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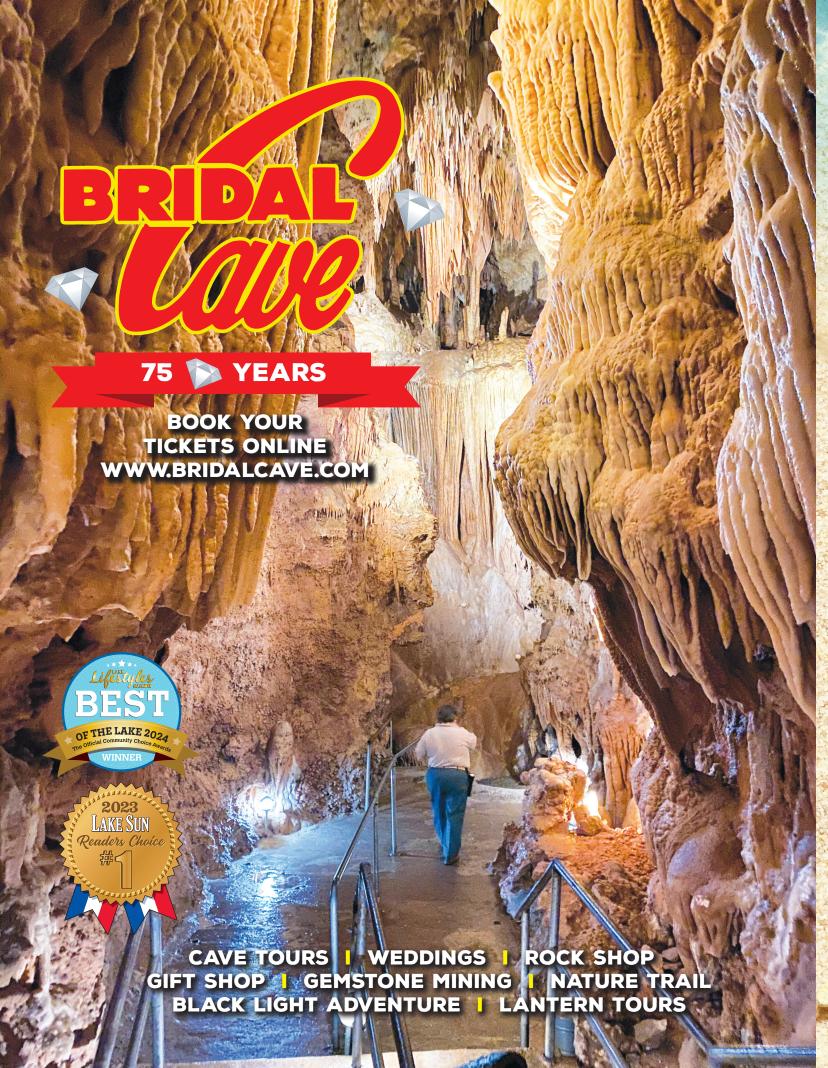


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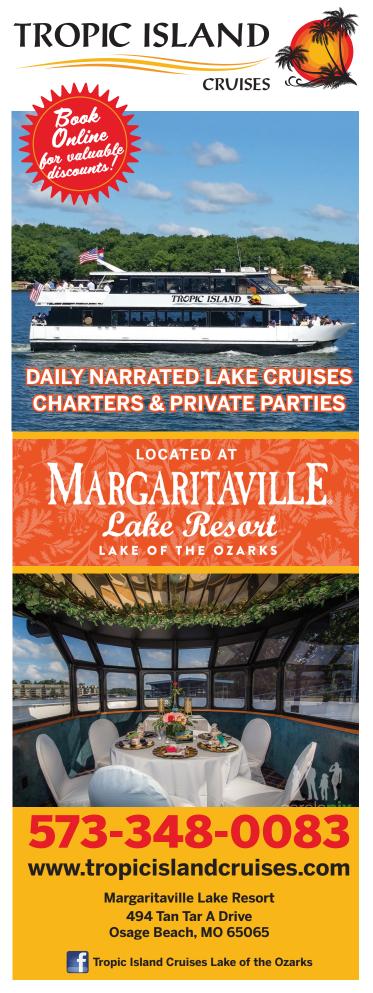
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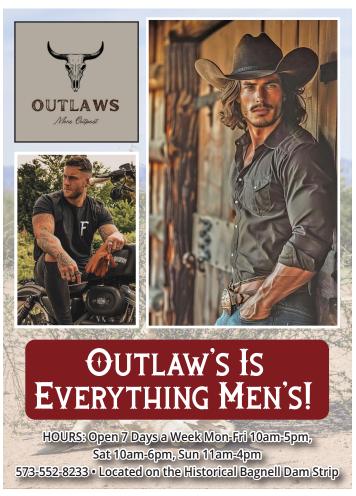
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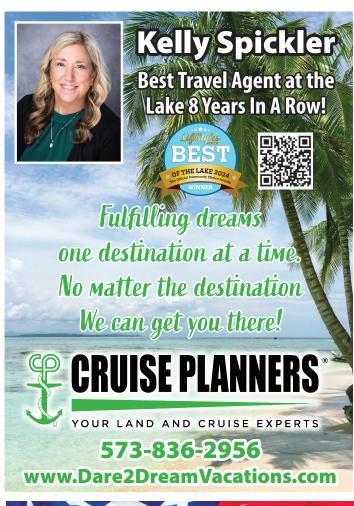
















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Day Trippin' and Wine Sippin'

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Barks & Brews

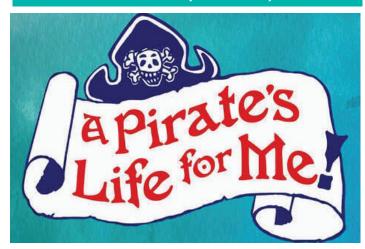
The Lake community recently came together to raise funds for the Horseshoe Bend Bark Park in the Village of Four Seasons. This is the perfect place to take your furry friend this summer!

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The Sunrise Beach Little Theatre, 15133 North Highway 5, will be presenting a musical production of the "A Pirate's Life For Me" by Craig Sodaro and Bill Francoeur at 7 p.m. July 26 and 27. BYOB allowed. Admission \$15. For reservations go to facebook.com/sunrisebeachlittletheatre. Photo: Sunrise Beach little theater

Kirby's School of Wake Day Camp ● July 26

Kirby's School of Wake Day Camp will be held July 26 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/.

Golf Scramble • 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.





ALENDAR OF EVENTS

EDITOR'S NOTE: To submit your event, email time, date and information to newsroom.lakesun@gmail.com with a contact phone number. Events are listed in the order they are received.



The Lake Area Community Orchestra. LAKE AREA COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA FACEBOOK PHOTO

July

26 • Play for the kids Golf Tournament, 9 a.m., Ridge Golf Club Lake Ozark, lakeymca.org/ golf-tournament.html.

26-27 • The Sunrise Beach Little Theatre, 15133 North Highway 5, will be presenting a musical production of the "A Pirate's Life For Me" by Craig Sodaro and Bill Francoeur at 7 p.m. BYOB allowed. Admission \$15. For reservations go to facebook.com/sunrisebeachlittletheatre.

26 • Kirby's School of Wake 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 sailles High School Performing 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 Arabia," "Hobbits from Lord of https://kirbysschoolofwake. com/day-camp/.

27 • Our Savior Lutheran Church second annual Christmas in July Craft Fair, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., 442 Highway 54, Camdenton. There will be a raffle, book fair, a food truck and local crafters. For more information, contact Jane at maagjane@ gmail.com.

28 • The Sunrise Beach Little Theatre, 15133 North Hight 5, will be presenting a Musical Production of the "A Pirate's Life For Me" by Craig Sodaro and Bill Francoeur at 2 p.m. BYOB allowed. Admission \$15. For reservations go to facebook.com/sunrisebeachlittletheatre.

Orchestra will be in concert Tuesday, July 30, at the Ver-Arts Center. The concert begins 2-3 • 15th annual Great Bagnell 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

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

1-2 • Lake Ozark Christian Church, 1560 Bagnell Dam Blvd., will have a huge inside rummage sale. Hours on Thursday will be 7 a.m.-5 p.m. and Friday (Bag Day) from 8 a.m.-12 noon. There will be all types of clothing, household items, furniture, tools, sporting goods, 30 • The Lake Area Community etc. There will also be a bake sale. Proceeds are used to support local ministries.

> Dam Duck Drop and Quacky Golf Tournament sponsored by the Ozark Coast Kiwanis Club and hosted by Central Bank Lake of the Ozarks. The 12th annual golf tournament will

be Friday with a four-person shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. at Bear Creek Valley Golf Club on Highway 42. For more information, visit https://greatdamduckdrop.com.

2-3 • Kent Memorial Lutheran Church in Sunrise Beach will be holding its annual Rummage Sale on Friday from 8 a.m.to 3 p.m., and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Kent Memorial is located at 184 Sunset Hills Drive in Sunrise Beach (next to the Don Chilillo's Sunrise Cantina).

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.

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.

16 • Lake of the Ozarks Golf to End Alzheimers at Golf Club at Deer Chase, 770 Deer Chase Road, Linn Creek. Four person scramble, 8 a.m. shotgun start. Registration at 7 p.m. \$125 per person, \$500 per team. For more information, contact David Tomlinson at 573-280-4129.

17 • Radio-Active Players, a talented group of local actors perform their very entertaining monthly Reader's Theatre, in the style of live Old-Time Radio, at Barista GO Coffeehouse, on State Road KK, at 7pm, doors open at 6pm. For information, contact Beth at 913-909-8603 or Will at 573-462-6623.

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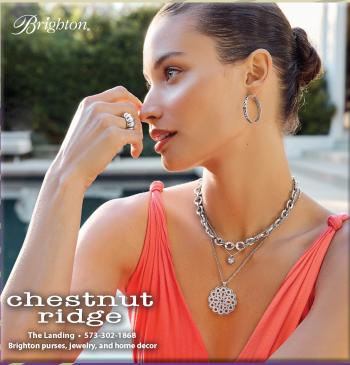


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FISHING

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Topwater Bass fishing is hot during summer

he temperature was pushing 80 degrees. Not bad for a July afternoon, but this was at 6 a.m. It was going to be a hot one and I wanted to get my time in on the water before the direct sun drove the bass to the deepest, darkest holes on the creek.

I was fishing a Jitter-bug. Chugging it along a rock bluff a half-hour before the first rays of sunshine topped the eastern tree line. Surface explosions were periodically disrupting the morning silence. I fell into a rhythm of casting, until, wham, my first surface strike of the day.

After bringing the 2-pounder to hand and pitching him back in the water, I stood in awe of the scene around me. Over the course of the next few hours, I repeated this scenario a dozen times. On creeks and rivers across the state, now is a prime time for targeting bass on the surface at dawn and dusk.

Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame member, Bill Cooper, said, "There is nothing in the fishing world that compares to the thrill of seeing a big bass crash a topwater bait. That time of year is here. Water temperatures are up, and so is bass metabolism. Their appetites are ravenous, and

they will attack anything that will fit into their big bucket mouths."

Bass fishing is one of the most popular outdoor activities across Missouri. Our state is blessed with more places to fish than one could experience in two lifetimes. Anglers who fish for bass year round have developed countless methods for putting a limit in the box. In my personal opinion, and what I venture to assume is the personal opinion of countless others, is that few if any methods for catching bass are as exciting as top-water. Witnessing a bass crush a surface plug is both visually and audibly outdoor excitement at its best.

The surface bite is best at dawn and dusk, but it can also be great at night. Bass come out of deeper water to chase prey in the shallows and feed on bait fish, frogs, mice, snakes, and more. Any bait resembling a surface prey can fool a bass into executing a ferocious top-water predation. Using conventional rods and reels with common top-water baits, such as buzz baits, Zara Spooks, hula-poppers, and Jitter-bugs is more common.

Topwater fishing for bass is a thrill because of the aggressive strikes, but it's also enjoyable to read the river

and target visible structure that results in catching a fish. The strategy side of fishing. Cast your lure or fly next to logs, lily pads, patches of weeds or cattails, as well as manmade structure like piers, sea walls, rip rap, and dams. Those are top producing spots. It's a rush to think "there should be a bass right there," then to cast to the spot and actually catch one.

Anglers fishing from a boat usually have the advantage of positioning themselves in front of structure and casting from deep to swallow water. Bank fishermen get a bonus, though, if the water is not too deep. They can wetwade, which is just wadding in shorts or a bathing suit instead of waders. Picking your way along the shore, enjoying the sensation of fishing in the water, is a favorite of mine. Beaches are a great place to do this early in the morning.

Topwater fishing for summer bass is a great way to take advantage of the summer months. The action can be hot and heavy. But even if you get only one strike, the energy created from a bass busting your offering on the surface is intense, and worth the effort of early or late.

See you down the trail...

Few fishing accomplishments are as exciting as catching bass on the surface.





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The Fishing Report

Your guide to catching fish at LOZ!

Bagnell Dam Report

The lake level was 659.3, generation of 25,000 CFS (cubic feet per second) decreasing to 18,000 CFS throughout the week for a lake level of 659.0 by the weekend. Surface temperature at Bagnell Dam was 83 degrees. Truman Lake was at the 708.3 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: Stained. Black bass: Good flipping soft plastic baits to shallow wood. Crappie: Fair on small swimbaits and jigs around brush and current breaks. Catfish: Good on cut shad and skipjack herring.

Lower Lake

Water clarity: Stained. Black bass: Slow on topwater lures, Texas-rigged plastic worms and finesse worms on drop shot rigs along bluff ends. Crappie: Fair trolling crankbaits along the main channel and the middle of coves.

Gravois

Water clarity: Clear. Black bass: Excellent at night on deep-diving crankbaits and Texas-rigged plastic worms along points. Crappie: Fair trolling crankbaits on the main channel and in the middle of coves. Catfish: Good drifting cut shad and skipjack herring.

Mid-Lake

Water clarity: Stained. Black bass: Good at night on Texas-rigged plastic worms on main lake brush piles. Crappie: Fair trolling crankbaits on the main channel and in the middle of coves. Catfish: Excellent drifting cut shad and skipjack herring.

Grand Glaize

Water clarity: Clear on the lower end and stained on the upper end. Black bass: Slow on Texas-rigged 10-inch plastic worms and jigs around brush piles along main lake points. Crappie: Slow on jigs and minnows 6 to 25 feet deep around brush.



Niangua

Water clarity: Murky on the upper end and stained on the lower end. Black bass: Fair for sub-legal fish on crankbaits, jigs, shaky head worms and Texas-rigged plastic worms around points. Crappie: Slow on minnows or jigs in brush 15 to 18 feet deep. Catfish: Good jug fishing with shad sides and stink baits.

Upper Osage

Water clarity: Stained. Black bass: Slow on Texas-rigged plastic worms, jigs and shaky head worms around brush along points. Crappie: Slow on minnows in brush and around docks 15 to 18 feet deep. White bass and hybrids: Fair on Roostertails along points. Catfish: Good on cut shad and nightcrawlers.

Truman Dam spillway

Water clarity: Stained. Crappie: Fair on jigs. White bass and hybrids: Fair on jigs. Catfish: Fair 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) www.lakeoftheozarksfishingguide.com; Guide John Blankenbeker (573-280-1455); Guide Terry Blankenship (573-480-2835); Guide Jim Dill (573-204-9005) www.jamesdillguideservice.com; Fitz Fishing (573-693-9299); Bryants Osage Outdoors (573-374-2278); Casey Scanlon (913-449-3176), Unreel Guide Service (636-751-8816) and Cody's Bait & Tackle (660-723-5115). Tournament Results—Thanks to www.bassingbob.com.

Golf Guide

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When buying new golf equipment how much do you factor in online reviews or the Golf Digest "Hot List" in your decision-making process? Joe P., Lake Ozark

If you don't have access to the actual clubs or products you are looking for, reviews and the "Hot List" can give you a great starting point. Typically, these lists and reviews are well vetted and are done by qualified individuals. You can certainly narrow down your choses with these tools but make sure you search out and try the products prior to making that purchase. Seeing, feeling and trying the product is always the best way to ultimately make that buying decision.

Why is golf so hard? Cathy P., Eldon

The main reason golf is so hard is the many factors that are involved. There are physical and mental factors, and then the golf course itself. The pace of the game puts a mental strain on your brain with so much down time in between shots that your mind tends to wander. The physical nature of the game and the length of time you are on the golf course can take its toll if you are not in good shape. Good hand-eye coordination is also a must. The better your hand-eye coordination is, the better chance you will have success at golf. Your mental attitude can also be a big factor in playing well. Positive thoughts and being honest with your abilities will go a long way to improving your overall performance.

The golf course itself is also a major factor. The golf course can change significantly each time you play. Wind, temperature, course conditions, course set-up can all play a signifi-

cant role in how you play on a given day. A basketball court is the same every time you play but a golf course changes every time. Pressure also plays a factor. The difficultly of hitting a ball over water, from an awkward lie or the pressure to make that 10-foot putt for your lowest round can be excruciating.

Don't give up or get discouraged as the challenge of mastering the game is part of the fun. When you hit that one perfect shot it will keep you striving for more.

I am pretty new to the game and have never actually played on a course. What do I need to know or do before I try the course for the first time. Shirley G., Camdenton

This is a great question. Here are some questions to ask yourself before heading to the course for the first time. Am I able to make a swing without needing 20-30 seconds to set up, or more than two practice swings? Am I able to make consistent contact? Am I able to get the ball airborne with an assortment of clubs? Am I reasonably comfortable pitching and chipping shots around the green? Am I familiar with some basic golf etiquette, such as honors, the teeing ground, putting green procedures, tee time procedures, etc. If you feel comfortable with these questions, then you are ready. I would suggest finding a friend who is more experienced to play with so they can help you with any questions.

Now go and enjoy the beauty of the course and hit that one perfect shot that will hook you forever.

Paul Leahy is a PGA Golf Professional and the Director of Golf at The Oaks at Margaritaville Lake Resort.

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Upcoming Golf Tournaments

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.

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. Pro-

ceeds benefit the SOTO Foundation.

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

Golf to End Alzheimer's

When: Aug. 16 - 8 a.m. shotgun start Where: The Golf Club at Deer Chase

Cost: \$125/person or \$500/four-person team – includes lunch. Complete registration and submit by Aug. 7. Registration fee is not tax deductible.

For more information, contact: David Tomlinson at 573-280-4129; Jen Jacobs at 573-836-4868; or Julie Milbauer at 417-988-0101 or jumilbauer@alz.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).

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

individual golfers

For more information, visit: https://ozarks-idiots-club.perfectgolfevent.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.





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

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

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

Know the Law

Before you rent a boat or a PWC, there are a few things you should know. Missouri law requires anyone born after January 1, 1984, to pass a boater safety course and carry a boater education card to operate a motorized vessel. The class can be done online (www.boat-ed.com/missouri). There is no minimum age requirement to take the course and you do not have to be a resident of Missouri, however, you must be 14 years or older to operate a vessel in Missouri.

All you have to do is study and pass the course. The cost is \$29.50 as well as a state fee of \$17. Once completed, print the online completion document off and you

are ready to go boating. It's highly recommended that you don't stop there.

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

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

A Day on the Lake

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

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

1. Plan In Advance

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

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

2. Get There Early

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

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

3. Make Check-in Easy

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

4. Get The Right Boat For You

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

5. Go Over The Boat

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

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

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





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6. Be Prepared For Weather

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

7. Make A Float Plan

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

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

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

8. Know What To Pack

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

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

9. Know How To Operate Your Vessel

Even if you are not required to take a boating safety course, make sure that you know what you are doing when it comes to navigating your vessel. Be confident that someone in your party is competent in operating a vessel.

If you are uncomfortable with any part of the process you should ask the company before going out. Some rental companies will have no problem giving you quick on-the-spot training and instruction.

10. Consider A Captain

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

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

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

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

11. Know What You Are Signing

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

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

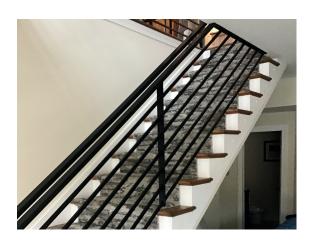
You will also be required to pay a deposit as well as be responsible for the fuel cost, in addition to an hourly or day rate.

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anoeing and kayaking on the Lake can be difficult depending on how busy it is so many people flock to calm and cool rivers during the summer. To keep it close to home, pack up the cooler and explore the Big Niangua River by tubing, canoeing, kayaking and fishing.

Located in Macks Creek, Mother Nature's Riverfront Retreat offers three and five mile float trips so you can enjoy a tranquil experience and the beauty of the surrounding area. Rentals are \$40 for a single kayak and \$50 for a canoe/tandem kayak for the 3-mile float; and \$50 for a single kayak, \$60 for a canoe/tandem kayak, and \$30 for a tube for the 5-mile float. A \$10 boat/canoe put-in/take-out fee is also charged.

If you plan to stay overnight – camping, camper rentals, cabins, RV hookups and a bunkhouse for large groups will give you a place to lay your head. (www.mothernaturesriverfrontretreat.com)

If you are staying close to the Lake area, many of the float trip outfitters are located outside of the Camdenton/Macks Creek area, in close proximity to the Big and Little Niangua rivers.

There are currently no outfitters providing floats on the Little Niangua River.

Adventures Float Trips in Tunas, has camping, boat rentals, cabin rentals and float trips booked through Majestic Views Floats. Paddle the Big Niangua on a seven-mile or book an overnight 14-mile trip.

If coming from the Lake area you'll head to Majestic

Views Floats at 1610 St. Hwy. 64, or they can pick you up at one of the nearby campsites. Eight-man, six-man and fourman rafts are available, along with tubes, canoes, tandem kayaks, single-man kayaks and paddleboards. Prices and booking available online. They are open year-round. (www.mo-adventures.com)

A quick search on the internet will result in a number of outfitters in the Lebanon/Bennet Springs area. This is a popular spot for camping and float trips.

Float Trip Tips

We might be stating the obvious here, but the following are some of our best float trip tips to keep you safe and having fun on the river!

- If booking over the weekend or during a holiday, it's likely to be busy, crowded and noisy. We recommend going during the week if possible to avoid large crowds. Also, some places offer discounts during the weekday.
- Come prepared. Some outfitters have stores selling items in case you have forgotten anything at home. Pack extra sunscreen; water and other beverages; koozies; sunglasses; plenty of snacks/lunch; bug spray; and a dry bag to keep your cell phone, towels and other items from getting soaked. Ziplock bags are a must! And don't forget a few bungee cords to strap down the cooler and other items. Keep an extra set of clothes and towels in the car if you are not camping.

- If you are new to floating, think twice about bringing your dog along. If bringing a pet, make sure they are comfortable around water and will not run away. Do not tie them onto the canoe/raft with their leash. I've seen on more than one occasion a canoe/raft tip over on the river with the dog still attached. Consider putting a life jacket on them as well.
- Make sure not to book a float trip that is too long for your party. If you plan to pull up along the bank a lot, have kids or only want to spend a few hours outdoors, take the shorter routes. You'd be surprised how much paddling you might have to do if the river isn't flowing (which all depends on recent rainfall).
- In many cases overnight trips are available, which can be a great experience. You'll have to bring everything with you to pitch a tent and spend the night along the bank.
- Don't bring anything valuable. There's a fine line between bringing too little and too much. Remember, you just might hit a log that tips your canoe over. You'll have to scramble to pluck your possessions out of the river and might not see some of your belongings ever again.
- Some of our favorite float trip foods include: Cheese sticks, beef jerky, cuties/fruit, nuts/trail mix, sandwiches, chips/Pringles, fried chicken, salami, fruit snacks, and granola bars. Make sure you leave room for plenty of ice in the cooler.
- The preferred footwear are river shoes. They are affordable to buy. Don't wear sandals/flip flops. Trust me....
- If you are not camping/staying anywhere overnight make sure you have a sober driver to bring you home safely.

For more ideas, rivers in Missouri and other information, go to www.floatmissouri.com.





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WHERE TO FLOAT IN MISSOURI AND AROUND THE LAKE AREA

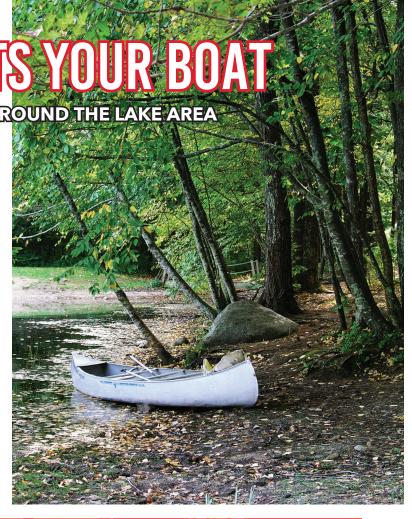
he Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) encourages people to cool off and discover nature on Missouri's rivers and streams this summer. Here are five great opportunities to paddle and float in central and northeast Missouri. Learn more about these, and other public paddling opportunities at https://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places, download the MO Outdoors App for mobile devices, or get a copy of A Paddler's Guide to Missouri from the MDC Nature Shop online at mdcnatureshop.com.

Always paddle safely on Missouri waters:

- Wear a Personal Floatation Device (PFD)
- Make a float plan and tell someone where you're going and when you plan to return
 - Use caution and yield to larger boats
- Pack food, water, flashlight, dry clothes, and anything else you may need if your trip takes longer than planned.

DuPont Reservation Conservation Area

If you want to try your hand at paddling on the Mississippi River, put in at US Lock and Dam No. 22 south of Saverton and float for around seven miles to the take-out at Dupont Reservation Conservation Area.





For a longer float, put in at the DuPont Reservation Conservation Area and then float around 12 miles to the take-out at Louisiana Riverfront in the town of Louisiana. Watch for bald eagles and osprey as you go.

To learn more about paddling opportunities on the Mississippi River, visit the National Recreation Trail Database at Americantrails.org.

Learn more about DuPont Reservation Conservation Area at https://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places/dupont-reservation-conservation-area.

Gasconade River

For a tame, daylong float on the Gasconade River, put-in at Rollins Ferry Access and take-out at Pointers Creek Access. This 7-mile float offers stunning views of steep bluffs and forested hills. Both accesses offer primitive camping sites and disabled-accessible privies.

Learn more about the Gasconade River at https://mdc.mo.gov/fishing/fishing-prospects/areas/gasconade-river-phelpspulaski-county.

Rebel's Cove Conservation Area

Nearly five miles of the Chariton River run through Rebel's Cove Conservation Area, near Livonia. This portion of the river is known locally as "The Narrows," because the river makes a 2.5-mile loop around Parson's Bend in the center of the area. At this point the river doubles back to

within a few hundred feet of itself. Two float trip options start on this conservation area:

- 4-mile float put-in at access on Blackberry Trail; take-out at access on North 135th
- 8-mile float put-in at access on North 135th Street; take-out at Archangel Access on US Highway 136, east of Livonia.

Learn more about Rebel's Cove Conservation Area at https://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places/rebels-cove-conservation-area.

Taylors Landing Access

MDC recently reopened Taylors Landing Access on the Missouri River in a new location. Put in here and float down to the river parking lot at Eagle Bluffs Conservation Area (around 8 miles).

Learn more about Taylors Landing online at https://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places/taylors-landing-access

Paddle up and float down in northeast Missouri streams

The rivers in northeast Missouri have a gentle current, which allows paddlers to paddle up stream and float down. This is a great option for people who don't want to shuttle vehicles. Find river accesses by visiting https://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places.





ayaking is a wildly popular paddlesport. Paddlesports offer people unique ways to enjoy nature while getting up close and personal with expansive waterways. Kayaking is remarkably accessible for people of all skill levels and interests.

According to the Outdoor Foundation's 2019 Special Report on Paddlesports and Safety, kayaking has seen a consistent upward trend in participation for the last five years. Today, recreational kayaking is the most popular paddlesport, with more than 11 million participants in the United States. And the activity is almost evenly split among men and women (51 percent and 49 percent, respectively).

Many kayakers can enter the water with relatively no instruction in kayaking and take to the sport like a duck to water. Of course, the right gear can make all the difference for both experienced and novice kayakers. Anyone who plans to be a consistent kayaker should probably invest in a kayak of his or her own. The right kayak depends on where kayakers plan to use it. Sea kayaks can sail easily through choppy conditions. Tandem kayaks carry two or more people and have more storage space. Touring kayaks are designed for long distance kayakers. Sit-on-top kayaks are ideal for beginners and casual paddlers.

Some additional supplies also can help kayakers get the most out of this rewarding activity.

• Paddle: Many kayaks are sold with compatible paddles. However, it is always a good idea to have a spare. Be sure to choose one made from sturdy materials, especially if it will be used in saltwater or brackish water.

• Life jacket: A life jacket is a must when on the water. While kayaks are relatively stable, should a tip-over occur a life jacket can keep you afloat and safe until you are able to reboard the kayak.

• Kayak racks and carriers: Kayaks can be transported to the water on roof racks that strap on to SUVs and cars. Kayak carts and trailers can help you comfortably move the kayak to the water's edge or dock, as kayaks can be heavy and cumbersome to move on your own.

- Spray skirt: A kayak spray skirt keeps water from splashing up and onto your lap/legs while in the kayak. Staying dry can make kayaking more comfortable in all seasons.
- Dry storage: Dry bags and containers keep items like a phone, camera and GPS devices dry and secure. These containers are designed to be water-tight when splashed or submerged.

Other kayaking supplies include dry shirts, special shoes, hats and gloves. Coordinated fishing gear can even be purchased for those who want to catch some fish while kayaking.

Kayaking makes for a great day on the water. The right gear helps enthusiasts sail with ease.







Raising funds for our furry friends

hile dogs and gators typically aren't a good mix, this time they were when Shady Gators teamed up with Busch Light and Dogs of Lake of the Ozarks to present Barks & Brews. The fundraiser, held on the grounds of Lazy Gators to benefit the Horseshoe Bend Bark Park, was a howling success.

The event included pools, splash pads and even a painting activity for the dogs, as well as raffles for a tableful of great gifts. All the dogs went home with goodie bags full of treats and toys and Busch even provided a few giveaways for the humans. Several of the four-legged guests also went home with full bellies after sampling items from Gator's new dog-friendly menu, introduced the day of the event. Both Shady Gators and Lazy Gators allow dogs to dine with their owners as long as they are kept on a leash.



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A good time was had by all but the best part is that more than \$300 was raised for the Bark Park. Jeremy Gorham "J.G.," who owns Shady Gators, recently presented the proceeds to members of the Horseshoe Bend Bark Park oversight committee after they dined at the restau-

The committee plans to use this year's fundraising proceeds to add doggie playground equipment to the park. During the previous two years, fundraisers paid for a pavilion, picnic tables, park benches, lawncare equipment, a rocked water surround to prevent mudpuddles from forming under the faucet and a gate at the lower end of the park to assist with leaf removal.

The Bark Park, located at 175 Cherokee Road in the Village of Four Seasons, is free and open to the public and non-aggressive dogs. The park operates strictly on donations and is maintained by volunteers. To donate to the park, mail a check to the Horseshoe Bend Bark Park, PO Box 83, Lake Ozark, MO 65049. Those who donate \$50 or more are entitled to a paw print bearing their names and their dogs' names that will be attached to the fence. For more information, email horseshoebendbarkpark@gmail.com.









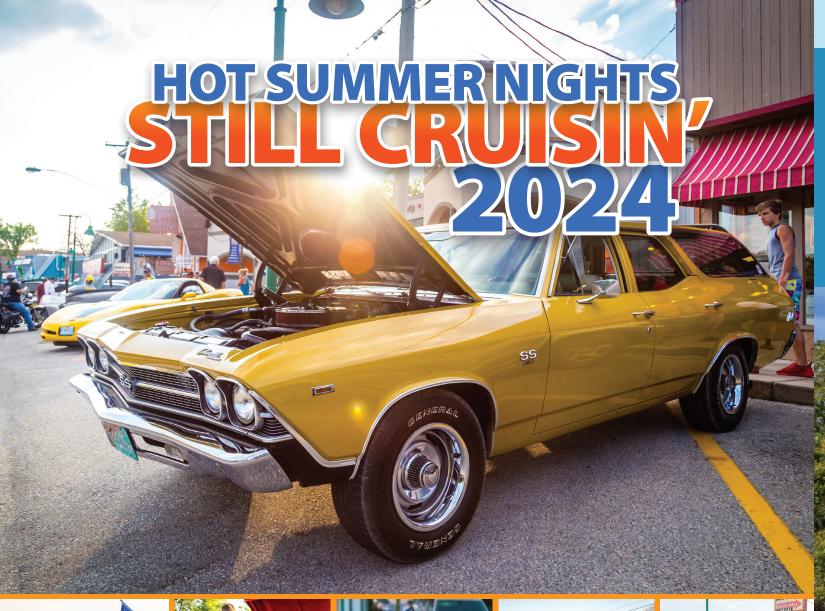
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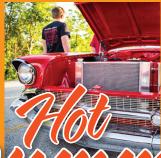
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One top trend to improve your home's value: hardwood flooring

hether you're thinking about selling your home or just making some updates, it's always smart to consider renovations that will enhance the enjoyment of your home and increase your property's long-term value. One key improvement many homeowners consider is updating their home's flooring to solid or engineered hardwood, an investment that can maximize a home's style and value.

Hardwood flooring instantly transforms a space, and you can choose from many types and hues of wood to suit the design style that's just right for you. You can also stay on-trend by using hardwood flooring throughout your home to achieve a seamless, cohesive look.

"Hardwood flooring is always a standout feature that brings timeless, stylish appeal to any home," says Jennifer Meska, Head of Merchandising at LL Flooring. "Solid or engineered hardwood flooring provides a natural look that can vary across colors, finishes and styles, instantly adding updated style and sophistication to any home."

The National Realtor Association's 2022 Remodeling Impact Report found that homeowners who install new hardwood flooring get an average return on investment (ROI) of up to 118%. On top of that, the National Wood Flooring Association has found that 99% of real estate agents believe homes with quality hardwood floors are easier to sell, and 90% believe they sell for a higher price. All of this means that hardwood floors can essentially pay for themselves in resale value.

The timeless appeal of hardwood flooring

Hardwood floors have been around for a long time, and for good reason. They can create the perfect complement to a wide range of home design styles, offering natural tone, beauty and sophistication that's hard to duplicate with any other material.

On top of that, hardwood floors are known for their timeless quality - hardwood has been a trusted flooring material for hundreds of years, and it's near-assured that they will stay in style for generations to come.

Another advantage of hardwood flooring is that you can choose from a wide variety of styles and species of wood to achieve different looks, and you can consider either solid or engineered hardwood for even more options depending on the needs of your home.

Here are just a couple of examples of selections available to today's homeowners from LL Flooring's



Bellawood premium line of solid and engineered hardwood, which offers a 100-year residential warranty.

Classic, enduring style

Hickory is the hardest of all North American woods, making it perfect for those who want beauty and long-lasting quality, especially for high-traffic areas. The 5-inch-wide planks in LL Flooring's Natural Hickory Solid Hardwood Flooring are factory finished with premium aluminum oxide for a fortified finish, offering excellent resistance to stains, scuffs and scratches.

This natural option in hickory flooring stands out for its high-contrast color variations and unique grain patterns, with colors running from light tans to deep browns and reddish tones laced throughout. Hickory floors are equally attractive in a more classic or traditional style home, for a sophisticated and modern city loft or a rustic country cabin.

Modern engineered elegance

LL Flooring's Claire Gardens Oak Engineered Hardwood Flooring gives you the option for ontrend, wider planks (8.5 inches wide). The buttery cream coloring of this classic white oak flooring gives these blonde planks an inviting lightness and beauty that complements a variety of today's preferred styles, ranging from modern farmhouse, minimalist and Scandinavian to biophilic, eclectic and bohemian designs.

Engineered hardwood is an enhanced wood product that offers improved performance, and lighter tones can help to reflect the light in any room of your home for a more open, bright and airy ambience.

Whichever hardwood flooring option you choose, you can relax and enjoy its beauty now and for years to come - or prepare your home to sell - knowing that you've made a sound investment in the future of your home.

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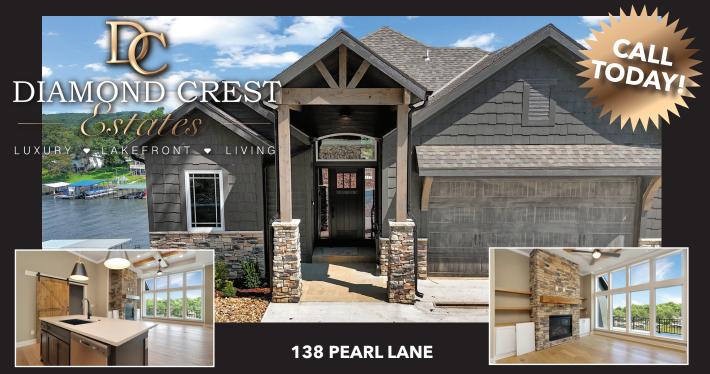
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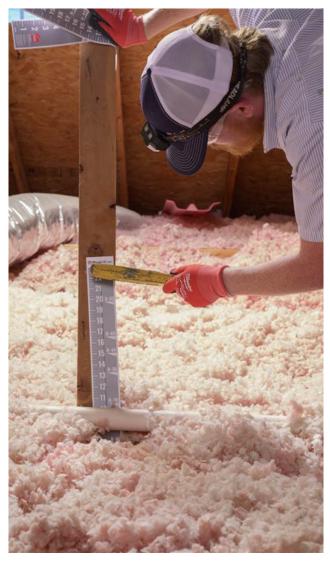
s summer temperatures rise, what can you do to beat the heat at home? Before lowering the thermostat setting, consider an often-overlooked approach to help your home and your energy budget stay comfortable. Keeping a home cool in the summer (and warm in the winter) is all about managing heat flow. A sufficient thickness of insulation blown into the home's attic can help manage thermal flow from a notorious "heat trap" in many homes.

Without delving too deeply into the science, it is useful to consider how insulation helps reduce heat gain and contributes to a comfortable indoor environment. The thermodynamics of air and temperature mean that warm air continually tries to move toward a cooler location. Any disruptions in the home's envelope - such as a window, access entry, or the intersection of roof deck and attic - present an opening for warm air to enter a cooler area.

As an example, let's consider that a home's attic is accessed through a door in the bedroom. On a hot, sunny day, radiant heat from outside will pass through the roof deck and enter the cooler attic space. Once inside the attic, the hot air will move toward the access door, "spilling" into cooler parts of the home. As more energy is required to maintain the temperature, other parts of the cooling system - like the air conditioner condenser - may have to work harder to maintain the desired temperature, leading to more energy usage, potentially higher bills and wear and tear on equipment.

The attic is only one location in a home where hot air can escape. However, given the high temperatures in attics, these areas may present a higher "heat load" than many other parts of the home. Owens Corning AirCare® Professionals are trained to measure how much heat may be escaping from the attic. They can utilize tools and technologies such as thermal imaging to visually capture sources of escaping heat and can calculate the potential payback on attic interventions such as insulation or retrofitting ductwork to address holes, gaps or loose connections.

How much difference can interventions in the attic make when it comes to utility bills? Every home is unique and savings will vary, but the EPA estimates that homeowners can save an average of 15% on heating and cooling costs (or an average of 11% on total energy costs) by air sealing their homes and adding insulation in attics, floors over crawl spaces and basements.



Material matters

Several insulating materials are available to mitigate heat transfer in a home, and some are particularly well suited for attic applications. Owens Corning AirCare® Professionals can recommend the proper form of insulation for various spaces within the home. Fiberglass insulation relies on tiny air pockets located throughout the insulation that resist the passage of heat flow - mitigating heat gain in summer and heat loss in winter. Generally, the thicker the insulation, the more air pockets and the greater the insulating power. Fiberglass insulation is not combustible.

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Ronald Herdman, Brett Beavers, Dylan Carver and Timothy Beavers

ere it is, once again, the 15th annual Great Bagnell Dam Duck Drop and Quacky Golf Tournament Aug. 2 and 3 sponsored by the Ozark Coast Kiwanis Club and hosted by Central Bank Lake of the Ozarks.

The 12th annual golf tournament will be Friday with a four-person shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. at Bear Creek Valley Golf Club on Highway 42. There will be crazy holes and fun obstacles around the course. Proceeds from the golf tournament benefit the Lake Area Big Brothers-Big Sisters and Ozark Coast Kiwanis.

If that isn't enough excitement, the Duck Drop will be at noon Saturday over the Osage River below Bagnell Dam with a chance to win \$5,000. Tickets are \$5 each or six for \$20.

The first duck across the finish line will be declared the winner.

Proceeds from the Duck Drop benefit Ozark Coast Kiwanis Club which supports several local organizations including Kids' Harbor, Citizens Against Domestic Violence, The Food Pantry, BB-BS, Wonderland Camp and more.

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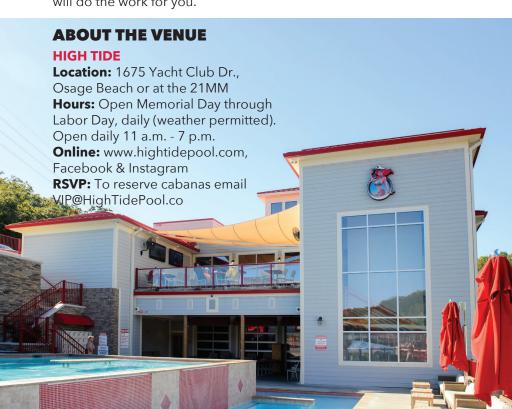
he 21-mile marker has always been a popular spot for boaters. Now a conglomerate of waterfront restaurants, pools and a marina draws visitors to an area that has just about everything for a day on the Lake. Brightly colored houses make it easy to spot the Redhead compound from the water. These seven vacation rentals are a part of the property, too. Performance Boat Center and Redhead Lakeside Grill is a place where performance boat fans, quality food and entertainment comes together in one location. And it seems that there's always something changing with each season.

In 2015, Redhead Lakeside Grill opened offering a family-friendly restaurant with two levels of dining, and two pools (one for adults and one for children). It consistently is known to have some of the best food on the water, thanks to popular and well-known chef Pierre Torres. It joined several buildings already on the property that includes a showroom of performance boats, a service department, gas dock and storage.





In 2020, a lot of empty property behind and up the hill from Redhead became an outdoor-only venue with a 3,000 square foot pool. The idea was to do something that wouldn't compete with Redhead, but would be a good addition to the Lake and tourists. It was decided to do an adult-only venue that creates a pool party atmosphere during the day and hosts different concerts and events in the evenings. The V-shaped pool has three pool bars, one on each end of the V, and a main bar at the point of the V. Above the bar is a covered stage where a DJ/MC can be found every day during the summer and where artists perform. Any spot has a great view of the performers, and since the pool is surrounded by trees, there is a sense of privacy that not all waterfront venues have. You can take a 5-minute walk to High Tide from Redhead or take advantage of the trams and golf carts that will do the work for you.







Family-friendly Redhead Lakeside Grill includes two levels of dining and a pool with swim-up bar. ALAN WOHLGEMUT PHOTOS

A gas dock, showroom, service department and storage are other businesses located at the Redhead complex at the 21-mile marker. AL GRIFFIN PHOTO



The food is casual but elevated. Chef Torres designs all the menus on property making sure what goes out of the kitchen is top quality. It's food everyone likes to eat when they are drinking – burgers, tacos and appetizers. The tacos are a favorite that includes queso fresco, marinated chicken, pico and fresh guacamole. Different drink specials are offered with each event throughout the summer.

New this year are VIP cabanas with bottle serve and private servers that can be reserved during the day or for High Tide Night Swims.

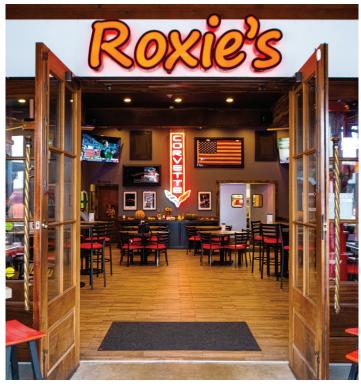
On Saturday nights, Night Swims are held throughout the summer. Come dressed up or casual to enjoy the entertainment on stage. If you are wearing your swimsuit, get a front row seat in the pool.

During the winter, the venue erects igloos where guests can stay warm and comfortable with a few of their friends. From November through February the igloos offer a fun winter menu and speciality cocktails. Each igloo is private and fits around eight people. When reserved, the group has the igloo for the evening.

Other properties owned and operated by the team at Redhead include Roxie's Roadhouse on the Bagnell Dam Strip. This small bar and grill serves great food during the day and is known for night life on the weekends. At the 3-mile marker of the Main Channel is The Cave Bar & Grill. The Cave features a family-friendly atmosphere with a "massive" adult pool and smaller toddler pool. As the name would suggest, the pool extends into one of the caves on property and is a unique addition to the west side of the Lake.

For additional announcements and events, follow High Tide on Facebook.

Roxie's on the Bagnell Dam Strip is a Redhead property off of the Lake. AL GRIFFIN PHOTO





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SUMMER WINE TRAIL

ix wineries on the Hermann Wine Trail have assembled the ingredients for a memorable Wine Country getaway at the 2024 Berries & BarBQ Wine Trail held July 27 and 28.

"Vintners are celebrating the flavors of summer by pairing their

"Vintners are celebrating the flavors of summer by pairing their wines with juicy berries and savory barbeque," says Patty Held, president of the Hermann Wine Trail.

Wine Trail explorers will sample a tasting menu featuring:

- Adam Puchta Winery Smoked Pork with Summer Berry Agrodolce, paired with Misty Valley
- **Curling Vine Winery** Blueberry BBQ Chicken Wings, paired with Constant White
- **G. Husmann Wine Company** Smoked Bologna with Hot Honey Glaze, paired with Rosé of Hermann
- Hermannhof Winery Chicken Sliders with Raspberry Hot BBQ Sauce and Jalapeno Slaw, paired with Vignoles
- **Reserve Cellars** Grilled Pound Cake with Berry Sauce, paired with Josephine's Garden Patch Strawberry
- **Röbller Winery** Loaded BBQ Ranch Beans, paired with Chambourcin Berries & BarBQ Wine Trail is one of six annual events hosted by Hermann-area vintners. Next up is the Holiday Fare Wine Trail Nov. 16 and 17, a festive start to the holiday season. Say Cheese Wine Trail on Saturday, Dec. 14, is the same weekend as one of Hermann's popular Christmas markets.

The \$35 per person ticket price includes a souvenir wine glass. Hours are Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Participants also may enter a drawing for a \$30 gift certificate from each winery and a one-night stay at a Hermann B&B. The ticket price does not include transportation to wineries or additional wine tasting.

Wine Trail tickets may be purchased online at HermannWineTrail.com or by calling the Hermann Chamber of Commerce at 573-486-2313. Advance purchase is required. Go to https://hermannwinetrail.com/wine-trail-events/berries-barbq-wine-trail to purchase advanced tickets.

Day of the Event

- 1 You must be 21 to participate
- 2 Start the event at any of the six participating wineries. Please note each winery's tasting room policies remain in effect during Wine Trail events and are not included in the ticket price. Some wineries charge for wine tasting.
- 3 Pick up your souvenir wine glass at the first winery you visit.
- 4 Visit the wineries in any order you wish.
- 5 Take your ticket and wine glass with you to each stop.
- 6 Drop off your ticket at the last winery you visit to enter the drawing.
- 7 Have fun, but please enjoy this event responsibly.

Please note: This event will be held regardless of the weather. No refunds. Visit any or all of the participating wineries and enter a drawing for a night's stay at a Hermann B&B and a \$30 gift certificate from each winery.

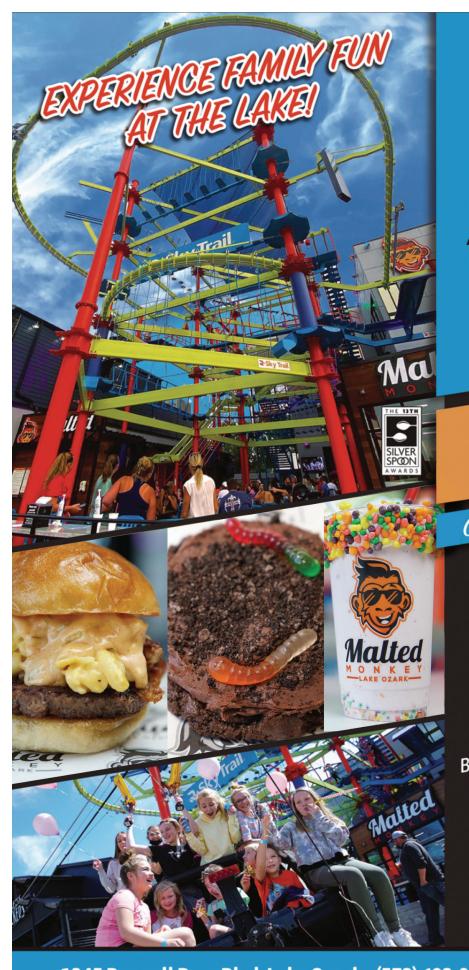
Transportation to each of the wineries is not included in the ticket price.



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TOP 5 AT THE LAKE

The 5 Friendliest Restaurants Around Lake of the Ozarks

ake of the Ozarks is known for its beautiful lake views, outdoor activities and friendly locals. But what truly sets this city apart is the warm hospitality and inviting atmosphere found in its restaurants. In 2024, Lake Lifestyles Magazine readers from around the area came together to vote for the "Friendliest Restaurant" in Osage Beach, and the results are in! After much anticipation and deliberation, five winners have emerged to claim the title. These top-notch establishments have proven to not only serve delicious food, but also provide

exceptional customer service and welcoming environments. From quaint cafes to bustling bistros, each winner has their own unique charm that has captured the hearts of locals and visitors alike. So, if you're ever around Lake of the Ozarks, be sure to check out these award-winning restaurants and experience firsthand why they have been voted the "friendliest" in town. Rusty Rooster Cafe is the friendliest restaurant in the area. You are "always greeted with a beautiful smile and the staff is always so sweet and kind." They make sure their customers are happy no matter what.





WOBBLY BOOTS Road House









1. Rusty Rooster Cafe

3243 Bagnell Dam Blvd, Lake Ozark, MO 65049

What locals are saying:

- Always greeted with a beautiful smile and the staff is always so sweet and kind.
- Absolutely the FRIENDLIEST at the Lake along with having the best food & quality service!
- They love supporting/prompting other small businesses. You don't see that very often.

2. Wobbly Boots Roadhouse

4717 Osage Beach Pkwy, Osage Beach, MO 65065

What locals are saying:

- Treated us like we were family.
- Always greeted and felt welcome.
- Love the servers, smiles & make you feel at home!

3. Baxter's Lakeside Grille

2124 Bagnell Dam Blvd, Lake Ozark, MO 65049

What locals are saying:

- We only go here for the best and love to be spoiled and well taken care of!
- You get several servers while you dine and all are attentive and friendly
- Consistently great food and service.

4. BRANDING IRON Restaurant And Saloon

12142 Missouri 5, Sunrise Beach, MO 65079

What locals are saying:

- Excellent restaurant! The staff is always friendly, service is excellent and the food is always AMAZING!
- Hardworking staff, everyone helps everyone, you won't leave without a thank you and goodbye.
- The staff are so friendly and are always pleasant!

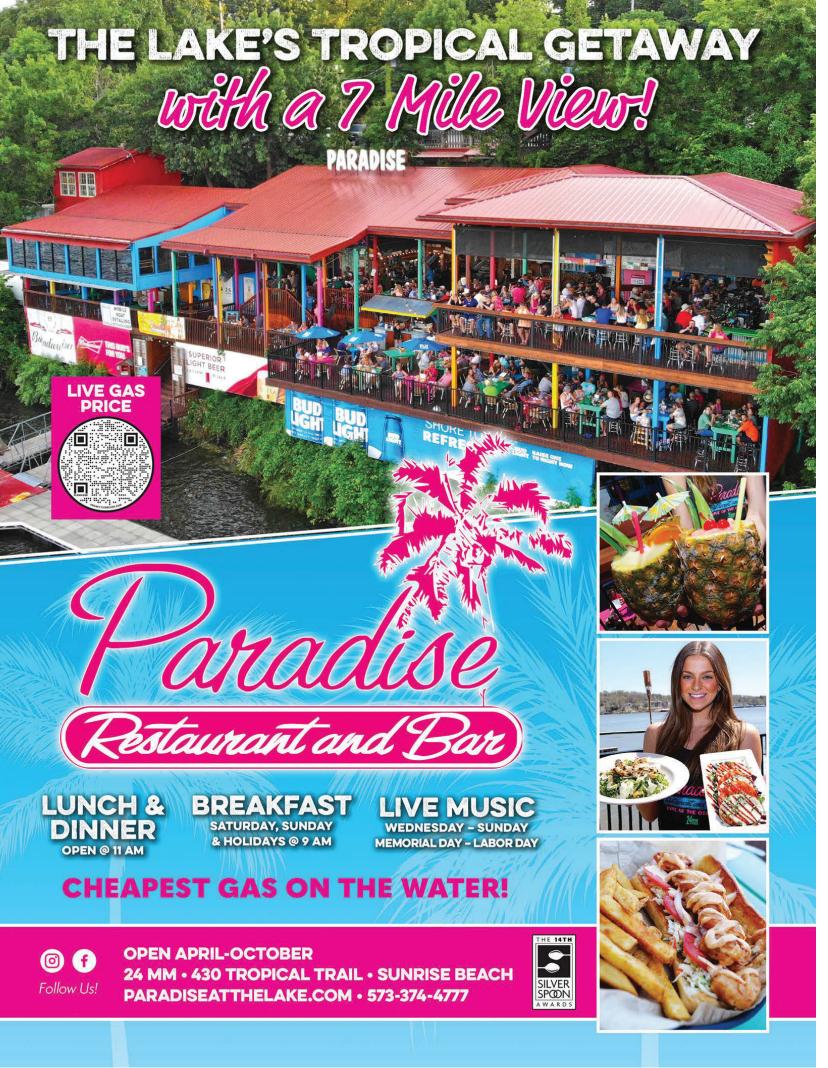
5. The Tavern At Trails End

258 Trails End Rd, Sunrise Beach, MO 65079

What locals are saying:

- Can't beat the friendly atmosphere at the Tayern.
- Owners John and Sherri Buchanan truly make you feel special, welcome and appreciated.
- Wonderful food and friendly service.

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The 5 Best Coffee Shops Around Lake of the Ozark

he Lake of the Ozarks is known for its picturesque lake views, outdoor adventures, and welcoming community. But for many coffee lovers, it's also home to some of the best coffee shops in the region. In 2024, readers from around the area came together to vote for their favorite local coffee shops, and the results are in. Five winners have emerged, each with their own unique atmosphere, menu, and loyal following. These coffee shops have stood out among the rest and have become beloved by locals and visitors alike. From cozy, rustic cafes to modern and trendy spots, these winners offer not only delicious coffee but also a sense of community and warmth. Their dedication to providing high-quality coffee and exceptional customer service has earned them a well-deserved spot as the best coffee shops in Lake of the Ozarks. Join us as we take a closer look at the winners of "Best Coffee Shop 2024" and discover what makes each of them so special.

1. Sip Coffee House

932 US-54, Camdenton, MO 65020

What locals are saying:

- Love all the keto options!
- Good service and friendly!
- Great lunches as well!

2. Serendipity Roasting Company

18 S Maple St, Eldon, MO 65026

What locals are saying:

- Love their coffees, number of many options, homemade breads and muffins (also gluten free muffins) and pizza and salads.
- Amazing company, purpose, food & drinks.
- Consistently great food and service

3. Mo Co & Dough

4681 Osage Beach Pkwy, Osage Beach, MO 65065

What locals are saying:

- A great visit every time! And fabulous baked goods! I think they run up to heaven, make em, and bring them right back to MoCo!
- Owners and staff are always very nice and patient! Amazing options and always new things to try weekly &
- They are very hard workers who are passionate about what they do. Great coffee & food.

4. Baristago Coffee House

1375 State Hwy KK, Osage Beach, MO 65065

What locals are saying:

- The best place to be real and enjoy your choice of liquid gold! Also some of the BEST humans you can know!
- Wonderful coffee and breakfast with commitment to the Lake area.
- Wonderful family-owned place.

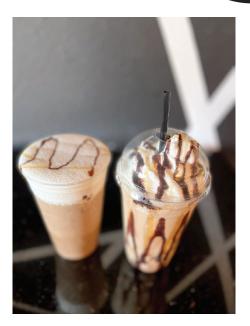
5. Not Just Any Place Cafe

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What locals are saying:

- Coffee and breakfast that comes to vou. Love it.
- Best coffee and friendliest staff.
- Love this truck and the employees are so wonderful!

















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Casablanca, The Fabulous Love Muffins, 7 p.m.

Shawnee Bluff Winery, Tim Gaines, 12 p.m.; Royal Hellions, 4 p.m.

Charlie Foxtrots, Howard Levinson, 8 p.m.

H Toad's, Jordan Isakson, 6 p.m.

Neon Taco, Kael, 5 p.m.

Paradise, Preston Ary Band, 6 p.m.

Shorty Pants, Grayson Wood

Franky & Louie's, Hudson Drive, 12 p.m.

Margaritaville Tiki Hut, Art Bentley, 6 p.m.

Saturday, July 27

Brick House, Bobby Stilwell, 7 p.m.

Casablanca, Johnny Henry, 7 p.m.

Shawnee Bluff Winery, Mitch Shields, 12 p.m.;

Grayson Wood, 4 p.m.

Charlie Foxtrots, Ethan Jackson & The Pocket Aces, 8

Neon Taco, Art Bentley, 12 p.m.; Steven Tyler Moore



Music, 5 p.m.

Paradise, Allie Hutsell, 12 p.m.; Presley Puig, 6 p.m.

Shorty Pants, Adam McCabe

Franky & Louie's, Hudson Drive, 12 p.m.

Margaritaville Tiki Hut, Phil Vandel, 6 p.m.

Sunday, July 28

H Toad's, Justyn Moreland, 6 p.m.

Paradise, Hometown Tourist, 5 p.m.

Franky & Louie's, Lucas Beebe, 12 p.m.; Dave

Dunklee, 5 p.m.

Margaritaville Tiki Hut, Phil Vandel, 2 p.m.

Monday, July 29

Franky & Louie's, Steve Moore, 5 p.m.

Tuesday, July 30

Franky & Louie's, Jake James, 5 p.m.

Wednesday, July 31

Paradise, Zoe Vox, 5 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 1

Casablanca, Tim Newell, 7 p.m.

Paradise, Mick Byrd, 5 p.m.

Franky & Louie's, Chloe Hoecker, 5 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 2

Casablanca, Steven Scott, 7 p.m.

Shawnee Bluff, Duo'ly Noted, 12 p.m.; Starla & Scotty, 4 p.m.

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Neon Taco, Kael, 5 p.m.

Paradise, Kurt Allen Band, 6 p.m.

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Saturday, Aug. 3

Brick House, PDA, 7 p.m. **Casablanca,** Grayson Wood, 7:30 p.m.

Shawnee Bluff, Al Jolly, 12 p.m.; Dayne Hudek, 4 p.m.

Neon Taco, Kalani, 12 p.m.; Popo Beck, 5 p.m.

Paradise, Jonny, 12 p.m.; Skylar Hunt, 6 p.m.

Shorty Pants, Rebel Walker **Franky & Louie's,** Lick Creek, 8 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 4

Shawnee Bluff, Mickey Hollis, 12 p.m.; Tom Norton, 4 p.m.

Paradise, Steven Tyler Moore, 5 p.m.

Franky & Louie's, Lucas Beebe, 12

p.m.; Blake Gardner, 5 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 5

Franky & Louie's, Steve Moore, 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 6

Shorty Pants, Healing Box Project **Franky & Louie's,** Money For Nothin', 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 7

Paradise, The Nobodies, 5 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 8

Casablanca, Tim Newell, 7 p.m. **Paradise**, Art Bently, 5 p.m. **Franky & Louie's**, Zack Simpson, 5 p.m.



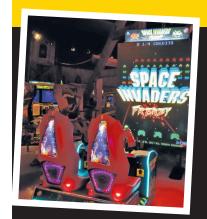








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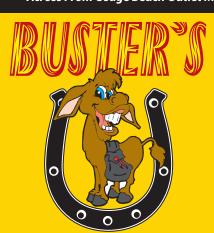
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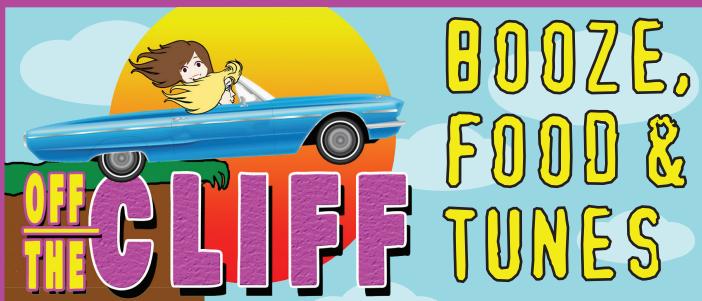
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Fried Mushrooms \$8	Tater Kegs\$9
Cheese Curds\$8	Loaded Fries\$9
Møzzarella Sticks\$8	Pretzel Bites\$10
Fried Green Beans \$9	Buffalo Chicken Dip \$13
Jalapeno Poppers\$9	Pulled Pork Nachos.\$13



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