile mark; Mid-Lake is from the 22- to 44-mile mark, the Upper Osage is from the 44-mile mark to the Route 65 Bridge.

Tournament Results

Brock Bila won the two-day BassingBob Solo Sizzler last Thursday and Friday with 10 bass weighing 43.68 pounds.

Bagnell Dam spillway/Osage River

Water clarity: Stained. White bass: Good on swimbaits in the spillway area. Catfish: Good on cut shad and skipjack herring.

Lower Lake

Water clarity: Stained. Black bass: Good on jigs, finesse worms on drop shot rigs, crankbaits and shaky head worms along main lake points, ledges and brush piles. Crappie: Fair trolling crankbaits on the main channel. White bass: Good on topwater lures when surfacing on the main channel.

Gravois

Water clarity: Clear. Black bass: Fair on topwater lures, swimbaits, drop shot rigs with finesse worms, jigs and Texas-rigged plastic worms 10 to 15 feet deep along main and secondary points. Crappie: Fair trolling crankbaits on the main channel and the middle of creeks. White bass: Good on crankbaits, hair jigs and spinners when surfacing along main lake points.

Mid-Lake

Water clarity: Stained. Black bass: Fair on crankbaits,

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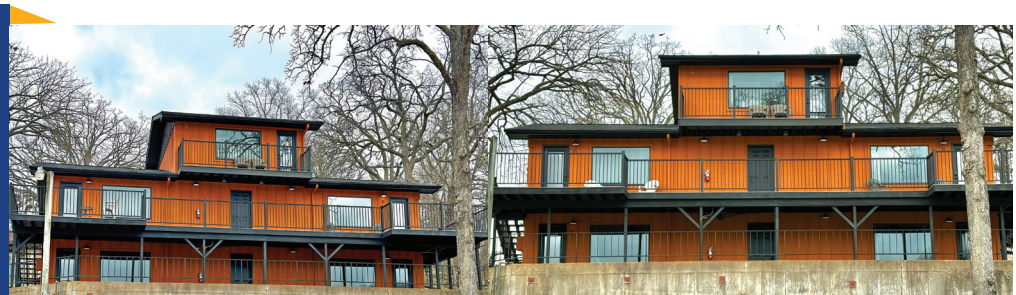

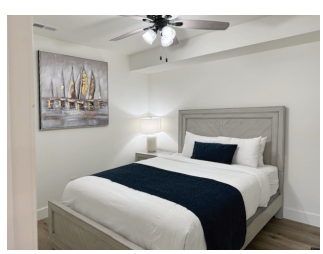

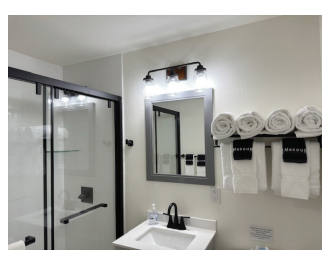

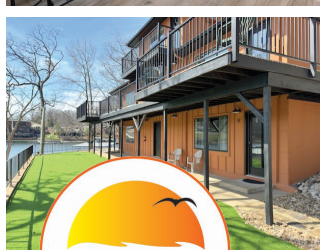

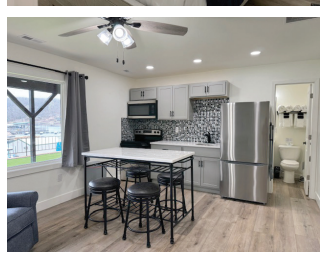

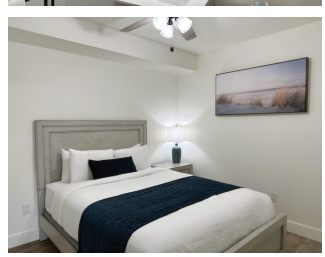

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Fisherman Brock Bila was the champion of the inaugural BassingBob Solo Sizzler Tournament on Thursday, June 6, held at Lake of the Ozarks State Park Pa-He-Tsi boat ramp in Osage Beach. Bila brought home the title with a total weight of 43.86 pounds after holding a day-one lead by reeling in a 23.57 pound lunker. PHOTO PROVIDED

swimbaits, shaky head worms and drop shot rigs with finesse worms along main lake points and ledges. Crappie: Good on jigs 5 to 25 feet deep along main lake docks.

Grand Glaize

Water clarity: Clear. Black bass: Good on crankbaits and shaky head worms in brush piles along main lake points. Crappie: Fair on jigs in brush 15 to 20 feet deep.

Niangua

Water clarity: Muddy. Black bass: Slow on crankbaits and suspending stickbaits along rocky main lake banks. Crappie: Slow on jigs in brush 15 to 20 feet deep.

Upper Osage

Water clarity: Muddy. Black bass: Fair on topwater lures, shaky head worms and jigs along main lake bluffs and points. Crappie: Slow on minnows in brush 20 to 25 feet deep. Catfish: Excellent on cut shad and sunfish, goldfish, prepared baits and nightcrawlers.

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Upcoming Golf Tournaments

Ladies Scramble Invitational
When: July 13-14
Where: Lake Valley Golf Club
Cost: $400 entry fee includes 36 holes of golf with cart, skins and closest-to-the-hole prizes, lunch for players each day, and a tee gift. A practice round is available for $30 during the tournament weekend.
For more information, contact: 573-346-7218 or visit www.lakevalleygolf.com.

Two-Man Scramble Invitational
When: Aug. 3-4
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 pari-mutuel on Sunday. A practice round is available for $30 during the tournament weekend.
For more information, contact: 573-346-7218 or visit www.lakevalleygolf.com.

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
Cost: $450 per four-person team – includes green fees, cart, eight drink tickets, snacks, breakfast and lunch. Proceeds benefit the SOTO Foundation.
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
Cost: $400 per team. Practice rounds will be open on Friday, Aug. 23, ($30 cart fee).
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).

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When: Sept. 23; Registration and check-in begins at 10:30 a.m. Tournament welcome at 12:30 p.m.
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The Benefits of Golf on your Health

Golf is inherently not thought of as a strenuous workout, so what kinds of health benefits can you actually get? Most sports like football, basketball and tennis are considered high-impact sports. Golf, on the other hand, is low impact but actually has many health benefits high-impact sports don't have.

Golf is especially beneficial if you walk, but riding in a cart can also provide some necessary and beneficial long-term health benefits. The low impact workout of golf is much kinder on your joints and can lead to a lifetime of enjoyment. Golf's health benefits can continue throughout your lifetime where those high-impact sports we loved as kids will not. The motion of the golf swing can keep your body active and your muscles stretched and strong to prevent nagging injuries in your back and joints as we age.

If you walk and play you can expect to walk anywhere from three to six miles, and you can burn anywhere between 350 to 475 calories each hour you play.

With every swing you make, you are using and testing your arms, back and core muscles. Most players will make between 30 and 50 full swings in 18 holes, and this coinciding with walking will be a great full body workout.

By playing golf and staying physically fit you will be able to play into your senior years. Studies have proven golf lowers hip fractures by 35 to 68 percent in older people. Diabetes is lowered by 30 to 40 percent and stroke potential is lowered by 20 to 35 percent. Walking 2.5 hours a week reduces your risk of a heart attack by up to 40 percent, which for any avid golfer should be well attainable with just one or two rounds of golf per week, depending if you ride a cart or walk.

The mental health aspects of golf can't be overlooked either, especially over the last two-plus years of the pandemic. The social nature of golf, even during the last few years, has been one of the few places you could physically have some social interaction with others without having to wear a mask. Lack of social interaction can lead to depression, anxiety, stress and other mental health issues. Playing golf outside in the fresh air has been proven by numerous studies to help alleviate stress and will restore and rejuvenate your mind from mental fatigue.

I believe the social nature of the game spurred a resurgence in the popularity of the game over the past couple of years. People were locked in their homes for days and months on end without interacting with others besides via Zoom, increasing the popularity of golf. People started flocking to the golf course to see friends, interact and be normal for a few hours before heading back to reality. Golf courses may not have been on the front lines of the pandemic, like healthcare workers, police and others directly involved in curbing and curing the virus, but we believe we played a vital role in the mental health of many. We provided a safe space for them to enjoy the outdoors, interact with friends and clear their minds of daily stress. Golf provided that outlet for stress and anxiety and hopefully we helped a lot people deal with the daily grind in a more positive and meaningful fashion.

Golf also mentally challenges you and keeps your brain sharp. You must keep focused, plan moves and execute strategies. By keeping your mind active, you focus more on your game and less on things that are stressful or sad. Playing golf releases "feel good" endorphins to combat anxiety and depression. A 2009 Swedish study concluded that golfers have an increased life expectancy of about five years.

Golfers know that golf can be a frustrating game and we take for granted the beauty of our surroundings. During the pandemic new and old golfers alike rekindled their love for the game. Golfers came to the course to get away from the pressures of life and in turn helped their mental and physical wellbeing in the process.

Now that the pandemic is in the rear view mirror, golfers continue to head to the course for fun, relaxation, social interaction and a healthier lifestyle. What are you waiting for? Head to your local course and take a lesson, play nine or just take in the fresh air and enjoy the benefits of golf!

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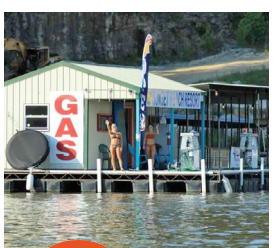

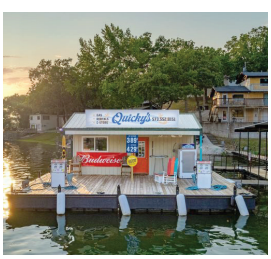

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Summer Boating

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Summer solstice is here and so is the heat and with summer boating season is in full swing. It's the time of year for water sports, fishing off boat docks or catamarans, and just simply enjoying that summer sun. But it's also the time of year when it can get dangerously hot. It can be difficult to know just how to stay cool when working outside in the heat for hours at a time. That's why taking the proper summer heat safety precautions is a must. Follow these summer heat safety tips, and you'll be cool and comfortable all day long.

STAY HYDRATED

One of the most basic (and one of the most forgotten) ways to keep your body cool on hot days is by keeping yourself hydrated. When your body is hot, it perspires as a way to regulate your body temperature. So, you need to frequently replenish liquids in order to remain hydrated on extra hot days. Even if you don't feel thirsty, you need to drink plenty of water in order to keep your body cool. If you don't drink enough fluids, you may run the risk of getting sick with sun or heatstroke.

Make sure to bring extra water if you're going fishing on a particularly hot day. You should be drinking at least one quart of water every hour. We know a cold beer sounds nice, but alcoholic and caffeinated drinks should be avoided. They can ultimately worsen effects from the heat.

AVOID THE HOTTEST TIMES OF THE DAY

Try to get the majority of your fishing done during the coolest parts of the day (4 a.m. to 7 a.m.) If you can, avoid going out during the hottest points of the day (11 a.m. to 4 p.m.), but if this can't be avoided, make sure to drink plenty of water.

PROTECT YOUR EYES

With intense UV rays from the sun while out on the water, it's important to protect your eyes. Opt for polarized lenses that can help to cut down on the sun's glare on the water.

USE SUNSCREEN

Being out on a boat all day under the hot sun can be extremely dangerous. With no precautions in place, it can lead to sunburns, skin damage and, in some cases, skin cancer. You need to use sunscreen on a regular basis if you want to protect your skin from harmful UV rays; it's one of the most important hot weather tips we can share with you. And don't be fooled by cloudy conditions, you're still at risk even when the sun isn't out.

Adults should be using a minimum of SPF 15 and children should be using at least 30. When boating or fishing, you should be using a sport sunscreen that's both waterproof and sweat proof. Apply sunscreen 20 minutes before going in the sun and make sure to re-apply multiple times throughout the day.

WEAR PROTECTIVE CLOTHING

Did you know that many fishing gear companies make clothing engineered to not only wick away sweat, but also offer 35 to 50 SPF protection from UV rays? While this is a fantastic option, don't feel that you have to shell out for an all-new outfit to go fishing. Here are some tips you can likely follow with what's already in your closet.

- Opt for light, loose-fitting, breathable fabrics in light colors.
- Don't count out long-sleeve tops or long pants. By keeping these on hand, you can give your arms and legs a break from the sun while staying cool.
- Don't wear shoes or socks (they're known to trap heat). Instead, wear a pair of sandals or open-toed shoes.
- Wear a hat, even if it's a simple baseball hat, in order to keep the sun off your face, neck, ears and shoulders. The wider the brim, the better!

Use The Buddy System

On hot days, it can be a literal lifesaver to utilize the age-old buddy system. Don't go out fishing alone; bring a fishing buddy, relative or friend along so you can watch out for each other in case someone gets sunstroke.

BRING A MISTER

While you're out the lake or ocean, portable misters are just the thing to cool you down and keep the summer heat at bay. Fill it up with ice cold water and ice cubes in the beginning of the day and you'll be set for the rest of your boating day trip.

TAKE COVER

If it's extremely hot out, sometimes it's best to just stay out of the sun if you can help it. If your boat has a cabin or shaded area, take breaks whenever you can. If your boat doesn't have any shade, consider dividing up your fishing outing with a mid-day break and going back to shore for lunch or a nice nap.

TAKE A DIP

A great way to cool off when the sun gets to be too much is by simply jumping in the water. It's all around you, why not take advantage of it? By taking frequent dips, you'll stay cool all day long.

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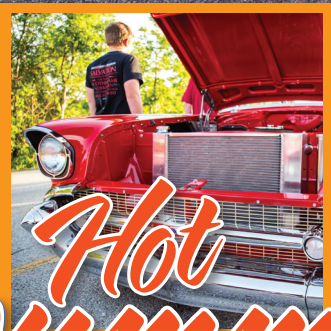

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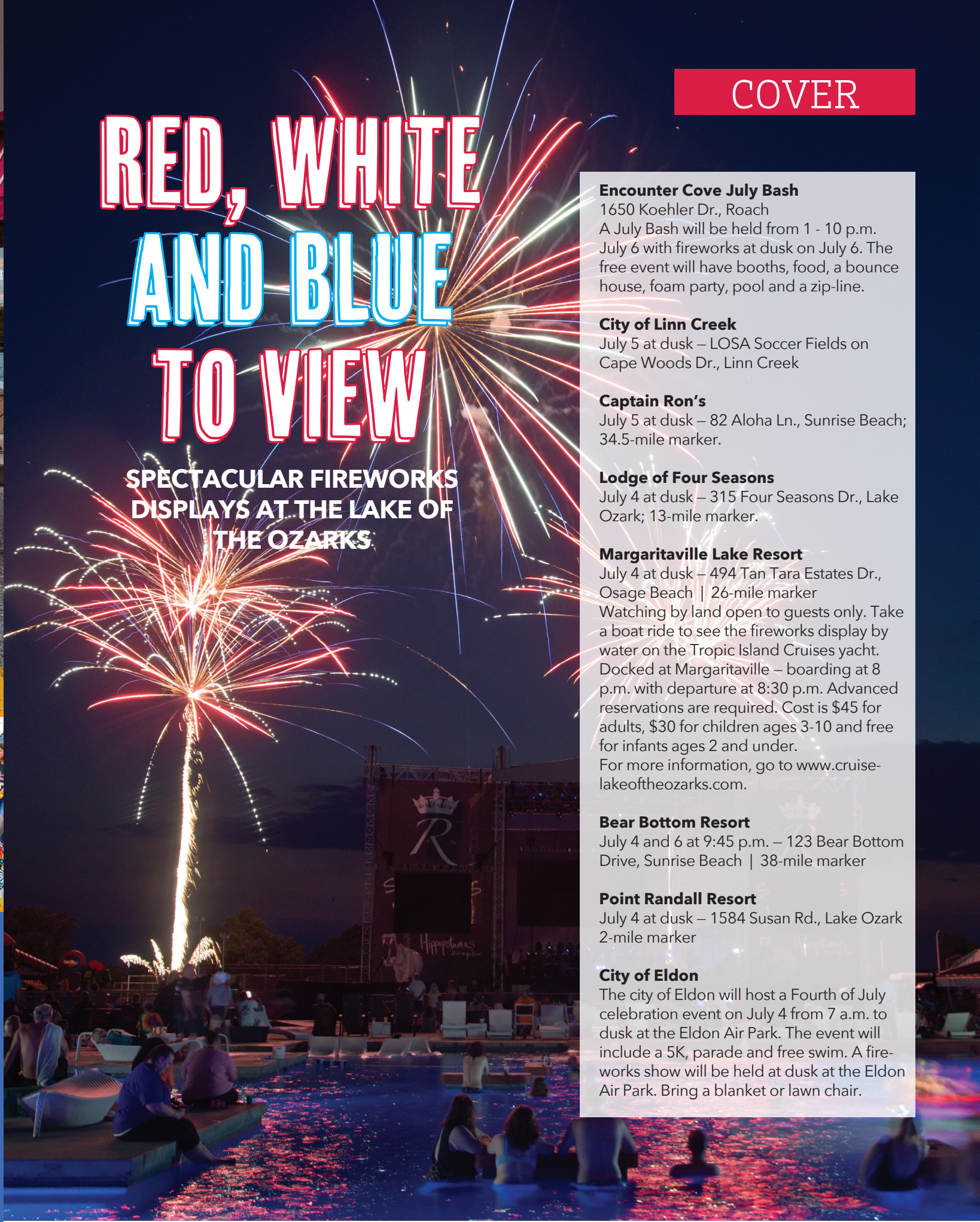

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A July Bash will be held from 1 - 10 p.m. July 6 with fireworks at dusk on July 6. The free event will have booths, food, a bounce house, foam party, pool and a zip-line.

City of Linn Creek
July 5 at dusk – LOSA Soccer Fields on Cape Woods Dr., Linn Creek

Captain Ron's
July 5 at dusk – 82 Aloha Ln., Sunrise Beach; 34.5-mile marker.

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July 4 at dusk – 315 Four Seasons Dr., Lake Ozark; 13-mile marker.

Margaritaville Lake Resort
July 4 at dusk – 494 Tan Tara Estates Dr., Osage Beach | 26-mile marker
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City of Eldon
The city of Eldon will host a Fourth of July celebration event on July 4 from 7 a.m. to dusk at the Eldon Air Park. The event will include a 5K, parade and free swim. A fireworks show will be held at dusk at the Eldon Air Park. Bring a blanket or lawn chair.

AQUAPALOOZA

PHOTOS BY GEORGE DENNY

Gas up the boat and head to Captain Ron's for an afternoon of live music on the water. Aqua-Palooza is the largest boat party of the year. Held Saturday, July 20, at the 34.5-mile marker, tie up the boat and float out while five bands take the stage from 12-5 p.m. Live music, vendors on land and prizes will be held all day long.

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MID-MO CANNA-PALOOZA AT THE LAKE

The first annual Mid-Mo Canna-Palooza at the Glaize Festival will be held Saturday, June 29, at The Inn at Grand Glaize celebrating diversity through the art of Cannabis, music, food and cultural performances.

Door entry

Pregame Friday, June 28, from 5 - 9 p.m. Entry fee is $5.

Saturday, June 29, show entry from 12 to 9 p.m. with a $5 entry fee.

Sponsors will be hosting an after-party from 10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. with a $5 entry fee.

Don't miss your chance to experience this exciting celebration of cannabis. Purchase your room stay today and join for a fun weekend of music, art, and cannabis culture.

With a two-day minimum accommodation (Friday and Saturday night stay) at The Inn, you will be given wristbands for full access to all events.

Lineup

The festival will feature performances by artists from the local area. Slapnasty Entertainment will be at the Pregame Party Friday night from 5 - 9 p.m. DJ B.O.B. with Q Audio will perform Saturday from 12 - 4 p.m. with Yeah Buoy finishing off the night.

Accommodations

If you're traveling to the Canna-Palooza Festival from out of town, The Inn at Grand Glaize offers lake-view guest rooms with private balconies, refrigerators, microwaves and wireless internet. Many rooms have interconnecting doors. A full-service restaurant and lounge with a fantastic lake view, huge indoor hot tub, sauna and fitness center are also available. An outdoor pool is at the water's edge with an adjacent, full-service marina offering boat rentals with free open boat slips. To reserve your two-day stay, visit https://innatgrandglaize.com and use code CANNAR to book.

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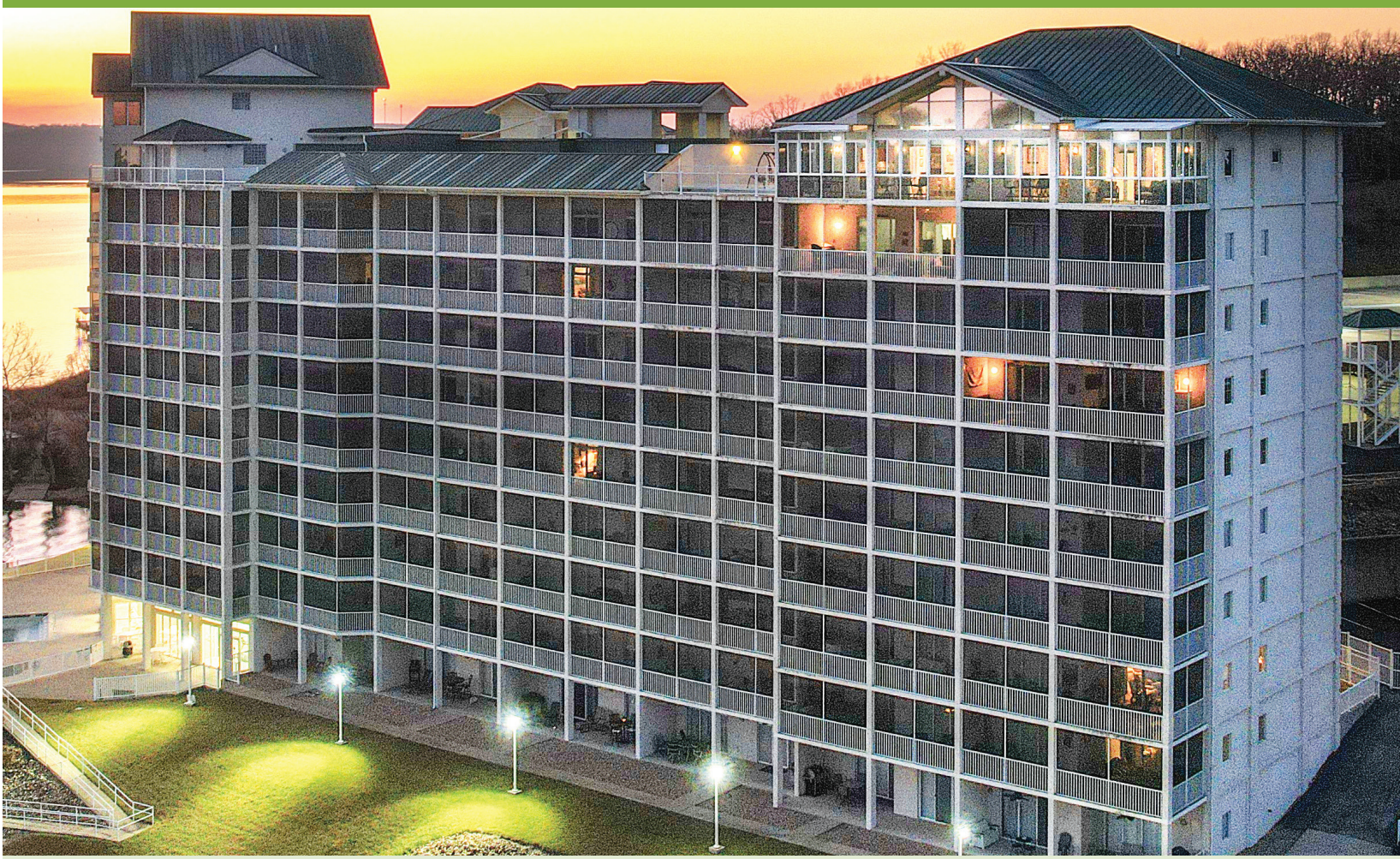

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LOWER HOME COOLING BILLS: Six tips for saving this summer

The YORK® brand of Johnson Controls, the global leader for smart, healthy and sustainable buildings, has compiled six proven tips to help homeowners reduce cooling bills this spring and summer as energy costs nationwide remain above pre-pandemic rates.

The Energy Information Administration (EIA) estimates that home cooling accounts for 12% of the average household's monthly electric bills. As many homeowners experience higher-than-average utility costs, simple HVAC upgrades and routine maintenance can help reduce cooling expenditures by improving system efficiency. Before setting the thermostat to cool, homeowners should try these cost-saving tips:

*** Replace Filters and Clean Vents:**

HVAC filters help keep dust and debris from being recirculated throughout a home. However, when these filters become too full, they can limit airflow and cause the blower to work harder. Maintaining a filter replacement routine can help improve efficiency and extend the life of the HVAC system. For most systems, the recommendation is to replace the filter every one to three months, but homeowners should follow the frequency indicated by the HVAC system manufacturer. Routinely cleaning the grates of the air vents will also help to maintain efficient airflow.

*** Schedule Preventative Maintenance:**

The Indoor Air Quality Association (IAQA) estimates that routine HVAC maintenance can reduce annual heating and cooling bills by as much as 30%. Routine maintenance involves cleaning and inspecting the evaporator coil, examining the drain pan and condensation line, evaluating blowers and fans, testing system controls and checking refrigerant levels. Establishing a routine of scheduled service prior to the hottest and coldest times of the year - when HVAC systems are used most - will ensure equipment is in peak working condition and can even help to reduce costly repairs over time.

*** Cover Windows:**

The Department of Energy (DOE) estimates that as much as 76% of the sunlight that hits a standard, double-pane window will transfer as heat into the home. Window coverings of nearly any nature will help to reduce solar heat gains, especially when installed in south-facing rooms or homes with little to no exterior shade. But for the greatest energy reduction, homeowners should opt for insulated cellular shades certified by the Attachments Energy Rating Council (AERC). These specially designed shades incorporate an interior layer of insulation and can reduce solar heat that enters through the windows by as much as 60%.

*** Inspect and Seal Ductwork:**

EnergyStar estimates that as much as 20% of HVAC efficiency is lost to poorly connected or damaged ductwork. An HVAC technician can inspect the ductwork throughout a home and evaluate the system's air supply and return balance. Airflow imbalances could be a sign of damage, loose seals or even that the ductwork isn't sized correctly. Ductwork located within basements, attics or crawl spaces can also be a point of efficiency loss if the ductwork isn't properly insulated.

*** Update the Thermostat:**

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) estimates that the average homeowner could reduce their annual heating and cooling bills by as much as 10% by using a programmable thermostat to reduce HVAC demands overnight or while away from the home. Some smart thermostats incorporate geo-fencing features to further reduce energy use by detecting homeowners' proximity to the house and adjusting the temperature based on home and away settings. Some thermostats can even alert homeowners to potential system issues and provide the option to grant their HVAC contractor with remote service access.

*** Utilize Inflation Reduction Act Savings:**

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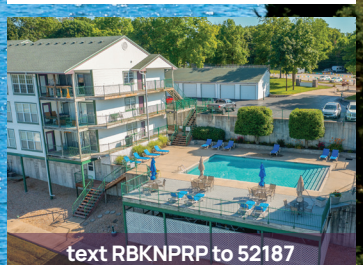

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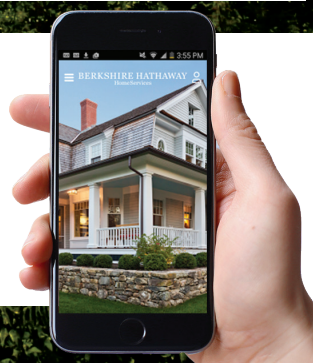

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Lake Regional team members gather for team pickleball at Community Christian Church in Camdenton. Dr. Fears is pictured front and center at a March gathering. PHOTO PROVIDED

"People of all ages love pickleball," says Jeffrey Fears, M.D., who cares for adult patients at Lake Regional Clinic – Lake Ozark. "It's easy to catch on, and even beginners can have a fun, competitive game."

MORE THAN FUN

Pickleball provides a wide range of health benefits, including:

•Cardiovascular fitness. Pickleball keeps players moving and engaged, providing a cardiovascular workout.

•Better balance. The game requires quick movements and precise shots, which helps improve balance and coordination.

•Bone strength. The weight-bearing nature of pickleball (meaning it gets people up on their feet) can strengthen bones and reduce the risk of osteoporosis.

•Weight management. A game of pickleball can burn hundreds of calories.

•Mental focus. Players must strategize and anticipate their opponent's moves, sharpening mental focus and agility.

•Social connection. Whether playing singles or doubles, pickleball encourages interaction and camaraderie.

•Stress relief. Engaging in physical activity releases endorphins, reducing stress and promoting a sense of wellbeing.

"So if you're looking for a fun way to improve your physical and mental health, grab a paddle and give pickleball a try," Dr. Fears says.

GAME BASICS

Pickleball combines elements of tennis, badminton and ping pong. It's played on a badminton-sized court with a net a little lower than a tennis net. The paddles are wooden – like oversized ping pong paddles – and the ball is hard plastic with holes – similar to a Wiffle ball.

BASIC RULES INCLUDE:

•Each player or doubles team aims to hit the ball over the net and into the opponent's court.

•The serving player must stand behind the baseline and hit the ball diagonally into the opposite court. Serves must be underhand and outside a "no-volley zone" near the net.

•The receiving opponent returns the ball within bounds and outside the no-volley zone.

•Once the ball bounces on each side, a volley ensues.

•Points are scored when the receiving team fails to return the ball or commits a fault, such as hitting the ball out of bounds. Only the serving team can score, and the serving team continues to serve until committing a fault.

•The first team to reach the winning score, with a two-point advantage, wins the game. Most games are played to 11, 15 or 21 points.

WHERE TO PLAY

The following pickleball courts are open to the public. Bring your own paddles and balls. Please call the facilities to check hours.

Camdenton
Community Christian Church
1064 N. Business Route 5
camdentondisciples.org
573.346.5546
3 indoor hard courts with permanent lines. Portable nets available.

Osage Beach
Peanick Park
800 State Highway 42
osagebeach-mo.gov
573.302.7460, ext. 3000
2 outdoor acrylic courts with permanent lines. Call ahead to check out a net or bring your own. Free.

Tri-County YMCA of the Ozarks
950 Airport Road
lakeymca.org
573.348.9230
3 indoor hard courts with permanent lines. Portable nets available. Fee or membership required.

Gravois Mills
Bass Point Resort
33510 Bass Point Road
basspoint.com
573.374.5205
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Lebanon
Lebanon Family YMCA
500 E. Elm St.
orymca.org/lebanon
417.588.1177
3 indoor hard court with semi-permanent lines. Portable nets available. Fee or membership required. $20 monthly pickleball pass available.

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Here is a list of municipal and public facilities where you can spend a relaxing afternoon poolside.

Versailles pool. PHOTO PROVIDED

OUTDOOR POOLS

Camdenton Aquatic Center
109 City Park Road, Camdenton

Water depth ranges from a zero entry to 4'6". The pool has a 2.5 story slide, bubble bench, interactive play areas, and lap swimming. Restrooms and concession stand.
Open from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. daily. Admission is $5; $3 for ages 2-13.
Pool parties, season passes and swim lessons available.
www.camdentoncity.com

Eldon Aquatic Center
500 Franklin Ave., Eldon

Enjoy water slides, dump buckets, animal water floatables, water fountains, water basketball and lap pool. Showers/ locker rooms and concession stand available.
Hours are Monday-Saturday 12 - 6 p.m. and Sunday 1 - 6 p.m.
Admission is $4 for adults; and $2 for children 3 and under, 65 and older and military personnel with ID.
Water fitness, family swim nights, private pool parties and several pass options available.
www.eldonmo.org

Versailles City Pool
806 E. Magnolia, Versailles

This pool has a water slide, dump buckets and plenty of areas to splash around.
Hours are Monday-Saturday 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Sunday 12 - 5 p.m.
Admission is free for children under 1 year old; $1 for ages 1-3; $3 for ages 4-59; and $1 for ages 65 and older.
The pool can be reserved for parties. Concession area and bathrooms available.
www.cityofversaillesmo.com

Big Surf Waterpark
954 State Rd. Y, Linn Creek

For more of a thrill, this waterpark has a variety of rides and attractions for all ages. Drop down the Lake's largest half pipe at Zambezi Falls. Enjoy a ride in a tube on the Lazy River. Ride the waves in the wave pool. Take the younger kids to Splash Island where the zero-entry pool and water activities will keep them busy. Food, snacks and drinks available at Surfside Grill.
Season passes, cabana rentals, birthday and group parties available.
Hours are 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. through Aug. 17 and Labor Day weekend.
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Admission is $5 for ages 2-17; $7 for adults; $6 for seniors 60 and older; and adult aerobics costs $10 per class.
Private group and swim lessons available in the summer.
www.westlakeaquaticcenter.com

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494 Tan-Tar-A Drive (Margaritaville Lake Resort), Osage Beach

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Hours are: Monday 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Closed Tuesday and Wednesday; Thursday 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Friday 12 - 10 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.; and Sunday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Admission is $20 for hotel guests; $25 for non-hotel guests; and ages 2 and under free.
www.margaritavilleresortlakeoft-heozarks.com/play/jolly-mon-indoor-water-park

Bear Bottom waterslide. PHOTO PROVIDED

WATERFRONT BARS/ RESTAURANTS

If you are looking for a pool with plenty of food, live music and cocktails, several waterfront bars and restaurants are the place to visit. Here are a few to check out: Dog Days, Backwater Jacks, The Encore, Redhead Lakeside Grill/High Tide, Landshark Bar & Grill, Camden on the Lake, Boathouse, Lazy Gators, Bear Bottom Resort, Coconuts/Bananas Waterpark, Hippopotamus Swim-up Bar/Regalia Hotel & Conference Center, Tap & Grill.

BBQ

TIPS TO SAVE WHEN SHOPPING FOR YOUR JULY FOURTH BARBECUE

Barbecues are part and parcel of July Fourth celebrations. Such get-togethers might be even more notable in 2024, when Independence Day falls on a Thursday. That means many people will likely be taking off on Friday, July 5, which adds another day to celebrate with friends and family around the grill this year. Opportunities to entertain will abound this July, and that can take a toll on hosts' pocketbooks. As the holiday approaches, individuals planning to host a July 4 barbecue can heed these tips to save on food and supplies at the grocery store.

· Ask guests to bring a side and/or beverages. Hot dogs and hamburgers may garner the bulk of the culinary attention at a July 4 barbecue, but side dishes are necessary as well. When inviting guests, ask each to bring a side dish or dessert. Potato salad, mixed greens, pasta salad, chickpea salad, and other cold fare go well with traditional barbecue favorites, and asking guests to bring these along can save hosts substantial amounts of money. If guests can't bring food, ask them to bring beverages like soft drinks, iced tea, beer, or wine.

· Shop ahead. Hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken breasts, and other summer grilling favorites can be frozen and thawed out come the day of the barbecue. Shopping ahead for such items, as well as beverages, can help hosts spread out the cost of hosting, which can make it easier to manage the cost of throwing a party, particularly if the guest list figures to be sizable.

· Consider less expensive cuts of meat. If steak is on the menu at your Independence Day barbecue, consider purchasing less expensive cuts of meat. The Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Association notes that chuck cuts like flat-iron steaks and petite filets are flavorful cuts that won't cost nearly as much as rib-eyes and New York strip steaks. Hosts also can save on burgers by purchasing ground beef and creating their own patties as opposed to purchasing pre-made hamburgers from their grocer's meat department. The HPBA notes that chicken thighs, legs or quarters also tend to be less expensive than chicken breasts.

· Grill up healthy fare. Vegetables are less expensive than meat and poultry, and there's many ways to prepare veggies over an open flame. Grilled vegetable skewers are flavorful and popular, and guests might appreciate some nutritious fare to counter all the less healthy items they're accustomed to eating at July 4 barbecues.

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Chris and Kendra with their children. PHOTO PROVIDED

Located in Camdenton, The Funky Buffalo offers a full menu of drinks and eats alongside a boutique of unique and stylish pieces.

Chris and Kendra are originally from Omaha, Neb., but moved to the Lake in early Janurary. The high school sweethearts have been married for almost 12 years and have three children – a 9-year-old son, 7-year-old daughter and a 3-month-old baby girl.

Their family has been visiting the lake for about 15 years, and has been coming nearly every weekend in the summer since 2012. Both of the couple's parents have been full-time lake residents for several years, so the two have been searching for a way to bring their family to the lake full-time as well.

Three years ago Chris told Kendra she needed to visit The Funky Buffalo while visiting the lake. Kendra said she and her mother met for coffee and it was in that instant she fell in love with the shop.

"It was over from there," she said. "I sent pictures and videos back to Chris that day saying, 'this is it… THIS is exactly what I have been envisioning for my boutique and coffee shop!'"

One of The Funky Buffalo's summer specials: blue raspberry sprite with cherry Boba. PHOTO PROVIDED

Kendra said she discussed her dreams of opening a coffee shop with her husband for years. Her goal was to open a shop where parents could bring their kids and be offered fun, off-screen activities. She said she also wanted a large enough space for customers to be able to conduct business meetings without disruption from other guests.

After expressing how much she loved The Funky Buffalo, Chris suggested she reach out to Ron and Nicole Duggan, the owners at the time, and let them know she was interested if they ever decided to sell the place. Kendra said this was difficult for her to do because there were so many "what-ifs."

She finally mustered the courage to contact the Duggan's in September of 2022, expressing she was interested if/when they wanted to sell the shop. She didn't, however, expect the quick response she received.

"Nicole messaged back that same day, 'I can call you today,'" Kendra said.

After that phone call, Kendra and Chris listed their house for sale, welcomed their third child on Nov. 7 and purchased their new home in Four Seasons the same day they returned from the hospital. The family celebrated birthdays, Thanksgiving and Christmas in Omaha, packed their belongings and moved to the lake in early January. Kendra took full ownership of The Funky Buffalo by the end of the month.

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The Funky Buffalo now offers a full-service coffee shop, breakfast items and even a lunch menu. The location is also home to Kendra's boutique that she's owned and operated online for seven years.

Kendra also switched out the coffee served to their own private label coffee, BossMom-Coffee. They began selling this private label coffee three years ago in honor of Chris' younger brother, Ryan, who was only 26 when he lost his battle to Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. All net proceeds of coffee, bracelets and awareness shirts/hoodies are donated to veteran suicide prevention programs and other veteran organizations.

"It has been a wild ride, but no doubt God knew exactly what he was doing when he planted us here, right now, at this moment, at this exact time," Kendra said.

The Funky Buffalo's own, private label, whole bean coffee. A portion of their net proceeds of coffee, awareness bracelets and veteran shirts are donated to veteran suicide prevention programs and other veteran organizations.

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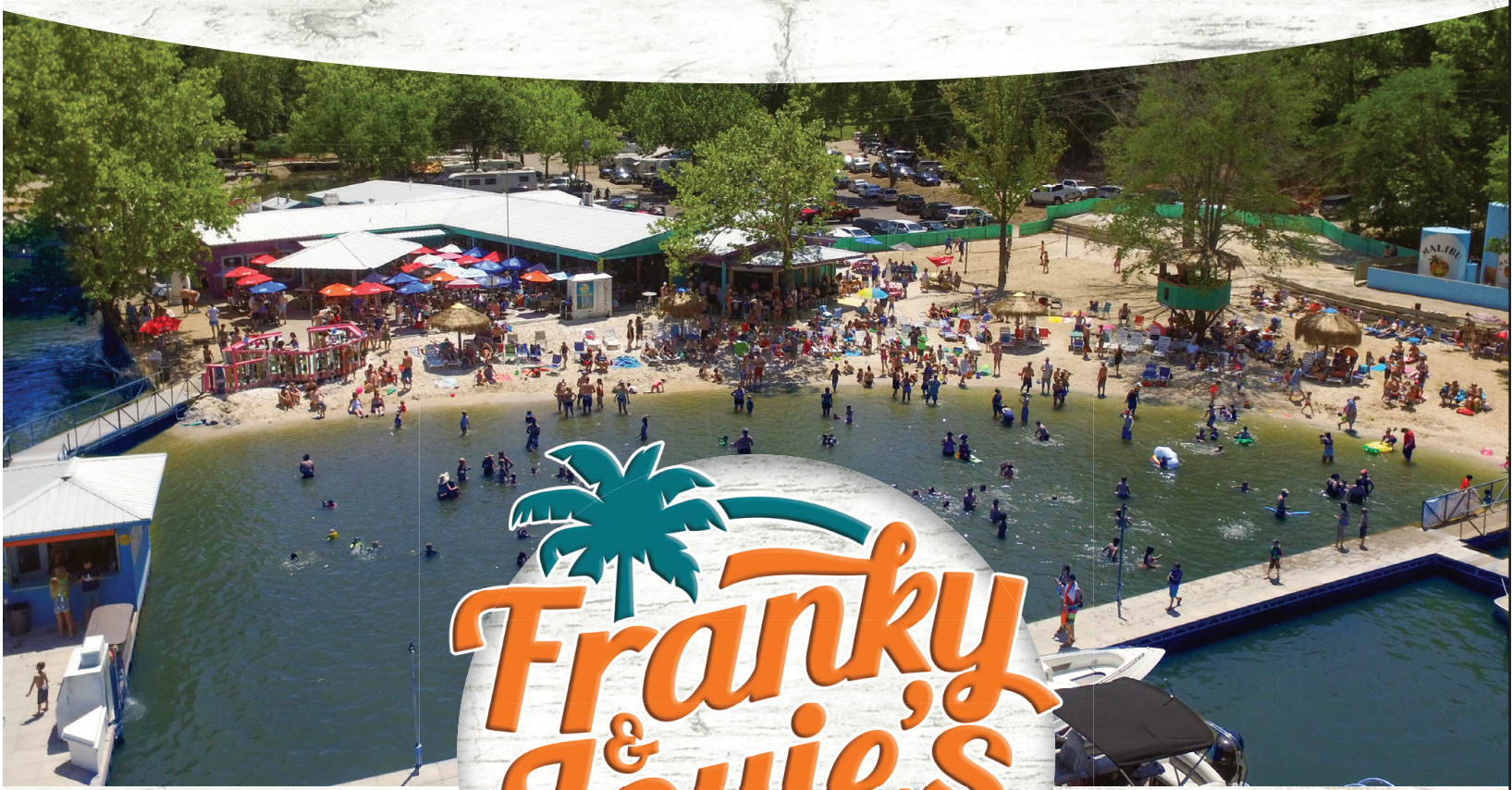

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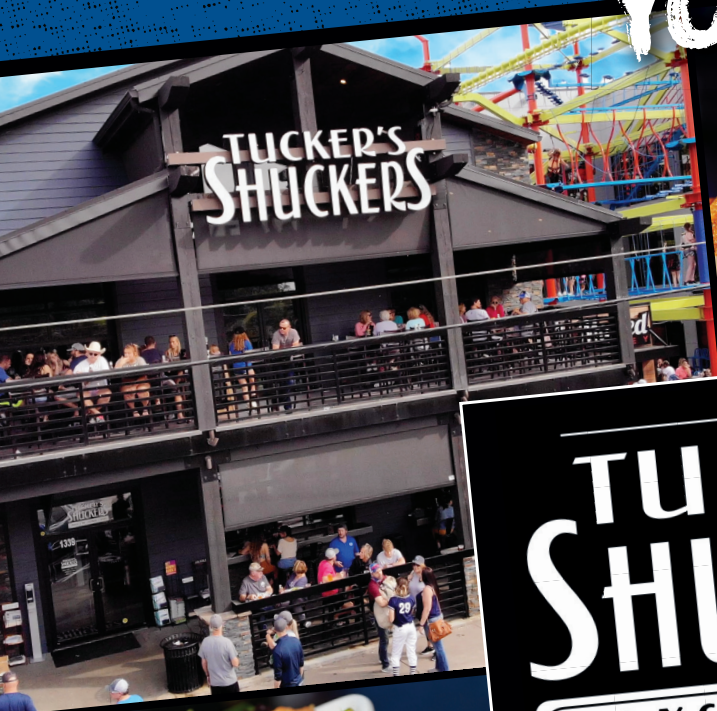

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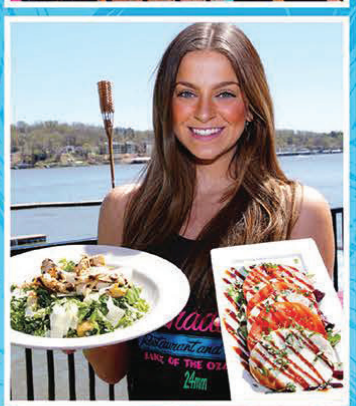

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TOP 5 AT THE LAKE

The 5 Best Dining On The Water at Lake of the Ozarks

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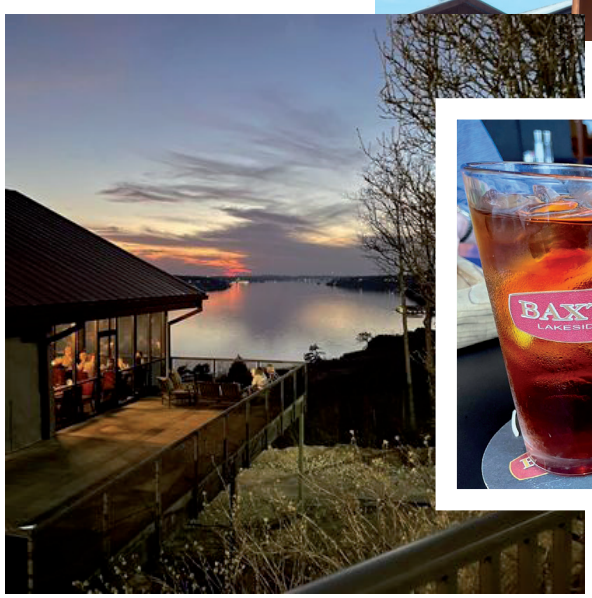

Baxter's Lakeside Grille

In the picturesque area of Lake of the Ozarks, there is no shortage of beautiful waterfront views. Whether it's the serene Lake of the Ozarks or the tranquil Gravois Arm, there are plenty of options for a scenic dining experience. But when it comes to the ultimate combination of delicious food and stunning waterside ambiance, these five restaurants stood out among readers as the best of the best. Voted by readers as the "Best Dining on the Water 2024," these winners have set a new standard for waterfront dining. From fresh seafood to juicy steaks, each restaurant offers a unique and diverse menu to cater to all tastes. And of course, the unbeatable views only add to the overall dining experience. So without further ado, let's discover the five winners that have captured the hearts and appetites of readers in the Ozarks. Shorty Pants Lakeside Cajun Restaurant & Marina took home the number-one spot this year. They have "great Cajun food" and nobody can beat their entertainment nights.

1. Shorty Pants Lakeside Cajun Restaurant & Marina
1680 Autumn Lane, Osage Beach

What locals are saying:
- Love so much! Especially entertainment nights!!
- Just an all around nice place to go.
- Great Cajun food.

2. Baxter's Lakeside Grille
2124 Bagnell Dam Boulevard, Lake Ozark

What locals are saying:
- Best view, best service, best food.
- Bartenders are great, new addition for even better view.
- No place to compare with fine dining on the lake.

3. Redhead Lakeside Grill And Yacht Club
1700 Yacht Club Drive, Osage Beach

What locals are saying:
- Consistent quality and great dock staff
- Top notch food!
- Gluten free options!

4. Backwater Jacks
4341 Beach Drive, Osage Beach

What locals are saying:
- Always my favorite! Great friendly people!
- Absolute BEST food and atmosphere!!
- Food is always good and good prices.

5. The Fish and Company
268 Wego Fish Lane, Camdenton

What locals are saying:
- Great food, Great atmosphere, Great time!
- Awesome food, drinks & staff!!
- Great little place to go.

MILLER COUNTY FAIR

The Miller County Fair is being held June 22-29. A variety of activities were held during the week, but there is still plenty of fun to be had this weekend. Stop by the Miller County Fairgrounds, located at East 8th Street in Eldon, to join in on a great time!

Friday, June 28
Morning:
10 a.m. – Youth livestock judging contest.
Evening:
5 p.m. – Livestock auction buyers' dinner.
6:30 p.m. – Livestock auction.
7 p.m. – Exhibits released.
7:30 p.m. – Figure 8 derby.

Saturday, June 29
Evening:
7 p.m. – Demolition derby.

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STORY BY VICKI WOOD

Getting to know the Sax Man: *Michael Byington*

For nearly 20 years Michael Byington has been one of the many talented musicians providing fans with subtle music to enjoy during dinner or cocktails at Lake of the Ozarks. He performs regularly at a variety of entertainment venues and restaurants.

He may be a solo act now, but Byington began in a band, "Code Blue" in St. Louis, sharing the stage with such acts as Phil Driscoll, The Greg Kihn Band, and Darrell Evans.

These days, the 30-year veteran "saxophone man" is content to back himself up with an electronic track piano and master the stage by himself.

Way back, he says, Byington's astute ear caught the tunes of the famous saxophone artist Boots Randolph. Everyone knew Randolph's hit "Yakety Sax" and Byington took Randolph's influence and began his own musical journey, beginning saxophone lessons in the fourth grade.

In high school he joined his first group, the school jazz band. But his musical aspirations got thrown a curveball. The young musician developed a degenerative eye disease that would eventually lead to his blindness. His love of saxophone music pushed him past any thought of stopping due to the vision impairment. While the conditioned worsened, Byington continued to study and practice, even as the music pages became more difficult to read.

After obtaining an assistance canine, Byington pursued a college degree at Webster University in St. Louis.

Since playing with Code Blue in St. Louis, his musical journeys have led him to produce CDs. The latest, titled Shades of a Soul, contains 12 tracks including some old favorites like "Try a Little Tenderness" and "It's Too Late." He is self produced and sells his CDs at his live appearances.

He had this to say about the latest release, "I have a great passion for music. I love many musical genres and styles. And down deep,

Mike Byington performing at the opening of Lakeview Terrace Event Center's new Speakeasy in April. PHOTO BY VICKI WOOD

I am a hopeless romantic. A good love song touches me at my very core. These are the reasons that my first project in over seven years is "Shades of a Soul". "Shades of a Soul" is a collection of timeless, clas-

Mike Byington serenades with his saxophone version of "happy birthday."
PHOTO BY VICKI WOOD

sic love songs that are extra special to me. When I play these songs I reveal a part of my very being. I hope they touch you like they have touched me."

In reference to other works by Michael Byington, SoundCloud features some sample clips of his recordings:

Sound Cloud-https://soundcloud.com/michael-byington-43689/sam-man-mix

It gives examples from "Shades of a Soul" includes a demo mix of "Just My Imagination" and "Reminiscing", with smooth jazz. The album also covers big band hits.

With a kicking beat background accompaniment, Byington gives a rounded performance. His repertoire includes Funk, R & B, Blues, Rock and Roll, Retro 50's and 60's, Jazz, and Country. His personal favorite is Smooth Jazz.

Michael's passion for music shines through his saxophone, creating audio art for the soul. He can be found regularly performing at JB Hook's on Tuesday evenings and HK's Restaurant at Lodge of the Four Seasons on Fridays. The third Saturday of the month, the Sax Man performs at Shawnee Bluff Winery from 3-6pm.The first Saturday monthly, he plays at Seven Springs Winery.

On Sunday April 7 and Saturday May 18, Byington will perform at the Shawnee Bluff Winery with the LOTO Blues Society. He also regularly appears at Charlie Foxtrots in Osage Beach with the LOTO Blues Society Band.

Whether you're visiting the Lake of the Ozarks or you're a local resident, you'll agree Sax Man Michael Byington provides professional entertainment that's a cut above.

For more information or his performance schedule, visit his website: https://saxmanmichael-byington.com. Information is also available on his Facebook page.

Mike Byington's service dog atttends all of his performances with him. Pictured here relaxing while taking in the sounds of the sax.
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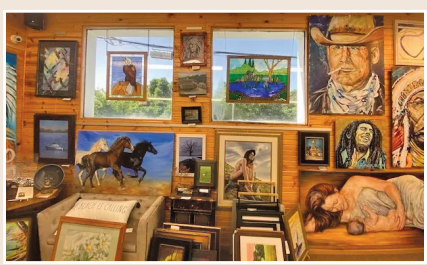

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June

Friday, June 28

Off The Cliff, Cindy Lawhorn, 5 p.m.; Devon Worley Band, 8 p.m.
Brick House, Steven Tyler Moore, 7 p.m.
Casablanca, Steven Scott, 7 p.m.
Shawnee Bluff Winery, Phillip Twitchell, 12 p.m.; Steve Moore, 4 p.m.
Charlie Foxtrots, The Nobodies, 8 p.m.
H Toad's, Nathan Vegas, 6 p.m.; Adam Powell, 6 p.m.; Bad Habit, 9 p.m.
Neon Taco, Chloe Hoecker, 5 p.m.
Paradise, Buck Fuckalo, Matt Hartman, And Friends, 6 p.m.
Shorty Pants, Art Bentley
Franky & Louie's, Montage, 8 p.m.

Saturday, June 29

Off The Cliff, Disengaged, 8 p.m.
Brick House, Bobby Stilwell, 7 p.m.
Casablanca, PDA, 7 p.m.
Shawnee Bluff Winery, Planet Jazz, 12 p.m.; Grayson Wood, 4 p.m.
Charlie Foxtrots, Blake Gardner and the Farmers, 8 p.m.
H Toad's, Jordan Isakson, 6 p.m.; Bad Habit, 9 p.m.
Neon Taco, Steven Tyler Moore Music, 12 p.m.; Preston Ary Band, 5 p.m.
Paradise, Skylar Hunt, 12 p.m.; Buck Fuckalo, Matt Hartman, And Friends, 6 p.m.
Shorty Pants, Travis Martin
Franky & Louie's, Montage, 8 p.m.

Sunday, June 30

Paradise, Buck Fuckalo, Matt Hartman, And Friends, 5 p.m.
Franky & Louie's, J&J Jam, 12 p.m.; Blake Gardner, 5 p.m.
Shawnee Bluff Winery, Mike Byington, 12 p.m.; Austin Reed, 4 p.m.

July

Wednesday, July 3

Paradise, Mick Byrd, 5 p.m.

Thursday, July 4

Casablanca, Tim Newell, 7 p.m.
Shawnee Bluff Winery, Starla & Scotty, 4 p.m.
H Toad's, Shawn C, 6 p.m.
Paradise, Art Bentley, 5 p.m.
Franky & Louie's, Lucas Beebe, 12 p.m.; Captain Geech, 9 p.m.

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Shawnee Bluff Winery, John Allen, 12 p.m.; Mitch Shields, 4 p.m.
Charlie Foxtrots, Kalani, 8 p.m.
H Toad's, Dave Bennett, 6 p.m.
Neon Taco, Chloe Hoecker, 12 p.m.; Kael, 5 p.m.
Paradise, Kurt Allen Band, 6 p.m.
Shorty Pants, Art Bentley
Franky & Louie's, Captain Geech, 9 p.m.

Saturday, July 6
Brick House, Zach Simpson, 7 p.m.
Casablanca, Bobby Stilwell, 7 p.m.
Shawnee Bluff Winery, Tim Gaines, 12 p.m.; Kalani, 4 p.m.
Charlie Foxtrots, Astro Katz, 8:30 p.m.
H Toad's, Marcus Words (duo), 6 p.m.
Neon Taco, Kael, 12 p.m.; Popo Beck, 5 p.m.
Paradise, Art Bentley, 12 p.m.; Presley Puig, 5:55 p.m.
Shorty Pants, Travis Marvin
Franky & Louie's, Captain Geech, 9 p.m.

Sunday, July 7
Shawnee Bluff Winery, Mickey Hollis, 12 p.m.; Dayne Hudek, 4 p.m.
H Toad's, Justyn Moreland, 6 p.m.
Paradise, Hometown Tourist, 5 p.m.
Franky & Louie's, Lucas Beebe, 12 p.m.; Kalani, 5 p.m.

Wednesday, July 10
Paradise, Po Po Beck, 5 p.m.

Thursday, July 11
Casablanca, Nate Michaels, 7 p.m.
H Toad's, Mark Barger, 6 p.m.
Paradise, The Nobodies, 5 p.m.
Franky & Louie's, Zack Simpson, 5 p.m.

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4 4:30pm Travelin Kind
7:30 Grayson Wood

5 5pm Tom Bryant
8pm Old Soul Savage

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10 5pm Booker DeRous
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11 4:30pm Travelin Kind
7:30 Grayson Wood

12 5pm Cindy Lawhorn
8pm Dirt Road Addiction

13 5pm Zac Simpson
8pm Black Note

16 5pm Matt Mills
7pm TAZ-MANIA TUES

17 5pm Jason Earl
7pm TAZ-MANIA WED

18 4:30pm Travelin Kind
7:30 Grayson Wood

19 5pm Tom Bryant
8pm One More Shot

20 5pm Lewis and Jeffrey
8pm Tom Bryant Band

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