

# LAKE *Lifestyles*

THE WAY WE LIVE

*Winter Skin & Hair Tips*  
**To combat the effects of winter**

**LAKE OZARK  
FOOD TOURS**  
*A taste of the Lake*

***Holiday  
Gift Giving***

**PLACES TO SHOP LOCAL!**

NOV/DEC 2024-JAN 2025 \$4.95



LAKENEWSONLINE.COM

**DAY TRIP:** Warrensburg is a perfect day destination



# YOUR LAKE LENDER

*Fastest Closings at the Lake!*



**NEED A  
MORTGAGE?**



**Nicholas Sutterer  
Tami Sutterer**  
NMLS #283150 & 306049



**MORTGAGE HEADQUARTERS**

**TEAM SUTTERER**

Mortgage Headquarters of Missouri Inc  
NMLS #1229111

**STILL OFFERING  
10% DOWN ON  
SECOND HOMES**



**Rose Wright**  
NMLS #1170057

***Serving the Lake for over 25 years!***

**P: 573-302-9990  
F: 573-552-8655**

4824 Osage Beach Parkway, Suite 1  
Osage Beach, MO 65065  
info@lakeloan.com

**www.LAKELOAN.com**





# LAKE'S BEST READY-MIX CONCRETE SUPPLIER

EQUIPMENT | ACCESSORIES | SALES SERVICE | COLORS AND SEALERS

**OUR SERVICES**  
Ready Mixed Concrete delivered to the entire lake area.  
Colored and specialty mixes available.

## RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL

CALL TODAY FOR A **FREE ESTIMATE** OR TO LEARN MORE

[SCOTTSCONCRETE.BIZ](http://SCOTTSCONCRETE.BIZ)

CALL US AT 888-346-2450 OR 573-346-2450



# CONTENTS

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2024 / JANUARY 2025

## *Recreation*

### **Warming Up With Wintertime Fishing 8**

Winter doesn't mean you have to put your fishing pole in storage. Read why you should fish the Lake this winter.

### **Golf Destination 10**

Brainerd, Minnesota is an ideal location for both vacation and golf. Read about this beautiful destination.

### **PGA vs PGA Tour: What's the Difference? 12**

Paul Leahy explains the difference between the well-known golf tours.

### **The Go Fast Boats at the Lake 14**

We see them, we hear them, and we admire them. Doug Beck explores some of these eye-catching vessels at the Lake.

## *People & Health*

### **Lake Ride Pros 44**

For any need or occasion, let Lake Ride Pros do the driving for you.

### **Lake Spotlight 46**

Learn about Cross Point Camp and Retreat, and the people behind the day-to-day operations.

### **Protecting Your Hair and Skin From the Winter Elements 48**

The Winter can be brutal on our skin and hair. Read ways to help combat the challenges and effects of the cold temperatures.

### **Editor's Note 4**

Catch up with our Editor and learn what she has to say about this information packed issue.



### **Day Trip: Warrensburg, Missouri 18**

This quaint town boasts restaurants, shops, festivals, and The University of Central Missouri as just a few of the reasons why this is the perfect Day Trip from the Lake. Check out all it has to offer in this story.



### **Lake Ozark Food Tours 21**

Expand your mind and entice your tastebuds with some of the flavors found along the Bagnell Dam Strip. A great experience for locals or visitors.

## IN EVERY ISSUE

### **Get Connected 5**

Would you like to subscribe to Lake Lifestyles magazine? All the information you need is right here.

### **Eating Healthy 50**

Wendy Walker, Lake Regional Food and Nutrition Services Manager, gives some great tips on how to choose foods for a healthier lifestyle.

### **Dustin Lee Martin 53**

Check out this singer, songwriter, and musician and his goal to become a regular performer at the Lake.

## *Feature Stories*

### **A Stunning Lakefront Home 24**

Take a visual tour of this beautiful, new build by Ancell Construction.

### **Shop Local 35**

A partial listing of all the great local businesses to shop at the Lake.

### **The Iconic Bagnell Dam Strip 40**

Great improvements have been made to The Strip, and there's much more in the plans. Where it's been and where it's headed.

## *Events & Entertainment*

### **Local Events 55**

Summer may be over, but the area happenings continue. Read about some of these taking place.

### **Live Music 57**

Live music never takes a vacation at The Lake of the Ozarks.

### **People in Places 59**

We've been out and about at Lake area events, and here's some of the others who have joined us. Take a look, you may see a familiar face.

### **Our Contributors 6**

We have a great team of award-winning journalists and photographers working on stories for each issue.

**ON THE COVER** Santa shops The Bagnell Dam Strip. Photo by George Denny



MARGARITAVILLE®

Lake Resort

LAKE OF THE OZARKS

*New Year's Eve*

**SPEAKEASY SOIREE**

**December 31st, 2024**



*Scan the QR Code to Reserve Now  
or  
Visit Our Website  
[MargaritavilleResortLakeoftheOzarks.com](http://MargaritavilleResortLakeoftheOzarks.com)*

**494 Tan Tar A Drive | Osage Beach | (573) 348-3131**



# TIS' THE SEASON.....



**A**s summer appears further and further away in our rearview mirror, we embark upon another season at the Lake. For many of us boat owners, it's sadly the season to winterize our vessels and tuck them away until next spring. Fortunately, the memories of the past several months will help us endure. We know the upcoming seasons at the Lake are just as wonderful, and we are already seeing signs of that.

What's more beautiful than the fall colors that surround us in our little slice of paradise. Although somewhat short lived, the bright golds and reds of the leaves combined with the crisp, cool air has us longing for hot cider and campfires. It has us looking forward to other activities to keep us busy.

This issue of Lake Lifestyles magazine is packed full of ideas for the fall and winter season. Check out Judy Goppert's story on Warrensburg, a great day-trip destination that offers so much to see and do. Did you know the Lake area offers food tours? Read all about it in this issue. Vicki Wood's story about Winter Skin and Hair Tips will help prepare you for the impact of the upcoming cold weather. And for you die hards, John Neporadny explains why you don't have to store the fishing poles just because it's winter.

Let's get to the question on everyone's mind: is that beard real on our front cover Santa? It is, and he's the most convincing Santa Claus I have ever met. Kudos to our local Santa who braved the

80-degree weather on the strip for this photo shoot.

Speaking of Santa, the holidays are right around the corner and that means shopping. When searching for the right gift for those on your list, please don't forget to shop local. My story in this issue highlights some great ideas and locations for even the most difficult person on your list. The Lake area is home to so many wonderful shops and businesses, and unfortunately we only had room for some.

If holiday parties and festivities are on your list, let Lake Ride Pros do the driving. Check out the story about them in this issue.

From our Lake Lifestyles family to you and yours, we wish you a peaceful fall and magical holiday season. We hope it's filled with wonderful memories and time spent with those who mean the most to you.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to entertain and bring you information about life at the Lake. I am always open to your ideas and suggestions, so please feel free to reach out to me.

See you in 2025.

*Marie Keatowski*  
marie.lakelife@gmail.com



# LAKE Lifestyles THE WAY WE LIVE

4075 Osage Beach Parkway  
Suite 100  
Osage Beach, MO 65065  
573-346-2132

## PUBLISHER

Trevor Vernon  
tvernon@vernonpublishing.com

## EDITOR

Marie Krolikowski  
marie.lakelife@gmail.com

## EDITORIAL STAFF

Judy Goppert  
Paul Leahy  
Doug Beck  
John Naporadny  
Vicki Wood

## MARKETING CONSULTANTS

Candace Williams  
candace.lakesun@gmail.com

McKayla Williams  
mckayla.lakesun@gmail.com

## PHOTOGRAPHERS

George Denny  
Brad Glidewell

## DESIGN & PRODUCTION

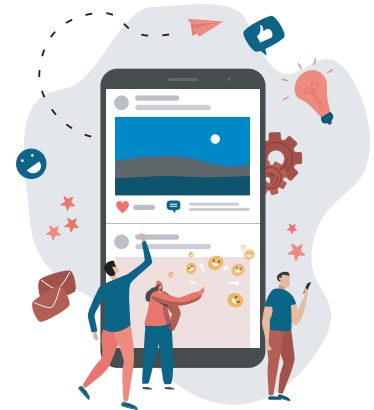
Tracey Steinkraus  
Barbara Deitrick

Copyright 2024 by Lake Media, owned by Vernon Publishing. All rights reserved. Lake Lifestyles magazine is published six times annually for distribution in Missouri and in the Midwest. Lake Lifestyles provides residents of and visitors to the Lake of the Ozarks with lifestyle and recreation features about the greater Lake of the Ozarks area. While effort has been made to authenticate all claims and guarantees offered by advertisers in this magazine, we cannot assume liability for any products or services advertised herein. The publisher reserves the right to accept or reject any advertising or editorial material. The publisher will assume no responsibility for unsolicited manuscripts, transcripts or other materials. All advertisements created by the publisher are not considered a work made for hire and the publisher retains the copyright to all advertisements created by the publisher for the advertiser. The advertisements may not be reproduced without written permission of the publisher.

# Let's Connect

## Say hello!

Lake Lifestyles magazine wants to know what you really think! Send your comments, questions and story ideas to [marie.lakelife@gmail.com](mailto:marie.lakelife@gmail.com) or send snail mail to 4075 Osage Beach Parkway, Ste. 100, Osage Beach, MO 65065.



## GET A COPY

Lake Lifestyles magazine is available at the following locations:

### Osage Beach

Hy-Vee & Hy-Vee Gas  
Dierbergs  
Lake Life Outdoor Furniture

### Camdenton

Lake Oasis

### Lake Ozark

Woods  
CVS

**GIVE THE GIFT THAT**  
*Keeps on Giving*  
**ALL YEAR LONG**  
**LAKE Lifestyles**  
THE WAY WE LIVE

*Lake Lifestyles is the Lake of the Ozarks premier magazine focusing on food and wine, entertainment, beautiful homes, health, people, recreation and more!*

**\$25** **1-YEAR SUBSCRIPTION**  
**(4 ISSUES)**

**CALL US AT 573-346-2132**  
4075 Osage Beach Parkway, Ste. 100,  
Osage Beach, MO 65065



# Contributors

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2024 / JANUARY 2025



## Vicki Wood

Vicki Wood is a freelance journalist for the Lake Sun, Eldon Advertiser, Morgan County Statesman, Lake Lifestyles Magazine, and Newsbreak Digital News. She writes a regular feature for the Lake Sun Newspaper, titled Day Trippin in the Weekend Edition. In her third year of Literature Studies at Columbia College, she likes to spend time with her six grandchildren in her spare time.



## Doug Beck

Doug has been boating since the age of 14. He moved to the Lake in 2002, and owned and operated an environmental company. He sold the company in 2016 and now focuses his time on boating and water safety.

Doug has taken and continues to take boating education classes. He completed a US Coast Guard Class by the World Wide Marine to earn his OUPV, and vessel assist USCG License. The following year he upgraded to a 25 Ton grade Master and currently holds a 100 Ton Master. He is a National Safe Boating Instructor for Tow BoatUS, Freedom Boat Club and Ozark Boat Safety Training. Doug is an active member of the Water Safety Council and does charter work driving personal boats to water taxis, the Celebration, The Lake Hopper and Playing Hooky.



## John Neporadny

John Neporadny became a full-time free-lance writer specializing in freshwater fishing in 1993. His articles have been published in Field & Stream, Outdoor Life, BASSMASTER, B.A.S.S. Times, Bassmaster.com, Fur-Fish-Game, North American Fisherman, Fishing Facts, In-Fisherman, CRAPPIE World, Crappie Journal, BASSIN' and other national and regional outdoor publications. The University of Missouri School of Journalism graduate is also a monthly contributor to the Bassresource.com web site.

The Lake Ozark, Mo., resident is also the author of "THE Lake of the Ozarks Fishing Guide" and "101 Bass Fishing Tips, Twenty-First Century Bassing Tactics and Techniques from All the Top Pros".

The veteran outdoor writer was inducted into the Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame in the "legendary communicator" category in 2016.



## Paul Leahy

Paul Leahy has been a golf professional at the Tan-Tar-A Resort since 1989 and Director of Golf since 2001. He manages the Oaks golf operation at Margaritaville Lake Resort, Lake of the Ozarks. He has been active in the community via the Lake Area Chamber of Commerce, Convention and Visitors Bureau and various charities. Paul has been a contributor in the golf section of Lake Lifestyles Magazine since 2007.



# Friendly, Reliable Service Tailored to You!

- Convenient Locations
- Great Checking Choices
- Savvy Savings Options
- Efficient Business Services

Talk with the team at our Osage Beach Branch about your financial goals today.



Find an ATM close to you by scanning the QR code!

**MID AMERICA BANK**  
Member FDIC

3855 Osage Beach Pkwy | 573-693-1352  
midambk.com



## THE PLACE TO PROMOTE... YOUR BUSINESS OR SERVICES

We are the local publication for local businesses and services. No matter how large or small, we have ad sizes and rates to get the attention you deserve. Reach out to one of our Marketing Specialists and see how we can help you!



### Candace Williams

Candace has been the Marketing Consultant for Lake Media since March of 2016. Meeting new people in the community, combined with the experience and career growth the position has provided, is what makes her job meaningful to her. Her role, Candace said, has enabled her to build trustworthy bonds and friendships with local leaders. Her attributes, which includes being friendly, trust worthy, and knowledgeable in print and digital media, has been the foundation of her success.

When not working, Candace enjoys family time with her daughter and grandsons, traveling, and outdoor activities such as motorcycle riding and golf.

Please reach out to McKayla for all your advertising questions and needs.

**Candace Williams**  
Marketing Consultant  
573-569-5851

### McKayla Williams

McKayla started her career as a sales assistant in May of 2022. In 2023, she became the Marketing Assistant for Lake Media and the Eldon Advertiser. A favorite aspect of her job, McKayla said, is meeting new people and the amazing relationships she builds with them.

In her spare time, McKayla enjoys spending time outdoors with her family exploring new sights, and watching her son's participate in sports and achieve their goals. Practicing with them to help them improve their skills is also a favorite pastime. As a family, they also enjoy cruising trails in their side by side and vacations. Please reach out to McKayla for all your advertising questions and needs.

**McKayla Williams**  
Marketing Assistant  
573-569-8259



# LAKE OF THE OZARKS FISHING: WARMING UP WITH WINTERTIME

Story and Photos by JOHN NEPORADNY JR.

**N**either rain, sleet nor snow can keep some bass and crappie anglers away from Lake of the Ozarks in the dead of winter.

While fair-weather anglers cower in the warmth of their homes, others shrug off the cold because they know they can catch quality crappie and bass in the winter, in addition to having the best fishing spots to themselves. Two anglers who spend their winter days pursuing crappie and bass are guides Terry Blankenship and Jack Uxa.

Blankenship claims the Lake of the Ozarks is one of the best wintertime crappie lakes around. He catches these tasty panfish in all sorts of weather—including snowstorms—from November through February.

The crappie guide concentrates on brush piles and condominium docks where the fish are suspended 10 to 20 feet deep over depths of 30 to 60 feet. His favorite lures for wintertime crappie are a Bobby Garland Baby Shad and 3-inch Bobby Garland Slab Slay'R on 1/16-ounce jigheads and Bobby Garland Itty Bits on 1/32-ounce jigheads. For fishing in clear water, he prefers lures in the blue ice hue, but favors orange or chartreuse colors for dingier water.

Fishing a jig in cold water requires a slow retrieve. "Just holding a jig stationary sometimes provokes a strike," Blankenship explained. Since the fish are reluctant to chase anything in cold water, Blankenship keeps a close vigil on his electronics to present the lure vertically in front of the crappie throughout his retrieve.

---

Guide Terry Blankenship catches wintertime crappie with a slow jig retrieve.







The Alabama rig is one of guide Jack Uxa's most reliable bass catchers during the winter.

The guide also tries to imitate the action of a dying shad darting and fluttering on its side. "I'll use that motion when I'm jigging to try to simulate what the shad are doing," he said.

The key to success for wintertime bass fishing is finding schools of bass, according to Jack Uxa. A suspending jerkbait is one of Uxa's favorite lures for catching wintertime schooling bass. "A jerkbait is great for catching a variety of sizes of bass and is good in a lot of different conditions," Uxa says. "It is a great bait for mimicking baitfish. It can be twitched for making plenty of flash and can be paused." Uxa's favorite suspending stickbaits for wintertime bass are the 4 1/2-inch Berkley Stunna and the Tackle HD Fiddle-Styx. He favors white jerkbaits for cloudy days and flashy chrome colors on sunny days.

The Missouri angler varies his retrieves depending on the day's conditions. "There are times when I am working a jerkbait fairly fast, and there are other times I am dead sticking it," he says. His standard retrieve is a series of two rod jerks, followed by a short pause and then three jerks and a pause.

Uxa also favors an Alabama rig for wintertime bass because he can cover more water with it, and it usually produces bigger fish than the jerkbait.

Alabama rigs equipped with lots of spinner blades such as the Yum Yumbrella Flash Mob are Uxa's top pick for most wintertime situations. He will, however, switch to umbrella rigs without spinners on calm, sunny days. He adorns the rig with 3.5 or 4-inch Tackle HD swimmer swimbaits (white, Tennessee shad or gray ghost hues) attached to 1/8 or 3/16-ounce jigheads. A slow, steady retrieve produces best for Uxa most of the time in the winter.

The tournament veteran also opts for jigs to pitch behind docks on steep banks where he can stair-step the lure down any ledges. Uxa chooses a 3/8 or 1/2-ounce jig in peanut butter and jelly, brown, or black-and-blue colors for his wintertime fishing. His favorite jig trailers for winter bass are green pumpkin Berkley Chigger Craws or Chompers Possum Tails.

Crawling the jig along the bottom is Uxa's standard wintertime retrieve, although he will occasionally twitch the bait and pause it when fishing around cover. A Ned rig is ideal for wintertime bass fishing during the bright bluebird skies of a cold front.

Uxa's Ned rig consists of a 1/8-ounce jighead with a Crock-O-Gator Shortie, a 3.5-inch worm with a floating bulbous tail. Uxa favors a floating worm because it makes the Ned rig stand up better when dragged along the bottom. His color choices for the worm include green pumpkin, black/blue, watermelon red and brown with some blue tint. The Ned rig produces best for Uxa when he lets it sink to the bottom and slowly reels it along the lake's floor.

A crankbait is most successful for Uxa during early and late winter when the water temperature ranges from 45 to 50 degrees. His favorite wintertime crankbaits are the number 5 Berkley Fritts Side and the Tackle HD Crankhead in brown and red hues. He makes sure he employs mostly a slower retrieve for wintertime cranking.





# Brainerd, Minnesota

## AN IDEAL LOCATION FOR VACATIONERS AND GOLERS ALIKE

Story by PAUL LEAHY

The 16th-hole at The Classic golf course is a typical backdrop of this Golf Digest 5-Star rated course. PHOTOS SUBMITTED

Centuries ago Midwesterners from as far away as St. Louis and Kansas City traveled 130 miles north of Minneapolis to escape the summer heat. With little air conditioning available anywhere, families would head to northern Minnesota for relief, boating, fishing, and hiking. Now they come for the fantastic golf. The Brainerd Lakes region is now considered one of the finest vacation destinations in the Upper Midwest.

More than 450 holes are located in the area with name course designers such as Robert Trent Jones Jr., Arnold Palmer, and Dye designs among the great layouts you can find here. Many courses have been nationally recognized by such publications as Golf Digest, Golfweek, and Golf publications.

Maddens on Gull Lake is a classic Minnesota Resort. You can choose from five different lodging accommodations, 63 holes of golf, a wake surf and water ski school, tennis and croquet, an inflatable outdoor waterpark, trapshooting and archery, axe throwing, marina rentals, hiking and biking, fishing, beaches, swimming pools, and more. Visitors can enjoy seven food and beverage operations around the property as they enjoy their golf package.

The gem of the courses at Maddens is called The Classic. Playing at 7,100 yards from the back tees, the rolling Minnesota

hills make a perfect backdrop for this Golf Digest 5 star rated course. Since 1997, the Classic has been a must play for locals as well as visitors. Traditional walking caddies or fore caddies will accompany all golfers teeing off prior to 10am from June 1 until August 31.

The other courses at Maddens are the 18-hole Pine Beach East and West layouts and the Social 9, a nine-hole short walking course. The East course was designed in 1926 by Scotsman James Dalgeish. All the traditional charms of the original design remain and it is home to Minnesota's only Par 6, the 618 yard sixth hole. The West course was built in the 1960's and is the ideal place to perfect your game. Featuring seven three- pars, two five- pars, and the remaining four- pars, this par 67 course can be enjoyed in less than four hours. Their team of professionals is confident you will enjoy your round and the challenge as they offer a complete refund for a round that breaks par!

Cragun's Resort, Golf and Conference is another beautiful place to stay and play. Offering more affordable choices than any other Minnesota resort, you can select a lakeside cabin or lodge room with a balcony. One bedroom suites, ten bedroom suites, and everything in between is available. Visitors enjoy water sports, tennis and pickle ball, foot golf, biking, fishing, boating, Gull Lake cruises, beaches, and more.





Cragun's Resort also offers 36 championship golf holes, a short course, and another nine holes that will be added to the Dutch Course in 2025. The Dutch 18-hole course and the Lehman 18 have been recently renovated by PGA Tour legend Tom Lehman at a cost of \$15 million. Designed by Minnesota native Lehman, his signature design, the "Lehman 18", is a challenging par 72, 7400-yard picturesque experience. It weaves through a wooded sanctuary and wraps around Stephens Lake. The Dutch 18 course is another Lehman design and will expand to 27 holes in 2025. Its par 70 layout recently hosted the CRMC Championship, a PGA Tour Americas event, and got rave reviews. The resort also has a par 3 course that is perfect for families, groups, and novice players alike. It was designed by Robert Trent Jones Jr and was inspired by St. Andrews in Scotland.

Arnold Palmer honored his father "Deek" as he designed Deacon's Lodge at the Breezy Point Resort. The 7,000 yard, par 72 masterpiece flows across 500 acres of forest, wetlands, and lakes. Bentgrass greens, tees and fairways make for impeccable conditions at one of the best courses in Minnesota. The

resort has offered golf since 1920 with their 18-hole par 68 course, The Traditional.

Breezy Point Resort has two other gems that you can play as well. The Traditional 18-hole course is a par 68 layout which rewards accuracy over power, and is considered by the locals as a "shot maker's" course. The Whitebirch course was the first championship course in Brainerd Lakes. The par 72 layout is considered by many the best value of any of the championship layouts in the area.

These are just a few of the golf courses you will find in the area. Pick one or pick several, you won't be disappointed. You can find out more about the area by visiting [www.brainerd.com](http://www.brainerd.com).

Brainerd has so much to offer besides golf but it has certainly turned out to be one of the best kept secrets in the upper Midwest. Oh, did I mention the Walleye fishing, it's some of the best in the country so pack your pole or rent one from one of the many marinas that dot the area. Brainerd has come a long way from just being that respite from the oppressive heat centuries ago. It has grown and expanded into a great summer and winter family destination.

Maddens on Gull Lake is a classic Minnesota Resort, offering a variety of accommodations and activities.





# PGA OF AMERICA AND THE PGA TOUR: **What's the Difference?**

Story by PAUL LEAHY

In the last several years there has been more confusion than ever about the PGA of America, the PGA Tour, the PGA and now the LIV Tour. Most non-golfers are confused, and even informed media and experienced golfers often confuse the entities and what their roles are in the golf industry. Let's take a deep dive into what makes these organizations different and how they are the same.

Let's look at the PGA of America and the PGA Tour. The PGA of America was founded in 1916, and until 1968 encompassed both club professionals and tournament players. As money in tournament golf grew over the decades, the professionals that were good enough began specializing in tournament golf only. Their specific needs did not align with the duties and responsibilities of the traditional club professional and the mission of the PGA of America. Beginning in 1968 the PGA of America created a Tournament Players Division to address the needs of their touring professionals. Then, in 1975, the Tournament Players Division officially became the PGA Tour and completely broke away from the PGA of America and created their own organization. Both organizations use PGA in their name because of the long history of being one organization of golf professionals under the PGA umbrella.

The main purpose of the PGA Tour is co-sanctioning tournaments on the PGA Tour, PGA Tour Champions, Korn Ferry Tour and PGA Tour Americas, and administers PGA Tour Q-School presented by Korn Ferry and PGA Tour University. The mission of the Tour is to showcase golf's greatest players. They drive to engage, inspire, and positively impact fans, partners, and communities worldwide. The Players Championship contested at TPC Sawgrass and the Tour Championship which culminates the Fed Ex Cup Play-offs are the signature events the PGA Tour sponsors. The four major championships for the PGA Tour players and the world's elite players are hosted and administered by other golf entities, but PGA Tour members are well represented in the fields.

The Masters Tournament is conducted by the club membership at the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Georgia. The United States Open Championship is conducted by the United States Golf Association, which is the preeminent amateur golf association in the country. The PGA Championship is conducted by the PGA of America and its membership, and the Open Championship is conducted by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews.



Paul Leahy (left), golf pro and manager of golf operations at The Oaks at Margaritaville, instructs a client on ways to improve his game. PHOTOS BY MARIE KROLIKOWSKI





## Golfers line-up for a golf tournament held at The Oaks Golf Course at Margaritaville Lake Resort.

PHOTO SUBMITTED

In contrast, the PGA of America represents nearly 28,000 PGA of America professionals who work, teach, and administer the game at public, private, municipal, and off course facilities across the United States. The PGA of America mission has been to establish and elevate the standards of the profession and grow interest and participation in the game of golf. This is accomplished by promoting the enjoyment and involvement in golf among the general public, as well as to contribute to the sport's growth by providing services to golf professionals and the industry. Today's PGA of America Professionals undergo rigorous training, certification, and more than 600 hours of education. They have the knowledge of the changing dynamics of the industry to continue to grow the game of golf.

Since 1916, the PGA of America has organized and conducted tournament golf at the highest level. The PGA of America conducts the following major events: The PGA Championship, Ryder Cup, Senior PGA Championship, and Women's PGA Championship. They also conduct over 30 tournaments for its 28,000 plus rank and file PGA Professionals that manage and run the facilities you frequent each day.

The PGA of America is divided into 41 geographical sections throughout the United States. Each section and its member professionals work tirelessly to promote its professionals and the game of golf through the following endeavors: Junior Golf, PGA Junior League, PGA Hope, PGA Works, PGA Places to Play, PGA Drive, Pitch and Putt, PGA Team Golf, PGA Family Golf, PGA Camps, PGA Coach, PGA National High School Golf Association, and the PGA National Collegiate Club Golf Association. To learn more about the PGA of America and how they promote the game of golf visit [www.pga.com](http://www.pga.com).

In the last few years another entity has emerged in the world of golf in the form of a new professional golf league/tour called LIV Golf. The LIV Golf League mission is to build on and complement the existing format of professional golf, and take it to new levels of excitement and engagement with generations of fans. The format is 54-hole events as compared to 72 hole traditional PGA Tour events, and they use a staggered start or shotgun format instead of tee times. Forty eight players are grouped into 12 four-person teams headed by a captain to bring in a team concept as well as individual play into its format. There have been talks between the PGA Tour and LIV to come to an agreement to merge their respective organizations, but at this time nothing has been decided. It will be an interesting next few years in the world of golf as these two entities compete for the best players in the world to join their ranks.

I hope that clears up the confusion between the organizations. Just remember that person at your local club running your event, teaching you how to play, running your child's Junior League or junior camp, picking the driving range, cleaning your clubs, speaking at your local chamber or school, volunteering at your local charity and promoting their facility for all to enjoy is a PGA of America Professional and not a PGA tour or LIV player.

Now get out there and enjoy the beauty of the course and thank your PGA Professional for all they do to bring enjoyment to you and so many others that LOVE THIS GAME!



**PLAY 18 HOLES**  
On 250 Acres of the Ozarks  
**\$45<sup>00</sup>**  
November thru February  
Open if 40 degrees or higher temperature



**BEAR CREEK VALLEY**



Book Tee Times at [BEARCREEKVALLEY.COM](http://BEARCREEKVALLEY.COM)  
**AFFORDABLE GOLF AND GREAT FOOD**

910 HWY 42, OSAGE BEACH, JUST .2 MILES FROM HIGHWAY 54 | 573.302.1000



# THE IMPRESSIVE, FAST, CATCH YOUR EYE BOATS AT THE LAKE

If you've boated the Lake on any given summer weekend, you've seen and often heard them. The vessels that many refer to as the "go fast" boats that are guaranteed to catch your attention. The colorful boats with the cool paint jobs that seem to glide over the water. Many of us check them out when parked at various establishments on the Lake, but we really don't know much about them.



Story by DOUG BECK

## BIG THUNDER MARINE - LAKE OZARK

Jeremy Anderson is the General Manager of Big Thunder Marine. Prior to coming to the Lake, the smaller boat world in Wisconsin was where he spent his time. He joined Big Thunder in 2016 and learned how to properly drive a high-performance cigarette boat to ensure a smooth ride in rough water. He also learned to drive the twin-engine boat with the throttles. Today, he's passing that knowledge onto other prospective boat owners. The powerboat world is moving to center consoles and has been for some time. This has been the focus of Big Thunder for many years now.

Cigarette, a recognizable brand at the Lake, are designed for a variety of uses that include racing, cruising, and even fishing

PHOTOS SUBMITTED

Big Thunder carries several lines of high-performance boats, including Fountain. The Fountain center console has somewhat originated from what power boat center consoles always were. Reggie Fountain had been manufacturing center console boats for fishing enthusiasts long before. His Fountain Powerboats factory in Beaufort County, North Carolina produces world-class offshore boats. Fountain boats are the smoothest, driest, fastest boats on the water. To some, fast means speed. To others, it means efficiency. At the Lake, it also means a striking paint job, lots of seating, a quality sound system, and so much more. Sizes range from 32 to 43 feet.





Donzi, another make that handles extremely well, is also offered at Big Thunder. Donzi has recently come out with a 39-foot center console, high performance boat that has earned great reviews in addition to their 34 footer. A unique feature of Donzi is a vented top that doesn't hold water like many other center consoles do. Not quite as fast as Fountain, Donzi has a nice finish, looks great, and handles the water really well.

Big Thunder also carries Glasstream, which is a great entry level boat for someone looking to get into a 32 or 38-foot center console at a reasonable price. Glasstream does an impressive job with their interiors and look great on the water. Glasstream center console vessels range in size from 28 to 38 feet.

Anderson said there's not only size that's preferred among those looking to purchase a center console. For that reason, they offer many different brands that offer different models and sizes. What buyers purchase depends on their comfort level, their dock size, and what boat they're coming from. "Big Thunder can match you up with the boat that's right for you and not just the one we have," Anderson said. "We've done that across the board here at Big Thunder for many years, believing that we can get you into the boat that's right for you and not the one that's right for us to sell you."

Speed is often a question when it comes to these boats, and it's not unusual to boat the main channel on a Saturday at 50 to 55 miles per-hour. The boats Big Thunder carries address more than top speed, it's how they handle the Saturday chop. Captains can boat the Lake on a Saturday at 55 miles per-hour, without their passengers asking them to slow down. Suited for the Lake, these boats run smooth and handle the rough water.



For most, a boat of this type isn't the first boat they've owned. A mid-level boat of this nature can range from \$200,000 to over two-million dollars. The sky is the limit in choices and options. They can be customized in terms of paint, motors, sound systems, and more. With customization added in, Big Thunder high performance boats end up costing somewhere in the \$600,000 to \$900,000 price range.

Big Thunder is proud of their product, but what's equally important is their behind the scenes service. "I believe we have more technicians than anybody else at the Lake," Anderson said. "We have multiple service facilities, and we're on the water every day, all summer, making sure our customers are out on the water. We provide a concierge level experience."

They are opening a brand new fiberglass and paint shop at the Glencoe facility, allowing them not only fix the engine and mechanical concerns, but custom paint. "We have guys who are amazingly talented artists that can paint on carbon fiber, and can also fix it," Anderson said. "We have a lot of services we've brought in house. We do our own canvas in house, vinyl, and interiors." A full-service operation, Big Thunder not only helps you make the right purchase for you, they help get it titled, Coast Guard registered, and insured at the time of purchase.



Jeremy Anderson, General Manager of Big Thunder Marine, enjoys time behind the wheel of a Fountain Thundercat.

## PERFORMANCE BOAT CENTER - OSAGE BEACH

Brett Manire, co-owner and general manager at Performance Boat Center, has a deep background with high performance boats. He started as the operator and manager of a Baha boat dealership in Bellevue, Nebraska. In early 2000, he moved to the Lake area and joined the staff of Performance Boat Center, and became co-owner with Mark Waddington.

# ECONOLIFT BOAT LIFT SYSTEMS

 MADE IN THE USA FOR 37 YEARS

*We Sell Lifts For Everything From PWCs to Cruisers!*

**BOAT LIFTS FOR SPEEDBOATS, PONTOONS  
FISHING BOATS, WAVERUNNERS AND MORE**

**BOAT LIFTS TO SUPPORT UP TO 20,000 LBS**

**5-YEAR WARRANTY ON OUR USA MADE GALVANIZED STEEL SAFETY VALVES  
LIFETIME TANK WARRANTY • GROUND FAULT • DECK MOUNTED BOXES**



(573) 346-7161 | [ECONOLIFT.COM](http://ECONOLIFT.COM) | FROM HIGHWAY 5, TAKE PIER 31 EXIT THEN RIGHT ON OLD ROUTE 5

*Trusted by Lake of the Ozarks Boat Owners for more than 39 Years!*



Performance Boat Center is known for carrying quality, high performance boats that have a strong history in the performance boating world. This includes Marine Technology (MTI), SunStation, Performance PowerBoats, Pricecraft, and South Bay. Boats range in size from 25 to 48 feet, and carry price tags from \$60,000 to \$1.4 million. Prices depend on the features, color schemes, amount of power, and other customized requests.

What attracts buyers to Performance Boat Center boats is the fact that they can handle all types of water conditions, offering a smooth and comfortable ride even when traveling dam to dam. Because of the motor sizes and speed capabilities, buyers attend specialized boater operator education and training with Tres Martin. Martin is a world-class high-performance instructor for high-speed boats.

What Performance Boat Center feels truly sets them apart from others is “building lasting relationships with our partners and employees, while serving the recreational and travel community. Our core values are based on honesty and integrity and service to the community.”

## **BLACK THUNDER POWERBOATS INC - HANNIBAL**

Don Jenkins founded Black Thunder in the 1960's, and his first line of boats were Beechcraft. In 1987, he founded Black Thunder Powerboats. The company made a name for itself by producing some of the largest and fastest offshore powerboats of their time. Known for their luxurious amenities, high speeds, and ability to handle big water, Black Thunder became an icon of the high-performance power boating lifestyle.

Today, Black Thunder Offshore continues its legacy under new management. With their new builds underway at their retooled headquarters in Hannibal, Missouri, they are combining decades of experience and craftsmanship with today's latest marine technologies to take the Black Thunder brand to new heights. Exciting new things coming include bold, new graphics and new hull designs.

John York is the sales manager for Black Thunder Offshore. York came to the Lake in the late 1970's, and owned several cruises in the past. At one point he saw a Black Thunder drive by, and said that was the boat he wanted one day. This launched York into the high-performance boat industry.

Years ago, York helped facilitate the sale of the assets of Black Thunder to Tim Dorn and his wife Kristen. They started a new company called Big Thunder Offshore. Taking the molds from Black Thunder, they started producing some of the original Black Thunder boats that are now updated. They are in the process of moving to a new plant that's being constructed at Lake of the Ozarks, and will be introducing a new model line within Black Thunder Offshore. The new plant is expected to be completed within the next 24 months.

Known for their comfortable ride in an ocean setting, Black Thunder Offshore boats are available in 43 and 46 footers. They offer a spacious six-foot, ten-inches of headroom below deck. What sets them apart from others is their size, durability of construction, and quality of the ride.

Often races, there is one that attends the shootout events at the Lake. Dennis Parvie's Black Thunder runs at 165 miles per-hour. When he debuted the first Black Thunder at the Chicago Boat Show, he was trying to fit into the market that appealed to both the husband and wife. Amenities for the wife, yet power, sound and a smooth ride for the husband. For his purchase, he came across a popular design that appeal to both.

Black Thunder dominated the Lake of the Ozarks in the 80's, 90's, and early 2000. Many were designed to sleep on, and proved to be self sufficient. Owners don't need special training, but Black Thunder Offshore will give them as much one on one training necessary to help operators feel comfortable. The average cost of a Black Thunder ranges from \$600,000 to \$2 million new.

---

Black Thunder offshore boats are known for their smooth ride and quality construction.





NUMEROUS TREASURES TO BE  
FOUND ON A FUN-FILLED DAY TRIP TO

# Warrensburg



Warrensburg is home to The University of Central Missouri. Founded in 1871, it is one of the oldest universities in the State of Missouri.

**T**he historic town of Warrensburg offers a little something for everyone. From outdoor activities, events, restaurants, shops and sports, a day trip to this locale will not disappoint. Here are some great ways to spend time in this city that's not far from the Lake.

The holiday season kicks off on Friday, December 6, at 6 p.m. with a lighted parade. On Saturday, December 7, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. the festivities continue with A Dickens' Christmas downtown Warrensburg. Be amazed as the downtown area transforms back to the 1840s when Charles Dickens "A Christmas Carol" was published. You'll see carolers fill the streets and artisans and makers fill the windows as you travel back in time for Christmas fun.

"Father Christmas arrives at the Warrensburg Train station on the Amtrak train and poses for pictures on December 7 at approximately 9:57 a.m.," noted Marcy Barnhart, Tourism director for the Warrensburg Convention and Visitors Bureau. "Visit the Warrensburg Main Street website for more information. And also visit [warrensburg.com](http://warrensburg.com) for more events."

Christmas on the Farm is held at Twin Oaks Event Center each Saturday in November.

"Just seven miles from Warrensburg is Knob Noster State Park which offers hiking, biking, picnic areas, and more. They also rent kayaks seasonally. This park is several thousand acres, so visitors have a great opportunity to experience nature. They do a great job maintaining that park," Barnhart explained.

Barnhart stressed that Warrensburg's downtown is both gorgeous and historic. The Magnolia Mercantile has a new business, Magnolia Market, offering ice cream and other goodies. Marmee's is a women's clothing boutique that is size inclusive so everyone can find something unique. Bordman's is a bistro featuring goat milk products such as cheese, ice cream, and soaps. They also offer fantastic daily lunch specials.



The lighted parade takes place on Friday, December 6 at 6 p.m. This events kicks off the holiday season for Warrensburg.



“You could park on the square and by the time you hit all the shops, you’ll have spent the day. We have a really cool children’s bookstore, Gunzil & Bowser, which is operated by a former teacher. It’s an experience. Different books from all different genres are on display,” she shared.

Step into Retrograde Charitable Toy and Video Game Museum in Warrensburg and prepare for an exhilarating journey back in time, where nostalgia and fun collide. This isn’t just a museum, it’s a time capsule that catapults you into the thrilling days of your childhood. Imagine walking through aisles filled with classic toys that once brought you endless joy, including Transformers, G.I. Joes, Barbies, and Hot Wheels. The museum’s dazzling pop culture collection showcases memorabilia from the golden eras of TV and movies. Amid these treasures you’ll also find heart-pounding excitement of an old-school arcade, buzzing with the retro charms of Pac-Man, Donkey Kong, and Space Invaders.

“The best part about this museum is that it operates charitably, using its enchanting displays and interactive experiences to foster a sense of unity and support for local causes,” noted Brian Chamberlin, President. “So you can relive your childhood while contributing to a legacy of giving and community spirit. Come for the memories, stay for the incredible journey through time, and leave knowing you have been part of something truly special.”

Those Were the Days is an antiques and collectables store located in three



The Magnolia Mercantile is a wonderful blend of history, upscale shopping, and entertainment.

buildings with three floors in downtown Warrensburg. Booths display all different things, literally a little bit of this and that. From clothing to toys, you name it and you’re going to find it.

“Every time I go, I don’t leave empty handed!” exclaimed Barnhart.

Raging Bull Steakhouse is an experience

to behold. They offer great steaks and seafood, with a full menu. The environment is enchanting, and there’s a full-service bar. Their desserts will tempt your palate for sure.

Heroes Restaurant and Pub has been voted best burger for several years. They opened in 1981 and have become a staple for all with hand dipped onion rings, fries, and a fantastic burger. When you visit, be sure to try the Unknown Hero drink. Fans agree, it is a really good drink.

Mary Jane’s Café is another local favorite. Brandy Wormsley explained, “We opened in September of 2000. We’re a family-owned business supported by an amazing team. We’re most known for breakfast and homestyle meals. We’re very blessed to be in our 24th year of business and we hope to continue to serve our community for many more years. Our mission here is to support the growth and success of our community in any way we can.”



Mary Jane’s Café is a local favorite, known for their delicious breakfast items and homestyle meals.





The Keith Memorial Golf Course at Mules National Golf Club is owned by the University of Central Missouri and serves as the home for UCM's Mules and Jennies golf teams.

“The wonderful small-town charm of Warrensburg offers Missouri day trippers virtually everything that would entice them to make The ‘Burg their next destination,” stated Terri Smith and Lee Rhoades, owners of Magnolia Mercantile. “One of the highlights of that experience would be Magnolia Mercantile. Recently awarded the Best Historic Preservation Project for the entire state of Missouri in 2024, the Mercantile is now a wonderful blend of history, upscale shopping and entertainment. A whiskey and wine bar with roots in the 1800s, a collection of local artists and craftsmen, a Pendelton clothing store, a speakeasy lounge with weekly live music, an outdoor cigar lounge, and a general store with bulk candy and craft sodas all make Magnolia Mercantile a must see.”

Old Barney’s has been a Warrensburg tradition since 1941. Located in the old courthouse square downtown, it has been a favorite place for locals and visitors alike for many years. With its relaxing atmosphere and great food, this little gem is a must visit location if you are in the mood for a quick bite or just want to relax and enjoy some sports with good company.

Their menu boasts some fantastic ap-

petizers from Tater Kegs to Spicy Jalapeno Corn Nuggets, delicious sandwiches like The Barnyard, and tasty dinner items that even grandma would envy.

Their website related, “Our servers are friendly and professional, our kitchen is ready to prepare any item exactly the way you’d like it, our atmosphere is quaint and homey, and once you visit us, you’ll discover for yourself why Old Barney’s has been a local favorite for so many years.”

The University of Central Missouri offers a rich heritage. Founded in 1871, UCM is one of the oldest universities in the state. It opened its doors with only 30 students and is now home to more than 10,500 students who represent 47 states and 36 countries. With “Education for Service” as its motto, UCM has a rich history of providing unparalleled student support, exceptional academic programs, and valuable learning opportunities that helped students achieve success through affordable access to a high-quality education for the past 150 years.

As it did in the early 20th century when the university offered unique courses such as Household Management, Typewriting, and Carpentry and House Building, UCM continues to offer more than 150 unique academic programs. From

aviation and cybersecurity to education and nursing, students can easily find their own niche and succeed.

If you are a golfer, swing by any of the golf courses in Warrensburg. The 18-hole, par-72 course at Royal Oaks presents a challenging experience for those looking to improve their game.

Keith Memorial Golf Course at Mules National Golf Club is a full-service, 18-hole public golf course. The facility is owned by the University of Central Missouri and serves as the home of UCM’s Mules and Jennies golf teams. It also features Traditions Restaurant and bar overlooking the course.

Sandstone Country Club is an 18-hole course that was established in 1933 with an open front 9 and a tight/challenging back 9. They offer Bermuda fairways and Bent grass greens for balls that sit up nicely in the fairway and roll smooth and true on the green. A full-service course, they offer two simulator bays and Finn Scooters for rent, as well as updated club car golf carts.

If you are looking for an outdoor getaway, fun, and excellent cuisine, Warrensburg is the place for you.

Warrensburg is a two-hour drive from Osage Beach, making it an easily accessible day trip.





# Foodies Unite!

Story by JUDY GOPPERT

## EXPAND YOUR MIND AND ENTICE YOUR TASTEBUDS AT THE LAKE

Nothing puts an exclamation point on your Lake experience like the flavors found along the historic Bagnell Dam Strip. New chefs and experienced iconic restaurants invite you to taste, learn, and enjoy all there is to sample. This is where Parrie Bayles, the idea and woman behind Lake Ozark Food Tours, comes in. She certainly has the chops to back up her business.

“I am the Family & Consumer Science Culinary Arts teacher at School of the Osage High School,” Bayles shared. “I’ve been teaching kids to cook for 28 years. In my ProStart Culinary classes, we compete in the state competition for cooking. We won first place last year, and went to Washington, D.C. to represent Missouri at the National Championship. Through the years of preparing for this competition, I have been able to get to know lots of the amazing chefs around the Lake area. I am so apprecia-

tive to them for helping my students and imparting their knowledge. Knowing the chefs has helped me to get the tour off the ground.”

The nugget for the idea happened when she and her two daughters took a vacation to Charleston, South Carolina. They went on a food tour there at the beginning of their trip. Bayles explained, “It was wonderful because for the rest of our stay, we knew which restaurants we wanted to return to. The entire time I thought this concept would be great at the Lake. Last summer, I started giving tours of the strip and here we are.”

Bayles has lived at the Lake for 24 years and finds the history of the strip fascinating. For that reason, the food tour is paired with a historical tour as well. As participants walk around the strip, she lets everyone know what used to be in that location, making mention of fun facts about the strip along the way.



Tuckers Shuckers Oysters & Tap is one of the tasty stops along the food tour.

The tour leads you through a carefully curated selection of eateries, from charming local joints to award-winning restaurants, ensuring you savor the best flavors the Lake of the Ozarks has to offer. Whether you're a BBQ enthusiast, a seafood lover, or have a penchant for indulgent desserts, Bayles has a food tour tailored to your personal preferences. This means while you feast, you'll learn unique stories about the area's past, its charming locals, and the natural wonders that make the Lake so popular.

"It's a great way to spend an afternoon with your friends," Bayles explained. "You get to see eight restaurants including Caribbean Mix, Wok n' Roll, Tuckers Shuckers, Brick House, Alley Cat's, Casablanca/Casagrotto, Grandma's Candy Kitchen, and Grandpa's Ice Cream."

She encourages participants to try things they might not typically order for themselves. You also have a chance to actually talk to some of the chefs and learn about the history of the area. Bayles has specific favorite foods she enjoys sharing with people. "I love sharing the wagyu beef corn dogs from Roxie's because it is different, and the wagyu is locally sourced from Hiroshi Ranch," she said. "Chef Dustin speaks with my tables and explains what he has prepared. Chef Rick's pizza at Casablanca is amazing and every part of it is made in house. Lainey at Wok n' Roll makes fantastic chicken satay with peanut sauce."

Since she is a teacher, the tours run on Saturdays from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. during the school year. During the summer, tours run Wednesday through Saturday from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. They will be open select Saturdays throughout the winter.

"Our simple mission is this: to tantalize your taste buds, ignite your sense of adventure, and create cherished memories to leave you craving more," she reiterated. "Everyone leaves very full and gets to try about 13 foods."

### For additional information:

Phone: 573-246-0772 or email: [tourguide@lakeozarkfoodtours.com](mailto:tourguide@lakeozarkfoodtours.com)  
Visit [lakeozarkfoodtours.com](http://lakeozarkfoodtours.com) for scheduling through the winter



A group of food tour participants enjoy some sweet samples at Grandma's Candy Kitchen.



# ELITE

## ROOFING & SIDING

Residential and  
Commercial Roofing,  
Siding & Gutter Specialists

*Ask about Our Custom Metal  
Standing Seam Roofing Systems*



[www.EliteRoofingandSiding.com](http://www.EliteRoofingandSiding.com)

1029 Ozark Care Drive | Osage Beach, MO 65065  
(573) 302-ROOF (7663) | Email: [info@eliteroofingandsiding.com](mailto:info@eliteroofingandsiding.com)



Preferred Contractor



**James Hardie**  
Associate Contractor



Story by MARIE KROLIKOWSKI


Photos by BRAD GLIDEWELL

# Luxury Meets Practicality

IN THIS CAMDENTON LAKEFRONT HOME







This quality-build home impresses the minute you walk through the front door. Light and bright with just enough dark touches to make it feel homey. The wall of glass sliding doors provides a breathtaking view of the Lake and surrounding nature.

**A**ncell Construction prides itself on producing quality homes with all the detail you'd expect to find in the upscale housing market. The minute you walk into this 3900 square-foot lakefront gem on Tuscany Drive, it's apparent no stone has been left unturned. This is just one of the homes being built in The Estates at Tuscany, the company's newest project located at the 31 mile-marker in Camdenton.

The exterior of this home is exquisite with LP Smart Side siding that is primed and painted with a 50-year paint. Below, cultured stone by Centurion adds a touch of elegance. The stately entrance features a Mahogany dense wood double front door under a covered front porch, and an impressive hanging chandelier. The three-car garage is roomy for all your storage needs.

Step inside and take in the view of the Lake with the wall of sliding glass doors on the opposite side. The home is light and

airy with light gray paint, wide white crowned molding, and 10-foot ceilings throughout the home. The dark accents add detail and just enough warmth to the color scheme. The open floor plan combines the family room, kitchen, and dining area into one functional, spacious space.

The kitchen is every cooks dream. Hickory wood floors and Hickory cabinets make a statement in contrast to the white Quartz countertops. An abundance of custom cabinets feature slide out shelves and soft close doors. The Kitchen Aid Stainless Steel appliances from Jacobsen's Appliance make a statement with a double oven and gas stove with a pot fill feature. Other touches in the kitchen include a white farmer style double sink, a nice size pantry, and built-in ice maker. The spacious island not only provides great prep and serving space, but can easily accommodate six bar stools. The adjacent dining area with a full view of the Lake is roomy enough for a large table and chairs.





Welcome Home! This stunning front entrance is just a preview of what lies behind these grand double doors.



Just as impressive as the front, the back of this home features stately pillars and stone enhancements. The gentle grade of this property provides an easy walk to the dock.

The Hickory wood floors continue into the family room area that features a soaring 13-foot ceiling that reaches 17-feet at the vault. Floor to ceiling white brick surrounds the 28,000 BTU fireplace, and recessed lighting gives ambiance to the entire space. The sliding glass doors open to the spacious, covered screened in porch.

The primary bedroom is a retreat in itself with accent night lighting, a wood planked ceiling accent, and access to the covered porch. The adjacent primary bathroom gives a spa-like feel with a large dual vanity and oversized shower with dual show heads. An overhead rain shower head is also featured. The tile in this room is unique and tasteful. Programmable heated floors are in all the full bathrooms of this home. The separate walk-in closet is massive in size, with custom built-in drawers and shelving.





Conveniently located off the kitchen and garage entrance, the laundry room features a large sink, and wall to wall counter space with plenty of cabinets.

Also housed on the main level is a second bedroom, bathroom, and powder room. The main level laundry room is spacious, and a built-in coat nook is the perfect spot to store outerwear when walking in from the garage.

The wide staircase leads to the lower level which is an entertainment destination in itself. Two additional bedrooms share a Jack and Jill bath, and a spacious second family room space is perfect for entertaining. A fireplace, identical to the one upstairs, anchors this room. A bar area complete with wet sink, a beverage/wine fridge, cabinets, and counter space adds another dimension to entertaining. The whole-house audio system is an added bonus.

Behind the bar area, a composite safe room houses a second wine fridge, microwave, and plenty of counter and cabinet space.

Covered porches span the width of the home on both levels, with portions of it screened in. Access from the lakeside rooms of the house lead to these outdoor spaces. Tastefully constructed, these porches feature Trex Signature composite decking, wood tongue and groove ceilings, and ceiling fans. The grill deck features an easy tie-in to gas, eliminating the need for portable gas tanks. The high tech security system enables the homeowner to control and program lighting throughout the home with an app. The high efficiency HVAC system installed by Comfort Care Heating and Cooling is dual zoned.

Unique to Missouri, this home sits on a surprisingly level lot. There's no slope to the driveway, and the walk to the dock is easy.

This exclusive lakefront haven truly combines the best of luxury, privacy and practicality.

# FROM HOUSE HUNTERS TO HOME OWNERS




ASK ABOUT HOME LOANS  
AND PLAN YOUR FINANCIAL  
JOURNEY WITH US TODAY




**Central Bank**

Strong roots. Endless possibilities.™


[centralbank.net](http://centralbank.net)

Member FDIC 





# YOUR DREAM HOME



FROM CONCEPTION TO COMPLETION



**ANCELL**  
CONSTRUCTION, LLC.  
EST. 2005

NEW HOMES + HOME ADDITIONS + HOME REMODELING  
LET US PROFESSIONALLY HANDLE EVERY ASPECT  
OF THE JOB, FROM THE BLUEPRINTS AND PLANNING  
TO ESTIMATING, BUILDING AND POST-PRODUCTION  
FOLLOW-UP, SO YOUR PROJECT IS CARRIED OUT  
SEAMLESSLY FOR ONE PACKAGE PRICE.



ANCELL CONSTRUCTION, LLC  
6368 OSAGE BEACH PARKWAY, OSAGE BEACH MO. 65065  
(573)286-0415 | [WWW.ANCELLCONSTRUCTION.COM](http://WWW.ANCELLCONSTRUCTION.COM)

CUSTOM HOME BUILDER



IN-HOUSE DESIGN

MISSOURI'S BEST NEW HOME BUILDER 2020





Cooking and entertaining are easy in this kitchen and dining area. Black stainless steel appliances, lots of counter top space, and plenty of seating makes it the ideal space for hosting a crowd.



The spacious, open floor plan in this home ensures everyone can be included in the fun. The kitchen is ideally placed to allow full view of the family room.





The main level family room is the perfect space to relax, take in the Lake view, watch television, or enjoy the stunning floor to ceiling brick fireplace.

# Stover

Carpet & Drapery



- Carpet
  - Vinyl
  - Rugs
  - Tile
  - Luxury Vinyl Plank
  - Wood
  - And More!
- Expert Installation Service

Locally Owned and  
Celebrating 50 years of Service

*Come in and see our  
selection of in-stock  
carpet and vinyl!*



1334 Highway 54 East, Camdenton, MO • 573-346-2208  
[www.stovercarpetdrapery.com](http://www.stovercarpetdrapery.com)

YOUR BEST DEALS ARE ALWAYS AT

# JACOBSEN APPLIANCES INCORPORATED

Qualify for 12 months  
Same As Cash with  
approved credit

**713 S. Jefferson, Lebanon, MO 65536**  
**417-532-7152**  
**[jacobsenappliances.com](http://jacobsenappliances.com)**





The primary bedroom is a retreat in itself. The light gray walls are warmly accented with brown toned flooring and ceiling. The sliding glass door provide a full view of the Lake and access to the covered porch. Exquisite tile detail, heated floor, spacious vanity space, and oversized shower with dual shower heads and a overhead rain shower make this primary bath feel like you're at the spa.

**Comfort  
Care**  
Heating & Air Conditioning Inc.

**Smarter HVAC is here.**

**InteliSense™**  
TECHNOLOGY

**bryant**  
Heating & Cooling Systems

**573-348-9999**

**5696 Osage Beach Pkwy  
Osage Beach, MO  
www.comfortcarehc.com**







Can you think of a better place to enjoy your morning coffee or wind down after a busy day? Covered deck space is featured on both levels of this home. With at least 100 feet of lake front property, lakefront homes in The Estates at Tuscany can accommodate spacious docks. This dock, enhanced with a view of the main channel, is perfect for fun on the water.

The ideal space for entertaining, this lower level bar has everything you need. Housed right behind is a true safe room equipped with a microwave, wine fridge, and plenty of cabinet and counter space.



The lower level family room features a second fireplace and sliding glass doors leading to the covered lower deck.



# WELCOME TO THE LAKE'S NEWEST LUXURY LAKEFRONT GATED COMMUNITY



JUST STEPS TO YOUR  
PRIVATE DOCK



NEARLY FLAT  
DRIVEWAYS



LARGE  
LAKEFRONT LOTS



## ONLY 7 HOMESITES LEFT TO CHOOSE YOUR DREAM HOME

573.286.9754

OR VISIT

[EstatesAtTuscany.com](http://EstatesAtTuscany.com)



THE ESTATES AT  
*Tuscany*  
proudly built by  
 ANCELL HOMES



573.348.9898  
kw LAKE OF THE OZARKS  
KELLER WILLIAMS REALTY  
Each office is independently owned and operated.







# ANCELL CONSTRUCTION

**M**att Ancell, owner of Ancell Construction in Osage Beach, began building homes at the Lake in 2006. His family has been building homes for over 50 years, and Ancell began learning from them when he was just “knee high to a grasshopper.” Two of his uncles, owners of Good Heart Construction, are still building homes in Ancell’s home town of Hannibal, Missouri.

“My passion has always been new construction,” Ancell explained. “I worked building homes in St. Louis for a long time. I moved here and did whatever I could find, and my business just blossomed from there.”

Ancell Construction is all about customer satisfaction, and that comes from knowledge of the product. The ultimate goal is to make sure that customers know exactly what they are getting and that they are completely satisfied with the end product. Ancell considers himself the quality control person, paying extremely close attention to the detail of the build. “I come to the job sites everyday and look at everything that is going on,” he said. “We are very transparent in dealing with customers. There are no hidden costs.” The company achieves this control by working with a very tight knit group of companies. Ancell Construction employs 15 people, seven of which serve as the construction crew. Although Ancell is at the forefront of the business, it’s the talents of his wife Bridgette he credits for their beautiful homes. “She’s the designer,” he explained. “She chooses everything from the products to the colors, and she works full-time doing it.”

Their current project, The Estates at Tuscan, is an exclusive lakefront haven tucked into a cove at the 31 mile-marker in Camdenton. Within this exquisite development are nine lots, each offering between 100 and 150 feet of generous lake frontage. There are

also three second-tier lots and an accessory lot that will house a pool and clubhouse. Unique to the Lake, these lots feature nearly flat driveways, and lakefront properties have easy access to private docks.

Ancell purchased the property in September of 2023. They were considering another piece of land, and stumbled upon this by boat. “It was in really bad shape,” Ancell said. “We hauled out 8000 loads of rock to clear the property. We were able to set the houses down low, and tie into the community water and sewer.”

In the past five or six years, Ancell Construction has pushed into the high end home market. “I like all the details and making the home as great as I can,” he explained. “Luxury items are in all these homes. These are all wired as smart homes, where everything can be turned on and off with an app.” Homes come landscaped, and buyers have the option to make changes. Home sizes start at 3800 square-feet and although plans have been drawn up for many of the lots, changes can still be made.

To ensure projects run smoothly, Ancell also owns MCS Rental and Supply equipment supply company. Equipped with a large number pieces of machinery, the company does their own excavating. They also rent out the equipment for personal use. Although home construction is where his heart is, Ancell has a number of commercial projects he’s completed. A most recent one includes the Culver’s restaurant in Camdenton.

“I don’t call myself a contractor, we are home builders,” he said.

For information about The Estates at Tuscan visit [estatesattuscany.com](http://estatesattuscany.com)

For information about Ancell Construction visit [ancellconstruction.com](http://ancellconstruction.com), [www.facebook.com/ancellconstructionllc](http://www.facebook.com/ancellconstructionllc), or call 573-286-0415

## SUBS AND SUPPLIER LIST:

**Excavation:** Ancell Construction  
**Concrete:** Burns Concrete Designs  
**Framing:** Ancell Construction  
**Roof:** Antonios Exterior Services  
**Siding:** Ancell Construction  
**Windows/Doors:** Anderson 100 Series installed by Ancell Construction  
**Plumbing:** Lake Area Services  
**Electric:** Matthes Electric  
**HVAC:** Comfort Care Heating and Cooling  
**Insulation:** Advanced Insulation  
**Sheetrock:** Barklage Drywall  
**Painting:** Around the Lake Painting  
**Flooring:** Richardsons Flooring  
**Cabinets:** PT Signature Cabinetry  
**Handrailing:** Edge Rail and Screen  
**Countertops:** Ozark Granite  
**Fireplaces:** Picks Gallery  
**Shower Doors:** Picks Gallery  
**Trim Work:** Spence Carpentry  
**Stone Work:** Pedrazza Masonry  
**Garage Doors:** Renner Supply  
**Appliances:** Jacobsen Appliance  
**Home Plans:** Ancell Construction - Denise Pachello  
**Designer:** Ancell Construction - Bridgette Ancell  
**Bank:** Concordia Banks



SHOP LOCAL

Krystin Smith, Owner of Split Arrow Boutique, helps Santa pick out just the right pair of boots for Mrs. Claus.

THINK LOCAL

# For Holiday Gift Giving

Story by MARIE KROLIKOWSKI

Photos by GEORGE DENNY

The Lake area was built on small businesses, and there's still a large number in the area today. While it's easy to shop online or walk into a chain store, the benefits of shopping local are numerous.

Shopping local helps create jobs, and encourages others to set up shop in the community also. Seeing a small business owner succeed can encourage those on the fence to open a business of their own, and have a positive impact on the future growth of the area. Think of it as an investment in your community and the place you live.

Shopping local increases the odds of finding unique, one-of-a-kind products that you won't find in national chain stores. Many are even hand crafted or home-made. And while you're in these businesses, make a point to meet the owner and make a new community connection. You'll find their personal service to be excellent.

Think outside the box. It's not only goods that you can shop for, but experiences, gift cards to a restaurant or specialty food store, services of all kinds ranging from house cleaning to golf lessons, and so much more. You don't have to shop local just for the holidays. You can make shopping local a year-round habit.

While there are numerous local businesses around the Lake, we only had room for some.



## For The Ladies



Shabby Chic Boutique. LAKE MEDIA FILE PHOTOS

### Split Arrow Boutique

Split Arrow offers an array of country and western styles catering to the chic country girl vibe. Their fashion assortment includes bags, boots, hats, t-shirts and much more that appeals to those of all ages. The clothing meets the standards of high quality, along with keeping up with the latest western trends.

1206 Bagnell Dam Blvd in Lake Ozark  
[splitarrowboutique.com](http://splitarrowboutique.com)

### AP & Company

If cute and trendy is what you're looking for, look no further. Clothing for all ages and sizes for everyone range from basic athletic wear to dressy to everyday attire. The boutique carries classy, quality, affordable items.

1126 Bagnell Dam Blvd in Lake Ozark  
[Shopapandcompany.com](http://Shopapandcompany.com)

### Shabby Chic Boutique

Shabby Chic Boutique and The Front Porch may focus on women's clothing, but both have so much more to offer. From boho to western styles, to jewelry and vintage decor, these quaint shops are guaranteed to have something for that person on your list.

Located in the Blair's Landing Shopping Center  
1056 Main St in Osage Beach  
[Shabbychicosagebeach.com](http://Shabbychicosagebeach.com)

### Amandenimes Boutique

This boutique focuses on being both sustainable and stylish, offering custom vintage jeans and shorts. Their unique offerings include clothing, accessories, footwear, and much more. Check out their athleisure shop as well as the vintage shop.

1084 Bagnell Dam Blvd in Osage Beach  
[Amandenimes.com](http://Amandenimes.com)

### Euro Bella Boutique

Sassy, fun and affordable styles for today's woman awaits shoppers at Euro Bella Boutique. Be sure to stop in and shop these affordable styles.

5481 Osage Beach Pkwy in Osage Beach  
Business page on Facebook

### The Roaming Gypsy

This quaint little shop sells bohemian and western styles on a blue collar budget. The shops goal is to make you feel your best from the inside out. Curvy & Confident plus size clothing is available.

Located in the Stone Crest Mall at 3797 Osage Beach Pkwy in Osage Beach.  
[roaminggypsyboutique.com](http://roaminggypsyboutique.com)

### Urban Sunflower Boutique

This shop specialized in quality, trendy clothing in addition to accessories, home decor, gifts, and more. Various sizes are offered. Voted one of the favorites at the Lake.

3570 Osage Beach Pkwy in Osage Beach  
[urbansunflowerboutique.com](http://urbansunflowerboutique.com)

### Peacock Lane

Located in the Blair's Landing shopping center, this is the go to place for the latest in fashion. The boutique strives to be your go-to for the latest fashions, offering unique and current pieces to reflect your personal style. Pieces and decor for the home are also offered.

1044 Main Street in Osage Beach  
[peacocklaneboutique.com](http://peacocklaneboutique.com)

### Mem's Market Boutique

Women's clothing from size small to 3x is both stylish and unique. Shop for clothing, cute jeans, purses, jewelry, hats, and more. Selections are both affordable and adorable.

9 Caulfield Ave in Camdenton  
Business page on Facebook



Peacock Lane. LAKE MEDIA FILE PHOTOS



### Grace&Grit/DesignsByDomandMel

Shop for Judy Blue, sweaters, tops, tea towels, hat, and other items on your list. Items are affordable and available in various sizes.

115 S Main Street in Gravois Mills  
designsbydomandmel.com

### Pretty Please Boutique LOZ

Romance meets country at one of Lake of the Ozarks newest boutiques. Casual and dressy clothing and accessories are trendy, unique, and affordable.

4691 Osage Beach Pkwy in Osage Beach  
Business page on Facebook

### Bella Boutique Missouri

Whether it's clothing for a unique gift, Bella Boutique is a must stop shopping location. Shop for clothing, shoes, jewelry, home decor, and more. Items are affordable and come in various sizes.

1603 S Business 54 in Eldon  
Business page on Facebook

### The Corner Boutique

From sweaters to dresses, hats to shoes, great fashions for all ages can be found here. Items are both unique and trendy.

8 Caufield Ave in Camdenton  
Business page on Facebook

### Sassy Sadie's Boutique

If you're looking for cute, unique, affordable options look no more. This intimate boutique has it all. Various sizes available.

13905 N State Hwy 5 in Sunrise Beach  
Business page on Facebook

## SHOPPING FOR THE MAN IN YOUR LIFE... AND MAYBE A LITTLE SOMETHING FOR YOURSELF



You don't have to ride a motorcycle to find something you like at Leather Man. Clothing, jewelry, shoes, purses, and more are some of the items for both men and women. PHOTO BY MARIE KROLIKOWSKI

### Leather Man

For years, Leather Man has been offering quality leather goods. Items include leather jackets, vests, chaps and pants, gloves, bike bags, purchases, jewelry, shoes, and much more. More than just a biker destination.

1446 Bagnell Dam Blvd in Lake Ozark  
Leathermanshop.com

### Blair's Landing

Looking for that special outfit for yourself or someone else? Quality, classic clothing for both men and women is what Blair's Landing is all about. Other items include jewelry, shoes, accessories, and more. Top designer clothing lines are featured.

5845 Osage Beach Pkwy in Osage Beach  
blairslanding.com



Outlaws Mens Outpost. LAKE MEDIA FILE PHOTOS

### Outlaws Mens Outpost

This shop tailored to the guys is Split Arrow boutiques men's collection. Both are owned by Krystin Smith, but have different locations on the strip. Shop for a variety of mens clothing including button-up shirts, sweatshirts, jeans, leather jackets and vests, hats, shoes and boots, and much more.

1206 Bagnell Dam Blvd in Lake Ozark  
Splitarrowboutique.com

## FOR EVERYONE ON YOUR LIST

### Lake Vibes

A fun store where you can find something for everyone. Clothing, swimwear, shoes, sport logo wear, novelties, and much more. Sizes from infant through adult 4X. This is a Veteran owned and operated business.

100 Brook Ln in Laurie  
Lakevibesloto.com

### Heartland Market Boutique

Heartland Market was built to support and promote small local makers, crafters, creators, and craftsmen. Items include apparel, accessories, home goods, games, gifts, and more for all ages. Buy from individual vendors and gift homemade.

741 N Business Route 5 in Camdenton  
Heartlandmarketboutique.com



## gifted . a gift boutique

Whether you're looking for something pretty or useful, this shop has it all. Clothing, decor, jewelry, commuter mugs, gourmet items, and more all under one roof.  
4175 Osage Beach Pkwy in Osage Beach  
Business page on Facebook

## Dogpatch

Not only is Dogpatch the longest operating store in the Lake area, it's a shopping experience. Two stories of shopping await you at this gem of a shop. Items for everyone on your list include novelties, jewelry, clothing, home decor, toys, and much more.  
1482 Bagnell Dam Blvd in Lake Ozark  
dogpatchstore.com



Grandpa greets all shoppers who come into Dogpatch. This shopping experience offers two floors of merchandise guaranteed to please everyone on your shopping list. PHOTO BY MARIE KROLIKOWSKI

## Lake & Land Trading Company

Two stories of merchandise await shoppers in this unique setting. Clothing, gift items, pet items, home goods, outdoor apparel, fishing related items, and more are available at this Lake lifestyle boutique.  
3797 Osage Beach Pkwy in Osage Beach  
lakeandlandtradingcompany.com

## Blair & Co. Confectionary

Although home made fudge, candy, and chocolates are their specialty this shop offers so much more. Lake related gift items and decor, kitchenware, novelty items, and so much more is within this spacious shop.  
5857 Osage Beach Pkwy in Osage Beach  
Business page on Facebook

## Stonecrest Book & Toy

Books and toys line the shelves in this shop. Leave plenty of time when browsing for those of all ages on your gift giving list.  
3797 Osage Beach Pkwy in Osage Beach  
Stonecrestbookandtoy.com

## Tasty Gifts



For those sweet lovers on your list, Grandma's Candy Kitchen is a must stop destination.

PHOTO BY MARIE KROLIKOWSKI

## Grandma's Candy Kitchen

Whether you're shopping for a gift or need to satisfy a sweet tooth, Grandma's Candy Kitchen is a must stop. Over 40 flavors of handcrafted salt water taffy, 20 different selections of homemade fudge, and an assortment of other sweets are just some of the tempting choices. Sugar free options are also available.  
1470 Bagnell Dam Blvd in Lake Ozark  
grannycandy.com  
Open until January, then closed for the winter.

## Osage River Popcorn Co

This shop is known for their fresh, gourmet popcorn that comes in enough flavors to please everyone. Tasty choices include bacon cheddar, cherry cheesecake, chocolate mint, cinnamon, and so many more in addition to the traditional flavors. Popcorn can be purchased by the bag or in decorative tins.  
756 Bagnell Dam Blvd in Lake Ozark  
4540 Osage Beach Pkwy in Osage Beach  
osageriverpopcorn.com

## Harmy's Cheese Store & More, LLC

Give one gift item or create a basketful, there's enough here for please everyone. Choose from cheese, sausage and meats, crackers, pickles and sauces, jams and jellies, sweets and treats, gift items, and more.  
6378 Osage Beach Pkwy S in Osage Beach  
harmyscheesestore.com

## The Littlest Chocolatier

This lovely shop features an exquisite collection of premium chocolates along with a variety of gourmet coffee.  
15895 N State Hwy 5 in Sunrise Beach  
thelittlestchocolatier.com

## Ozark Cookie Company

The name says it all. Ten delectable flavors available year-round in addition to seasonal treats are offered here. This family-owned store takes pride in creating delicious, handmade treats.  
46 Camden Ct SE in Camdenton  
ozarkcookie.net



### Wicked Sugar

If you have a cheesecake lover on your gift list, look no further. Wicked Sugar Cheesecakery & Novelty Dessert Shop can't be beat. This husband and wife team dish up the best in a variety of sweet temptations.  
5175 Osage Beach Pkwy in Osage Beach  
Business page on Facebook

### A Pinch of Happiness

Have a cook on your shopping list? Look no further than A Pinch of Happiness, where the culinary journey begins. Choose from a premium selection of spices, herbs, teas, extracts, dip and soup mixes, popcorn seasoning, gift sets, and more.  
54 E US Highway 54 in Camden  
pinchofhappiness.com

## SPA TREATMENTS AND SERVICES

### Lake Medical Spa

985 Executive Drive in Osage Beach  
lakemedicalspa.com

### Serenity Medical Spa

111 Crossings West in Lake Ozark  
serenitymedicalspa.com

### Spa Shiki

Located in Lodge of Four Seasons in Lake Ozark  
spashiki.com

### Spa 54

Located in Camden on the Lake Resort in Lake Ozark  
2359 Bittersweet Rd in Lake Ozark  
camdenonthelake.com

### LMK Esthetics Skincare Spa

100 Crossings East Dr in Lake Ozark  
lmkesthetics.com

### Infinity Float Spa, Massage, and Yoga

3797 Osage Beach Pkwy in Osage Beach  
infinityfloatspa.com



A spa treatment for both men and women may be much appreciated after the hectic holiday season. A number of spa locations throughout the Lake area offer everything from facials to massages.

PHOTO FROM METROCREATIVE

### Wellness Spa at Old Kinderhook

56 Club Place in Camden  
oldkinderhook.com

### Driftwood Spa & Salon

Located at Margaritaville Lake Resort  
494 Tan Tar A Drive in Osage Beach  
margaritavilleresortlakeoftheozarks.com

## GIVE THE GIFT OF AN EXPERIENCE

### Jetz Trampoline Park

1075 Passover Rd in Osage Beach  
jetztrampolinepark.com

### Miner Mike's Indoor Family Fun Center

4515 Osage Beach Pkwy in Osage Beach  
minermikes.com



Miner Mike's Indoor Family Fun Center. LAKE MEDIA FILE PHOTO

### Jolly Mon Indoor Water Park

Margaritaville Lake Resort - 494 Tan Tar A Drive in Osage Beach  
margaritavilleresortlakeoftheozarks.com

### Sunrise Beach Safari

1835 St Rd TT in Sunrise Beach  
sunrisebeachsafari.net

### Big Surf Waterpark

954 State Road Y in Linn Creek  
bigsurfwaterpark.com

### Malted Monkey Sky Trail

1345 Bagnell Dam Blvd in Lake Ozark  
maltedmonkey.com

### Lake Ozark Helicopters, Inc.

2101 Bagnell Dam Blvd in Lake Ozark  
lakeozarkhelicopters.com

### No Surrender Laser Tag

5473 Osage Beach Pkwy in Osage Beach  
nosurrenderlasertag.com

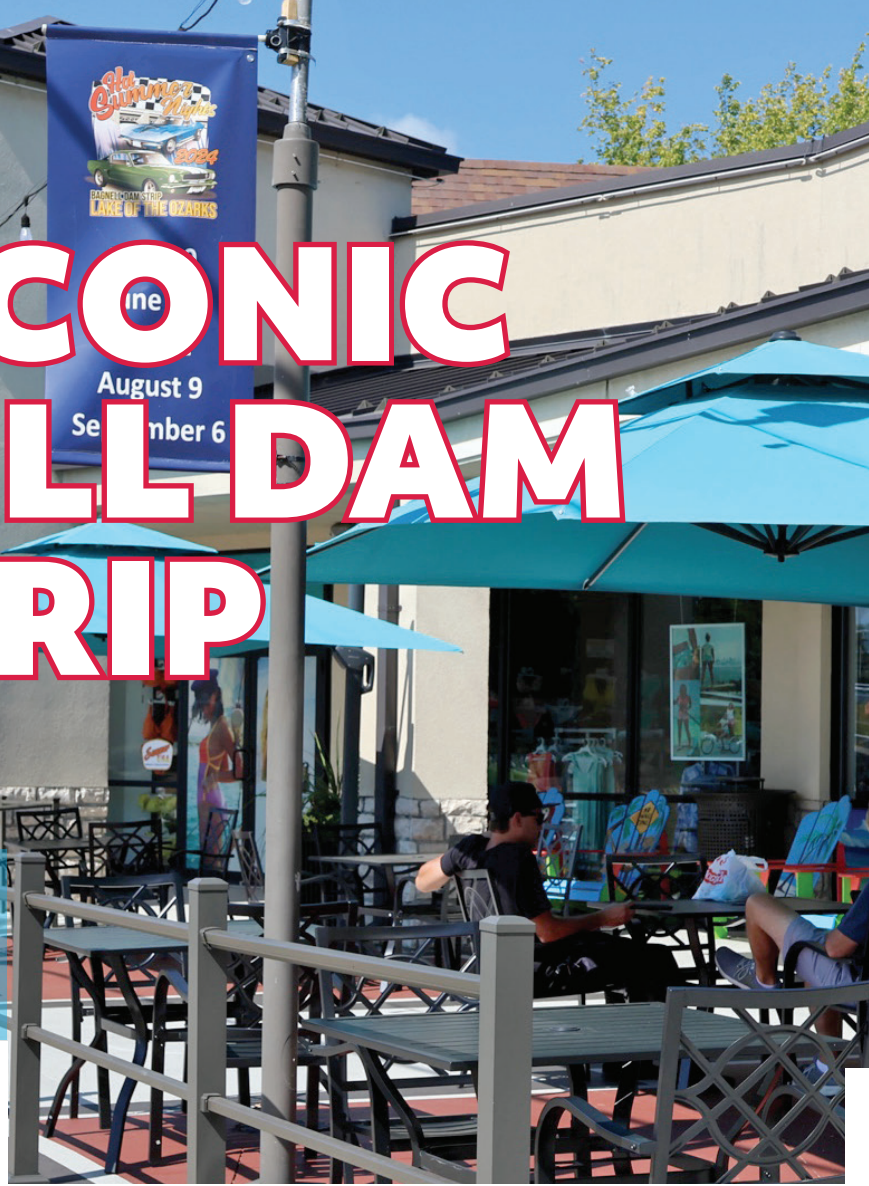
### Old Time Photos

1321 Bagnell Dam Blvd in Lake Ozark  
573-365-5244



# THE ICONIC BAGNELL DAM STRIP

WHERE IT'S BEEN AND WHERE IT'S HEADED



Story by MARIE KROLIKOWSKI

The completion of the Bagnell Dam in 1931 brought growth and expansion to middle Missouri. Businesses along the iconic Bagnell Strip began opening and visitors from all over the country came to shop the candy stores, souvenir shops, and play at the classic arcade. The Lake area quickly became a magnet for the resort industry as homes and businesses began popping up. Today, the Bagnell Dam Strip still serves as the iconic core of the Lake of the Ozarks.

Although there have been numerous changes to the Strip over the years, the more things change the more they stay the same. In the 1960's, a California company created two towering fiberglass structures to encourage owners of noisy automobiles to replace their mufflers. Today, the Indian and hillbilly statue Two-Bit still anchor the area.

In 1947, the Dogpatch Store opened as a gas station and tourist shop. Today, the 10,000 square-foot shop offers everything from Lake of the Ozarks souvenirs to home decor, and earns the honor as the longest continually operated store at the Lake. Reese Development is striving to bring a combination of nostalgia and progress to the area.

Since he was born, Nick Reese spent every summer of his life at the Lake. His parents began vacationing here in the 1970's, and his grandparents even chose the Lake as their honeymoon destination in the 1950's. The Lake, Nick explained, was a second home to him. Born in the Quad Cities area, Nick, his wife, and daughter are full-time residents on the Strip.

Today, the Bagnell Dam Strip is home to a number of restaurants, shops, and entertainment spots. Future plans for development are focused on making it a destination for those of all ages. PHOTO SUBMITTED





The Strip area felt the impact of the 2008 economic recession, and for sale signs began showing up in business windows. Genuinely concerned about this impact, Reese and his father were confident about the resiliency of the Strip to push through this troubled time. They decided to take action and do something about it.

In 2009, Nick and his father, Dennis, started Lakeshore Holdings & Development, a real estate holding company, and Iguana Watersports, a boat rental and sales company. They sold and rented Cruisers Yachts, Tritoons, ski boats, fishing boats, and personal watercraft at Iguana while Lakeshore owned the land.

Their first location originally housed the Lodge of the Ozarks motel. “When we started, we began buying land and buildings as they became available,” Nick explained. “We wanted to make sure it was in the best hands for the future. Before we knew it, we ended up owning quite a few properties.” They sold Iguana Watersports in 2019, and started to

focus on other Strip located developments.

In 2022, they rebranded Lakeshore as Reese Development. Having earned a bachelor’s degree from Colorado State University, a law degree from the University of Wisconsin, and a master’s in real estate development from the University of Denver, the role of president for the company suited Nick. His father, Dennis, remains the owner of the company.

“The Strip has been incredibly resilient, but many old attractions lay rusted and vacant from decades of neglect,” Nick said. “The time to remove the vacant properties, update the infrastructure and prepare for a prosperous future for the residents of Lake Ozark is now.”

Nick said he is not concerned *if* future development will occur, instead he wants to make sure it’s done properly. “Our biggest challenge is getting our arms around all of the opportunities,” he said. “Once we begin to develop, we want to make sure we’re doing it correctly and focusing on the end goal.”



Nick Reese and his office staff work out of their Bagnell Dam Strip location. From left to right: Peter Colovos, Senior Development Director. Danielle Flaughter, Controller. Emily Birdsong, Property Administrator. Nick Reese, President.

PHOTO SUBMITTED

Nick Reese enjoys a wave runner ride with his dad Dennis in 1997.

PHOTO SUBMITTED







The last couple of years Reese Development has been working on a feasibility study, and determining land use and scale for the future development. The key, Nick explained, is to respond to the market in terms of what will happen and how fast. Traffic and activity on the Strip, he explained, continues to increase even in the off-season.

The company has been working in partnership with the City of Lake Ozark to identify blighted properties for removal. Many have already been demolished, and the second round of demolition is scheduled for 2025. A number of impressive projects and enhancements are already making a positive impact.

What was originally Campbell's Lake House, a restaurant and motel dating back to the 1940's, has most recently been renovated into their offices with an upcoming private event space on the lower level, and short-term, two-bedroom rental apartments on the upper level. The Dam parking lot was renovated and reopened to the public, they completed a joint renovation project with Stewart's Restaurant of the historic White House, and refurbished and relit the original Shoreland Motel neon sign.

The Two-Bit Town cleanup turned a dilapidated eye sore into a space that will potentially be the site for carnivals, a gathering space, additional parking, and more. More demolition, grading, and water management on the site are planned for next summer.

New tenants will be moving onto the Strip, including the Lake Ozark Jeep Outpost featuring Jeep accessories and merchandise, as well as a potential speakeasy, a local coffee shop, and more. There's also discussion of opening a cultural center in partnership with the Osage in the old travel center next to the Dam.



Two-Bit Town once served as a tourist attraction with a maze, bumper boats, water slide, the Chuck Wagon, the Crooked Crazy Cousin's Cabin, and more. The unkept remains were demolished recently and the land will be used for other purposes. PHOTO SUBMITTED







Photographed in 1935, the White House Hotel, cafe, and gas station was a thriving business. Today, the building is home to Stewart's Restaurant.

PHOTO SUBMITTED



Built in 1946, Campbell's Lake House motel was expanded in the 1960's. The second story addition and more square footage provided space for a restaurant.

PHOTO SUBMITTED

Upcoming improvements will include the renovation of the "Boat Rides" lookout tower including new neon signage, and a large beautification project that will tie the Reese Development offices over to RIP Tavern with new sidewalks, landscaping, crosswalks, and upgraded facades. They also plan to address more landscaping throughout the Strip, and create new murals from local artists.

Finding just the right tenant to occupy the former "Blondie's" property has been a priority, as well as moving, hiding, and the wrapping of garbage dumpsters, the building of new stairwells and fencing, and the introduction of employee parking. There's hopes to add some electric vehicle chargers, expand event areas for the Strip, and give access to the public for the surrounding nature and waterfront.

"We applied for a community development block grant for \$600,000 in federal funding through the Missouri Department of Economic Development," Nick explained. "We'll find out around January if we get it. If we do, we'll be matching an additional 20-percent on top of that, and covering any administrative costs faced by the city." These funds, Nick said, will finance the demolition of additional derelict buildings next summer.

"One of our biggest priorities has been collecting great tenants and holding onto them," Nick said. "We want them to be part of the future of the Strip and give them the best chance to thrive and succeed. To that end, we'll continue our renovation, pursue infrastructure improvements, and bring them into the fold on any new development." Another focus, he said, is on changing up the tenant mix, and not solely focusing on nighttime entertainment.

"We talk a lot about the ecosystem of the area. Not necessarily the environmental ecosystem, but the community ecosystem," Nick said. "In the past, there hasn't been enough focus on the local community, like proper housing and neighborhood amenities, and we want to address that. We want to make this a great place to live, a fantastic place to visit, and a landmark we can be proud of. We do that by making this a one-of-a-kind, All-American downtown. But that can't happen in one push. We have to take our time."

With the discussion from some residents that the Strip is not family friendly, Nick said that is something they are taking seriously. "I think everyone has a different definition of family friendly," he explained, "so I don't like to use that term. I prefer to say we want to make it multi-generational: a place that appeals to all ages. That there's something to do at the Strip, whether you're seven, 17, 27, 47, or 97 years of age. Some folks want the Strip to return to the 1950s, and others want to see it turn into Bourbon Street, but I feel there has to be a healthy mix, just like any great town."

Nick added that Reese Development has an incredible team with seasoned and dedicated local staff, and their long-term vision for the Strip is attainable. "We want it to be charming, organic, and authentic to the Ozarks," he said. "A truly world class destination. The Strip needs to feel like it's the home of the Lake of the Ozarks."





Story by JUDY GOPPERT

# LAKE RIDE PROS



PHOTO SUBMITTED

## FROM PRIVATE DRIVERS TO CELEBRITY CHAUFFEURS AT THE LAKE

**E**ight years ago, Jim Brentlinger and Nate Bullock, co-owners and drivers at Lake Ride Pros LLC, saw the irritation customers were having when they needed to find transportation. Uber or Lyft were not cutting it for many, so they decided to become private drivers where clients needed to know someone to get access to the service.

“The company brought in the third owner, Michael Brandt, and subsequently expanded in 2020 as tourism boomed at Lake of the Ozarks,”

Nate explained. “We transitioned to a public-facing service with a social media presence and broader reach. Today, myself and the other two owners are continuing to expand the business to meet the growing needs of clients at the Lake and throughout Missouri.”

Their ongoing goal is to remain the premier transportation service in Central Missouri, offering high-quality, safe, and luxu-

rious transportation experiences for both locals and tourists. From weddings and corporate events to VIP services, Lake Ride Pros aims to enhance the experience of getting around the Lake area and beyond.

Lake Ride Pros offers a comprehensive range of transportation services, including their limo bus, private cars, and SUVs. They cater to events such as bachelor/bachelorette parties, weddings, corporate functions, and airport transfers.

The fleet is designed to accommodate groups of all sizes, ensuring a luxurious and entertaining ride with such amenities as music, lighting, and professional, engaging drivers. Serving the entire Lake of the Ozarks region, they provide transportation to and from popular destinations, including major airports like Springfield, Kansas City, and St. Louis.

In addition to their wide range of services, Lake Ride Pros has had the privilege of driving numerous celebrities, including famous musicians like Brandy Cyrus, Quinn XCII, legendary rock icons such as Robert Plant, and renowned artists like Yelawolf and Cheatcodes. They’ve also catered to top athletes like NHL’s Clayton Keller, MLB’s Harrison Bader, and NFL’s Dustin Colquitt, as well as prominent figures like Missouri State Senator Lincoln Hough. With a reputation for serving VIPs across sports, entertainment, politics, and other high-profile industries, Lake Ride Pros consistently delivers premium transportation experiences.



FACEBOOK.COM/LAKE RIDE PROS





“People choose our company for its reliability, luxurious experience, and safety,” Nate said. “Whether it’s for a night out with friends, a corporate event, or a special occasion, our fleet and experienced drivers ensure a memorable and worry-free transportation experience.” The company is also known for its flexibility, offering unlimited stops and miles, making them a perfect choice for group transportation.

Lake Ride Pros frequently transports clients to popular spots such as Shady Gators, Tap & Grill, Lake House 13, the historical Bagnell Dam Strip, and the Ozark Amphitheater. They are known for handling large events and concerts, ensuring VIPs and large groups can enjoy the Lake’s nightlife and attractions with ease. The company has a strong reputation for creating unique, tailored experiences around the Lake, whether it’s for a wedding or a concert event.

Throughout the holiday season, they will offer special promotions and packages during Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year’s Eve. These often feature group discounts, festive touches like holiday-themed decorations, and extended hours for events. Their services are particularly popular for family gatherings, corporate events, and holiday parties during this time. For more details on these exciting offers and updates, be sure to check out their Facebook page, where you’ll find all the latest information on seasonal promotions and exclusive deals.

“We are deeply committed to supporting the local community and sponsor numerous local events and youth organizations,” Michael explained. “We strongly believe in the importance of giving back to the Lake of the Ozarks area and collaborate with local businesses and continually invest in supporting the growth and vibrancy of the region through partnerships and sponsorships.”

Lake Ride Pros is proud to be a premier service provider in the Lake of the Ozarks region. In addition to their transportation services, they partner with local businesses to offer package deals that include concierge services, event planning assistance, and more. They are also highly rated for their customer service and are committed to making each ride safe, entertaining and memorable

For information, call 573-206-9499 or visit [lakeridepros.com](http://lakeridepros.com)



Lake Ride Pros offers a full fleet of vehicles to accommodate everyone from individuals to large parties.

**When attending parties and events this holiday season, or any time of the year, let Lake Ride Pros do the driving.**

**Whether it’s just for yourself or a large group, sit back, relax, and arrive safely to your destination.**

**For information, call Lake Ride Pros at 573-206-9499 or visit [lakeridepros.com](http://lakeridepros.com).**





# CROSS POINT CAMP AND RETREAT

## *A Family Affair*

Story By MARIE KROLIKOWSKI

If you've ever boated the main channel toward Bagnell Dam you've undoubtedly seen the large, white cross that stands hilltop at the six mile-marker of the main channel. What you may not be aware of is this is the home of Cross Pointe Camp and Retreat Center, a full-service facility that has been enjoyed by visitors since the 1940's.

Owned by the Southern Missouri District Council, the camp has developed over the years and is able to accommodate groups of up to 800 individuals for a camp, retreat, meeting, or conference function. They also host private functions, including weddings. A hotel is open year round for individual lodging, and a large amphitheater seats 300. The lakefront location provides numerous water activities and the large gymnasium is the size of four full-size basketball courts. What's most interesting, however, is that a family committed to what the camp offers keeps it up and running.

Curtis and Cindy Washam serve as the directors of the entire grounds and programs. They oversee all the facilities and operations of the camp. Their daughter Cara, and her husband Matthew, work as the assistant directors. Cara handles all the event planning and accounting while Matthew, a mechanically-minded former aviation mechanic with the Marine Corps, is responsible for the operations of all the buildings and structures. Cara and Matthew's three children are also involved and fill the soda machines in the summer on a daily basis. In addition, the family has seven full-time and two part-time employees that work year-round. In the summer, up to 30 part-time employees work with the camps. The ultimate goal, they stressed, is to keep operating expenses low.

The tie to the facility goes generations back for the family. In the 1940's, Cindy's mom attended camp here. In the 1970's, Cindy also experienced the fun of camp. Cara followed in her families footsteps by spending time at her parent's lake house and participating in camp on a regular basis herself.



The large cross sits at the point of Cross Pointe Camp and Retreat Center in Rocky Mount. PHOTO SUBMITTED



FACEBOOK.COM/CROSS POINTE CAMP & RETREAT CENTER

"My mom came here and I remember the first time I attended," Cindy said. "I said I would give it a try, and ended up wanting to attend for as long as I could." The family learned in 2009 that the camp was having financial problems, and numerous projects needed to be done. Funding those resulted in spending more money than the not-for-profit organization was taking in. That's when the family decided to step in and help.





Situated on the Lake, campers have the opportunity to enjoy water activities at the camp. MARIE KROLIKOWSKI

“Our district loves this place and believes in it,” Cindy said. “They were motivated to keep it going. My husband was a regional manager at Macy’s Department Store and had the experience we needed to run it. We feel we were called to be here. Faith has a lot to do with it.” With no hesitation, the family packed up their home in the Kansas City area and moved to the camp location.

An education major in college, Cara volunteers in her spare time to help children who are struggling with reading, mostly children with dyslexia. She and Matthew are also youth pastors in Barnett. “We bring our youth group here each year,” she explained. “It’s a safe place where they can have fun and just be kids. Many come from troubled situations.” Cara and Cindy agree they are blessed with the facility they have and the variety of events they are able to host. These include five weeks of week-long youth camps for those from ages 12 to high school graduates, four weeks of week-long kids camps for those seven to 12 years of age, and numerous other events. These other events include weddings, women’s retreats, men’s retreats, and more. The facilities are also rented by outside groups.

“We are constantly making improvements to the facilities and adding activities for the campers to have fun,” Cara said. “We are currently raising funds for a future pickleball court, a four-square court, ga ga ball, and more. Cara explained that campers pay to attend, but rates are extremely low. Donations make up a large part of the facilities funding. “Once you get into those higher camp costs it cuts a lot of kids from being able to attend,” she said. For that reason, keeping rates down is a priority. Volunteer opportunities are available for everything from working on projects to helping out at camp and are the foundation for keeping things running. A number of volunteers commit from year to year, and one group came from as far away as North Dakota.

“I’m surprised something purchased in 1941 still sits on prime waterfront real estate,” Cindy said. “In many circumstances, lives are changed here in just one week. In the world we live in today that’s important.”

For additional information visit <https://www.crosspointecamp.com>. To volunteer or make a donation, call the office at 573-365-0600. All donations are tax deductible.



Curtis and Cindy Washam feel it was a calling to serve as directors of Cross Pointe Camp and Retreat Center.



Matthew, Cara, and their children Niah (13), Malachi (11), and Cora (9) are all involved in helping out and enjoying the camp.





Story by VICKI WOOD



Spa Shiki spa offers a number of skin care products and services to combat the effects of cold weather.

PHOTO CREDIT: SPA SHIKI FACEBOOK PAGE

## NAVIGATING THE CHALLENGES OF WINTER EFFECTS ON SKIN AND HAIR

In Mid Missouri, we have a myriad of changing climates as unpredictable as the winter weather itself. It might be damp, it might be dry, or it might be somewhere in between. Rough skin and damaged hair are two problems that we all must deal with during the cold months. A few Lake area professionals have advice for dealing with weather related hair and skin issues.

A deep cleansing facial is one way the Board-Certified Dermatologists at Forefront Dermatology in Osage Beach recommend to rejuvenate dry winter skin. A deep cleansing facial treatment can achieve a radiant glow, and healthier complexion. The spa service is given with a gentle facial steamer, and a mask may be applied. Dry, cold conditions can trigger psoriasis in winter. Forefront Dermatology offers treatments for the affected areas such as topical corticosteroids, and light therapy. The dermatologists on staff state that some over-the-counter products such as lotions, shampoos, oatmeal baths, and moisturizers can help ease the condition. Such as lotions, Light therapy, or UV Phototherapy is known to reduce inflammation and slow the rate of skin cell production.

Spa Shiki, a well-known favorite spa located right here at the



Lake, can offer some winter hair and skin care tips that are sure to combat the effects of dry conditions. The professionals at Spa Shiki suggest their line of luxurious Eminence Organics. A powerful line of skin care enhanced with Superfood Enzymes, Eminence Organics has a Kombucha Microbiome Leave-On Masque featuring Ginger and probiotics which adds hydration to the face. For oily skin, The Bakuchiol plus Niacinamide Moisturizer is guaranteed to not clog pores. It is a vegan formula moisturizer that garnered a Cosmopolitan Magazine Holy Grail Beauty Award. It is perfect for men, too, winning a Best Men's Anti-Aging Moisturizer Spa & Wellness Product Award. Another product they recommend for winter skin is Laminaria Oil, the ultimate remedy for dry and sensitive skin. The fast-acting seaweed and Spirulina oil provides antioxidant protection against environmental exposure, such as the fall and winter chill. Gentle and effective for skin rashes, psoriasis, and eczema, this product is chock-full of seaweed and organic honey to fight the cold outside and hydrates the skin. The seaweed extracts gently exfoliate and boost cellular metabolism, and restore mineral nutrients responsible for youthful and supple skin.





Natalie Hanson from Natalie Kay Salon and Spa. PHOTO BY BRAD GLIDEWELL

Star Cooper, CRNA/APRN from Ciao Bella Skin & Wellness gives her number one piece of advice for winter skincare. “Moisturize regularly with a medical grade moisturizer such as D.E.J. Face by Revision,” she advises. “The cold, dry air can lead to dehydration and irritation.” The product line of Revision adds to skin health by providing a blend of ceramides, cholesterol, fatty acids and botanical extracts that help replenish the skin’s moisture barrier. “Cold, dry air during winter can lead to dehydration and irritation,” she said. “Using a rich emollient moisturizer can help replenish lost moisture, protect the skin’s barrier, and prevent dry, itchy skin. Look for medical grade moisturizers that contain hyaluronic acid, ceramides, peptides, shea butter, and no alcohol.”

For winter hair, one of the top rated salons at the Lake offers some tips on how to keep locks hydrated and the scalp flake-free. Natalie Kay Salon and Spa in Osage Beach offers a Deep Conditioning Treatment to keep the ends from splitting. A Scalp Detox treatment for hair growth rejuvenates hair follicles. Spa Shiki advises a scalp and hair treatment with Moroccan Oil to address dry scalp. It will add oils back to your tresses, giving a fuller, healthier appearance.

## TIPS FOR WINTER PROTECTION:

### FACE:

- **Moisturize Regularly:** Use a thick, cream-based moisturizer to lock in moisture. Apply it at least twice a day, especially after washing your face.
- **Use a Gentle Cleanser:** Opt for a moisturizing cleanser rather than a foaming one to avoid stripping your skin of its natural oils.
- **Apply Sunscreen:** Even in winter, UV rays can damage your skin. Use a broad-spectrum sunscreen with a SPF of at least 30.
- **Stay Hydrated:** Drink plenty of water to keep your skin hydrated from the inside out.
- **Humidify Your Home:** Use a humidifier to add moisture to the dry indoor air.
- **Protect Against Wind:** Wear a scarf or a face mask to shield your skin from cold winds.
- **Avoid Hot Water:** Use lukewarm water when washing your face, as hot water can strip away natural oils.

### HAIR:

Cold, dry outside air causes breaking and shedding of hair. Dandruff can increase during the wintertime from wearing hats. Adding moisture back to the ends while maintaining the scalp is key to overall winter hair health. Dryness and static increase with the use of indoor heating during colder months, stripping moisture from your hair. Here are some great tips suggested by our Lake area professionals for breakage, frizz, and dandruff.

- A hydrating shampoo and conditioner locks in moisture.
- Use a leave-in conditioner or hair oil.
- Tea tree products are great for dandruff for men and women.
- Avoid excessive heat styling, and use heat protectants if you do use styling tools.
- Wear a hat or scarf to protect your hair from the cold, but choose materials like silk or satin to reduce friction and static.

### BODY AND FEET:

It’s equally important to pay attention to your body and feet during the winter months. The skin is the largest organ of the human body. The cold, dry air outside combined with indoor heating can strip the skin of its natural moisture, leading to dryness, flakiness, and irritation. This can be particularly troublesome for people with sensitive skin or conditions like eczema.

### Cold winter climates can mean foot problems for many. Some common issues include:

- Dry skin and cracked heels.
- Frostbite, which can lead to severe damage.
- Chilblains, which involves painful inflammation of small blood vessels due to repeated exposure to cold air. Side effects are itching, red patches, swelling, and blisters.
- Athletes Food.
- Raynaud’s Phenomenon is often seen in people with circulation issues, and causes the small blood vessels in toes to spasm. Side effects include numbness, pain, and color changes in the skin.
- Ingrown Toenail.

### Tips for winter body and feet care include:

- Moisturize regularly with a thick, hydrating cream.
- Use a humidifier to add moisture to the air in your home.
- Avoid long, hot showers, which can further dry out your skin.
- Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water.



LAKE MEDIA FILE PHOTO



# EATING HEALTHY

Story by  
LAKE REGIONAL  
HEALTH SYSTEM

LAKE MEDIA FILE PHOTO

An apple served with natural peanut butter is a nutritious, healthy snack option.

## GRAB THE GOOD STUFF ON YOUR NEXT GROCERY RUN



Wendy Walker, MPH, R.D., L.D.,  
CNSC  
Lake Regional Food and Nutrition  
Services Manager.

PHOTO SUBMITTED BY LAKE REGIONAL

**Y**ou make important choices in grocery store aisles—choices that can affect your energy levels and your health. “It’s easy to fall into habits in the store that lead to less-than-ideal nutrition later,” said Wendy Walker, MPH, R.D., L.D., CNSC, Lake Regional Food and Nutrition Services manager. “The only way to break those habits is to think ahead and strategize.”

### THE FOLLOWING TIPS PROVIDE A GAME PLAN FOR FILLING YOUR CART.

Make a list. Pick a day to plan meals for the week. Check your fridge and pantry to identify ingredients you need for meals and snacks.

Shop the perimeter first. The outer aisles of grocery stores contain some of the most nutritious choices, like fresh produce.

Pump up the produce. Speaking of produce, fill your cart with fruits and vegetables. Choose different colors for different nutrients. Think juicy red and green apples, orange carrots, dark lettuce, and tender, tasty zucchini. Look for in-season produce, which is usually tastier and more affordable. Canned or frozen produce is also nutritious (and easier on the budget). Just be sure to choose brands with the least amount of sodium and sugar.

Go lean with protein. Choose lean or extra lean meats, loin or round cuts, skinless poultry, and plant proteins such as beans and peanut butter.

Reel in the benefits of fish. There is an exception to the lean protein rule. Fatty fish, like salmon, have heart-healthy omega-3 fatty oils.

Cut the dairy fat. Do you usually buy whole-fat dairy products? Try low-fat or fat-free versions.



## HEALTHY RECIPES TO MAKE AT HOME

Lake Regional's nationally recognized chef, Chef Brandon Workman, created these recipes for a healthy, at home meal.

Grab some whole grains. Look for 100% whole-wheat instead of white sandwich bread, whole-wheat tortillas and pasta, and brown rice instead of white. To verify a product is truly whole grain, make sure a whole grain is the first listed ingredient listed.

Skip the snack aisle. Instead of fatty snacks, stock up on healthy options like grapes with cheese, apples with natural peanut butter, or cut-up veggies with hummus. Nuts, trail mix and string cheese also make healthy snacks, and their protein content can help stave off hunger longer.

Skip the soda aisle, too. Your budget and your health will thank you for drinking water instead.

Get new recipes for your rotation. Tired of cooking the same old, same old? Visit the recipe section of the Lake Regional Health Library at [lakeregional.com/recipes](http://lakeregional.com/recipes).

Sources: Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics; American Heart Association; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; International Food Information Council; U.S. Food and Drug Administration



### TERIYAKI SALMON

3 salmon fillets, 1-inch thick

For sauce:

1 cup water  
1/4 cup gluten-free soy sauce  
5 teaspoons brown sugar  
1 tablespoon honey (or to taste)  
1/3 teaspoon ground ginger  
1/3 teaspoon garlic powder  
2 tablespoons cornstarch  
1 cup cold water

Mix all ingredients except cornstarch and cold water in a medium-sized saucepan. Bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring often.

Meanwhile, mix cornstarch and water. Once sauce is boiling, add cornstarch mixture to saucepan and stir to combine. Reduce heat to low and continue cooking until thickened. Remove from heat.

Brush sauce on salmon, and place salmon on greased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes for medium-done fillets to 20 minutes for well-done fillets.

Optional: Top with Sriracha sauce for a spicy, savory addition.

### GINGER RICE PILAF

2 1/4 cups water  
1 cup white rice  
1 tablespoon ground ginger  
1 garlic clove, minced  
1 tablespoon butter  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon pepper  
1 tablespoon vegetable base

Combine ingredients in a medium-sized saucepan. Bring to a boil, then cover and reduce heat to low.

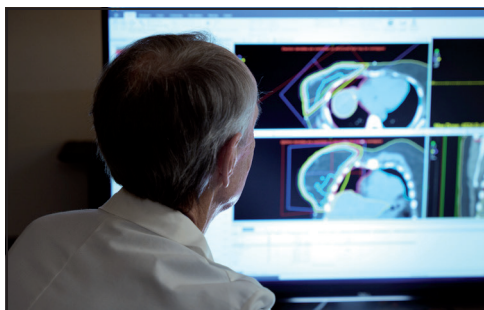
Cook for 20 to 25 minutes, stirring often to prevent burning. Fluff with a fork, and serve.

### ROASTED ASPARAGUS

1 bunch of asparagus  
1/2 cup olive oil  
Salt and pepper, to taste

Trim asparagus to desired lengths, toss with olive oil, and sprinkle on salt and pepper.

Place on greased cookie sheet and roast at 350 degrees for 15 minutes.



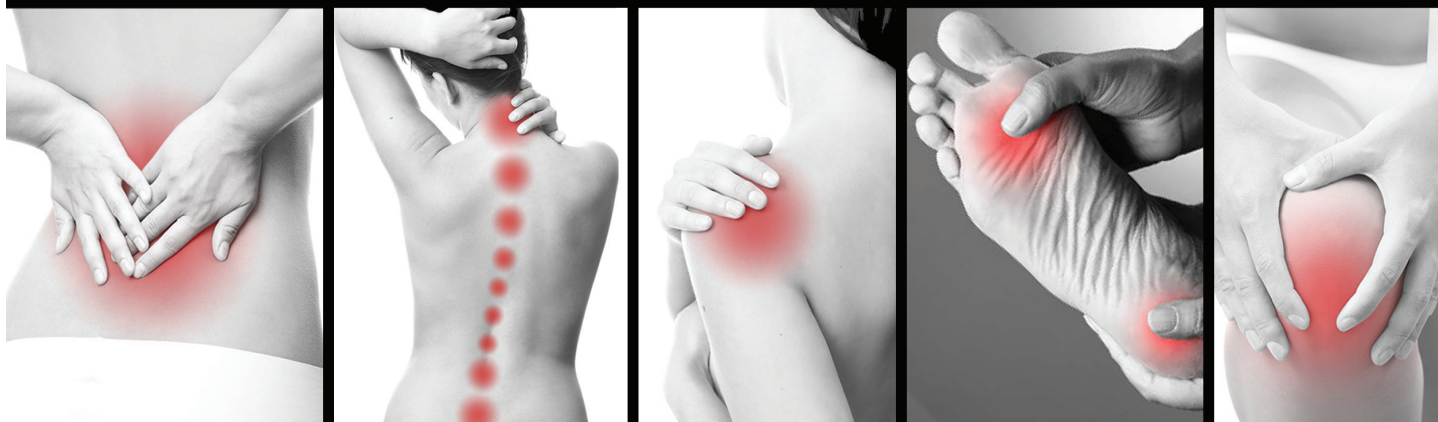
**Nationally accredited.  
Locally trusted.**

[lakeregional.com/CancerCare](http://lakeregional.com/CancerCare)

**LAKE  
REGIONAL**  
HEALTH SYSTEM

**OUR  
COMMITMENT  
RUNS  
DEEP**





# LIVE THE LIFE YOU DESERVE

## FEEL BETTER & HEAL NATURALLY



**NEUROPATHY • KNEE PAIN  
HEADACHES • NECK PAIN  
SPINAL DECOMPRESSION  
NUTRITION  
PLANTER FASCIITIS  
FROZEN SHOULDER**



13905 North Highway 5 • Sunrise Beach, MO 65079 • 573-207-0441  
[www.beckwellnesscenter.com](http://www.beckwellnesscenter.com)

**Dr. Mark Beck, DC**  
*Board Certified Neuropathy*



# DUSTIN LEE MARTIN

## BRINGING HIS SOUND TO THE LAKE

Story by

MARIE KROLIKOWSKI

Breaking onto the Lake of the Ozarks music scene is a goal of singer/songwriter/guitarist Dustin Lee Martin. With a few Lake area gigs under his belt, Martin is on his way to bringing his country and southern rock sound to the area.

“When I was little, I used to sing a lot,” Martin said. “When I was just four, my dad talked them into letting me on the stage at the Eminence Cross Country Trail Ride in Missouri. I performed the song Boot Scootin’ Boogie with the house band to close to 4000 people in the crowd. That’s what gave me the bug to be a performer.”

Martin’s performances at the Lake this past summer included entertaining at a private dock party.

PHOTO BY MARIE KROLIKOWSKI







Martin's album "Halos and Smoke Rings" is available to download on all music platforms. His newest album, "Everything's OK", will be out by the end of the year.

PHOTO SUBMITTED



From there, Martin went on to perform at local talent shows and local events. After college, he moved to Nashville and played in bands for several years.

"In 2013, I put together a trio and we played throughout Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri, Tennessee, and North Carolina for three years," he explained. Their sound was country and southern rock and roll, and Martin sang and played guitar.

He then met a drummer who had played with Molly Hatchet. Martin auditioned for his band "Burnt Biscuit" and performed with them throughout the state of Florida for the next three and one-half years.

"In 2018 I decided it was time to put out an album," Martin said. "I moved back to Nashville, worked, and saved money to do it." Martin teamed up with Matt Coles from Hillbilly Central, now known as Compass Records. In 2020, the album "Halos and Smoke Rings" was ready to be released.

Just two months prior, a E-4 tornado destroyed Martin's home and car. That incident was followed up with the COVID pandemic. "I decided to sit on the record for a while," he recalled. "That September I put it out and sold 1500 copies out of the back of a truck."

For the past four years, Martin has been performing acoustic. His touring takes him from Colorado to Texas, Florida to New Hampshire, and new markets in between. An annual performance at the Lake is always on his agenda.

When he first began performing, Martin turned to Johnny Cash and Waylon Jennings for inspiration. Today's influencers are Eric Church, Tyler Childers, and others. "People don't talk enough about Kendall Marvell," he said. "He writes for Chris Stapleton and Gary Allen. I'm a huge fan of Chris Stapleton also."



A full-time Nashville resident, Martin has been performing each year at Casablanca and has been hired for private dock parties. Performing more often at different Lake venues is a goal of his.

Martin has a seven song EP album coming out by the end of the year titled "Everything's OK." His music can be heard and downloaded from just about every music platform available. Learn more about Martin and his southern sound at his Facebook page or at [www.dustinleemartin.com](http://www.dustinleemartin.com)



## LOCAL EVENTS

\$25 per person.  
For information visit <https://missouriforgetmenot.org/events/gala/>

**November 22 - Jan 1**

### Laurie Festival of Lights

Open evenings starting at 5 p.m.  
Laurie Fairgrounds  
A holiday tradition for many is a drive through this impressive lights display. During the evenings on December 14, 15, and 21 pictures with Santa will be offered. Days that will offer hot chocolate, food, and vendors is yet to be determined.

**November 23**

### Christmas at the Landing

Starts at 10 a.m.  
The Landing on Main Street Boutiques in Osage Beach  
Come enjoy the best shopping at the Lake during this Christmas open house. Shops will be filled with merchandise and decor, ready to ring in the Holiday spirit. Enter to win a gift basket worth over \$500 in fabulous merchandise from The Landing on Main Street boutiques. Enjoy samples, snacks, giveaways, and refreshments.

**November 23**

### Laurie Festival of Lights 30-year Celebration

10 a.m. until dark  
The City of Laurie Fairgrounds  
Come out for this one-day event to celebrate the 30th anniversary of this Laurie display. Events and activities will include music, an assortment of vendors, and pictures with Santa. A great day for the entire family.

Old Kinderhook skating rink.



Mark your calendar for January 27 when the Annual Polar Plunge benefiting Special Olympics Missouri will take place. GEORGE DENNY

**November 1 - November 2**

### Lake of the Ozarks Fall Crawl 2024

Presented by the Encore Lakeside Grill & Sky Bar  
Friday night kickoff event at The Encore 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
Saturday Fall Crawl pre-crawl Saturday at Alley Cats on the Strip 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
Fall Crawl Saturday from 4 p.m. - midnight.  
For information, visit the Lake Fall Crawl Facebook page or call 573-348-0111

**November 2**

### Lake of the Ozarks Woodcarvers Club 8th Annual Show

8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Community Christian Church in Camdenton.  
Concessions will be available for purchase.  
Free Admission

**November 6**

### Museum Country Market & Bazaar

3 p.m.  
Camden County Museum  
Held every Wednesday through December 18. A variety of vendors to choose from at this family friendly event.  
Free Admission

**November 9**

### Festival of the Arts

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
First Baptist Church in Camdenton  
Free Admission

**November 9**

### Wonderland Camp's Party With A Purpose Carnival

6 p.m.  
Margaritaville Lake Resort  
The 7th annual Party with a Purpose to benefit Wonderland Camp. Come out and support campers with disabilities at this magical event. The carnival features entertainment by Phat Mike & The Bartenders, dancing, complimentary drinks, live and silent auction, games, gourmet food, and more.  
\$225 per couple/\$125 per individual.  
\$1000 for a table of 10. Sponsorships are available.  
Visit [e.givesmart.com](http://e.givesmart.com) for information

**November 16**

### 2nd Annual Gala At Missouri Forget-Me-Not

5 - 9 p.m.  
Missouri Forget Me Not Horse Rescue & Sanctuary  
An adult-only evening of appetizers, desserts, wine, and horses. Live and silent auction of unique items will be held, with all proceeds going directly back to the horses and their care.



**Weekends from Thanksgiving - Christmas (Friday, Saturday and Sunday)**

**Christmas Village at Old Kinderhook**

Times, costs, and activities vary. Please visit [www.OLDKINDERHOOK.COM](http://www.OLDKINDERHOOK.COM) for specific information.

**December 1 - December 31**

**Osage Beach Holiday Light Park**

5 - 9 p.m.  
Osage Beach City Park  
Take a drive through the city park that features lights and lit displays for the holiday season.

**December 6 and December 7**

**Christmas on The Square**

Christmas comes to Camdenton during this two-day celebration. The Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on Friday from 5-7 p.m. On Saturday, enjoy a variety of events and activities, including Santa's arrival at 11:30. Other festivities include entertainment, games, prizes, food, crafts, and more. This event is hosted by the Camdenton Area Chamber of Commerce.

**December 7 and December 15**

**Holiday With The Horses**

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Missouri Forget Me Not Horse Rescue & Sanctuary in Linn Creek

Santa will be at the Christmas on the Square celebration.



Lake of the Ozarks Christmas parade.

\$10 per person/\$60 maximum per family.  
Enjoy pictures with Santa, sleigh wagon rides, Christmas crafts, and more. Pony rides are available for an additional \$5 and food will be available for purchase. For more information visit [www.missouriforgetmenot.org](http://www.missouriforgetmenot.org)

**December 7**

**School of the Osage Annual Holiday Bazaar**

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
School of the Osage  
Holiday decor, clothing, customized gifts, and more are available for purchase from over 100 vendors. A great place to find something for everyone on your gift list.

**December 7**

**Kiwanis Christmas for Kids: Country Christmas Soiree**

5 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.  
The Encore Lakeside Grill & Sky Bar in Lake Ozark

Enjoy this night of elegance and giving that features appetizers, a buffet dinner, live and silent auctions, alcohol raffles, and music by Midnight Rodeo. This event raises money and provides Christmas toys for children in the Lake area. For more information visit [lakeareachristmasforkids.com](http://lakeareachristmasforkids.com)

**December 14**

**Eldon Lighted Christmas Parade & Celebration**

From downtown Eldon to Rock Island Park  
This city-wide event offers horse drawn carriage rides, craft and gift bazaar, carolers, living nativity scene, roasted chestnuts, the annual tree lighting ceremony, and more. The Christmas Parade will begin at 4:30.

**December 14**

**40th Annual Lake of the Ozarks Christmas Parade**

1 p.m.  
Bagnell Dam Strip  
Free Admission

**December 14**

**Old Tyme Christmas & Camden County Museum**

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. enjoy lunch with Santa. Free for those under 12 years of age.  
2 p.m. attend the Children's Play presented by the Young Museum Players. \$10 per family.  
Throughout the day, enjoy crafts, goodies, games and more.

**January 27**

**Polar Plunge**

Public Beach #2  
Save the date for this heart warming event that benefits Special Olympics Missouri.





# LAKE LIVE

\*Times vary. Please check venue website for specific times. Info subject to change.

## MUSIC

### BRICK HOUSE GASTROPUB

<https://brickhousegastropub.com>

#### November

- 1 Wall 2 Wall
- 2 Jordan Isakson
- 8 Jordan Isakson
- 9 Jordan Isakson
- 15 Rich Whalen
- 16 Marcus Words
- 22 PDA
- 23 Zach Simpson
- 29 The Fabulous Love Muffins
- 30 Zach Simpson

#### December

- 6 Adam Powell
- 7 Drew Stevens
- 13 Marcus Words
- 14 Zach Simpson
- 20 Jordan Isakson
- 21 Zach Simpson
- 27 Slick Nickel
- 28 The Fabulous Love Muffins
- 31 Brad Hemphill

#### January

- 3 PDA
- 11 Wall 2 Wall
- 17 Jordan Isakson
- 18 Zach Simpson
- 24 Anthony Nanney
- 25 John Barnett

Marcus Words. [FACEBOOK.COM/MARCUS WORDS](https://facebook.com/marcuswords)

### CASABLANCA PUB & GRILL

[www.casablancalakeozark.com](http://www.casablancalakeozark.com)

#### November

- 1 Cheryl Lynn
- 2 PDA
- 7 Tim Newell
- 8 Adam Powell
- 9 Steven Scott
- 14 Tim Newell
- 15 Zach Simpson
- 16 Jordan Isakson
- 21 Tim Newell
- 22 Adam Powell
- 23 Steven Scott
- 28 Tim Newell
- 29 Adam Fazio
- 30 The Fabulous Love Muffins

#### December

- 5 Tim Newell
- 6 Cheryl Lynn
- 7 Steven Scott
- 12 Tim Newell
- 13 Adam Powell
- 14 Sam Swanson
- 19 Tim Newell
- 20 Wall 2 Wall
- 21 PDA
- 26 Tim Newell
- 27 The Fabulous Love Muffins
- 28 Anthony Nanney
- 31 Don Akers & Cheryl Lynn



Adam Powell. [FACEBOOK.COM/ADAM POWELL](https://facebook.com/adampowell)

#### January

- 3 Cheryl Lynn
- 4 Jordan Isakson
- 10 Anthony Nanney
- 11 Steven Scott
- 17 Zach Simpson
- 18 PDA
- 24 John Jarrett
- 25 Steven Scott

### ENCORE LAKESIDE GRILL & SKY BAR

<https://theencoregrill.com>

#### November

- 1 GatorHead
- 2 GatorHead
- 4 Zach Simpson
- 5 Jordan Isakson
- 6 Adam Powell
- 11 Zach Simpson
- 12 Jordan Isakson
- 13 Adam Powell
- 18 Zach Simpson
- 19 Jordan Isakson
- 20 Adam Powell
- 25 Zach Simpson
- 26 Jordan Isakson
- 27 Adam Powell

#### December

- 3 Jordan Isakson
- 4 Adam Powell
- 7 Midnight Rodeo
- 9 Zach Simpson
- 10 Jordan Isakson





- 11 Adam Powell
- 16 Zach Simpson
- 17 Jordan Isakson
- 18 Adam Powell
- 23 Zach Simpson
- 24 Jordan Isakson
- 25 Adam Powell
- 28 Gracia
- 29 Gracia/Marcus Words
- 30 Gracia/Marcus Words/Zach Simpson
- 31 Gracia/Jordan Isakson, Mikey Needleman Band

**January**

- 1 Adam Powell
- 6 Zach Simpson
- 7 Jordan Isakson
- 8 Adam Powell
- 14 Jordan Isakson
- 15 Adam Powell
- 20 Zach Simpson
- 21 Jordan Isakson
- 22 Adam Powell
- 27 Zach Simpson
- 28 Jordan Isakson
- 29 Adam Powell

**SHAWNEE BLUFF WINERY**

<https://shawneeb bluff.com>

**November**

- 1 Duo'ly Noted
- 2 Grayson Wood
- 3 Tim Gaines
- 8 Steve Moore
- 9 Tom Norton
- 10 John Allen

Starla & Scotty. PHOTO PROVIDED



Duo'ly Noted. [FACEBOOK.COM/DUO'LY NOTED](https://facebook.com/duo'ly%20noted)

- 15 Mitch Shields
- 16 Grayson Wood
- 17 Mickey Hollis
- 22 Al Jolly
- 23 Starla & Scotty
- 24 Tim Gaines
- 29 Steve Moore
- 30 Grayson Wood

**December**

- 6 Starla & Scotty
- 7 Mitch Shields
- 8 Mickey Hollis
- 13 Tom Norton
- 14 Grayson Wood
- 15 Tim Gaines
- 20 Al Jolly
- 21 Mike Byington
- 22 Duo'ly Noted
- 27 Steve Moore
- 28 Grayson Wood
- 29 Mitch Shields

**HORNY TOAD ENTERTAINMENT COMPLEX**

<https://htoads.com>

**November**

- 28 Dave Bennett

**December**

- 31 Rob Wilson

**January**

- 1 Marcus Words/Mike Clayton





# People *in* Places

Photos by GEORGE DENNY

## 2024 LAKE OF THE OZARKS SHOOTOUT

AUGUST 24-25

The country's largest unsanctioned charity boat race took place this year at Captain Ron's Bar & Grill. Spectators and racers alike experienced the thrill and excitement that comes with powerboat racing. This action-packed event attracted those of all ages.



Devin Vega, Allison McGee, Jason Vega



Jason Walsh, Dave Walsh, Scott Walsh



Rebecca Farris, Rhonda Smotherman



Dirty Duck Crew



JD Onken, Don Onken, JR Onken



Deb Christ, Paul Walz



Rose Ewen, Bob Barr, Peggy Withee



Olivia Maulsby, Alexis Lowe,  
Joey Gatermann, Rory Steward



Scott and Cheryl Frandsen



Tony Battiato, John Cocker,  
Don Onken



# People *in* Places

Photos by GEORGE DENNY

## LAKE OF THE OZARKS AIR SHOW

SEPTEMBER 7

All eyes took to the sky for the thrilling air show, held at Camdenon Memorial-Lake Regional Airport. The event included a community breakfast, vendor displays, an opening ceremony, food and beverages, and the impressive air show acts. Entertainment included the KC Flight Formation Team, stunts from various pilots, a ping pong ball drop, and much more.



Terri Lanphear (mom of pilot), Bruce Lanphear (dad of pilot), Peg Monahan (Grandmother), Brittany, Jason, Paisley and Jacob (sister and family).



Bi-plane pilots Brian Correll, Bob Richards



MIG Jet Pilot Randy Ball, Nathan Ball



Kellie Allen, Kimberly Underwood



Lindsey Dillon, Jamie Reid



Todd Johnson, Lucas Wolters, Doug Lwparcus



Bruce Nelson, Brett Nelson



Pilots Mike Marino, Rob Jenner



Emcee Erin Hupp, Air Boss Dale Byrkit



Miss Dogwood Millan Albers, Katie Marie



# LAKE OF THE OZARKS WINGFEST 2024

## People *in* Places

SEPTEMBER 11

Photos by GEORGE DENNY

A large group once again turned out for the annual WingFest event. Held at the Regalia Hotel & Conference Center, participants paid one price and sampled all the wings they could eat from a number of local vendors. All proceeds benefitted local charities.



WJosh Russell, Chris Bond



Chanel Howard, Brook Lynn,  
Esteban Vargas, Forest Alumbaugh



Kelly Comstock, Kristen O'Haro,  
Elana Self, Josh Murdock



Vervia Mahurin, Carrie Case



Steve and Linda Swann



Wingfest Judges



Lisa Edwards, Shawn Lasswell,  
Austin Lasswell



Lisa Coleman, Mike Clayton



Terri and Don Higginbotham



Jerry Hawken, Carrie and Jim Judas



Daisie Reinhart, Hunter Glynn



Peoples Choice



# LAKE OF THE OZARKS BIKEFEST

SEPTEMBER 11-15

Hundreds of bikers from all over the United States and their impressive rides enjoyed the Lake area during the annual Bikefest event. Those who attended this 18th annual gathering enjoyed some of the nation's most scenic rides around the area, concerts, food, entertainment, and much more.



Nicole Safely, Alyssa Dias



Monica Grimes, Tamara Reid



Cheech and Chong, Dustin Moulder, Patrick O'Dwyer



Brayden Christian, Curt Maloney



Tami and Mike Stone



Jennifer and Tommy Liles



Shelley Kerns, Paula Rae Lorence



Johnny Erbschloe, Stacy Branson



Mary and Roger Nilges



Heather and Mark Tipton



Alicia Bowden, Jennifer Sunderland



Morgan Rauchier, Katelynn Theiling



Dennis and Tanya Newberry



# People in Places

Photos by GEORGE DENNY

## LAKE OF THE OZARKS JEEP INVASION 2024

SEPTEMBER 27-29

Jeeps from around the country migrated to the Lake for the first annual event, presented by Operation Freedom Exchange. This non-profit organization is dedicated to supporting and empowering our nation's veterans. The three-day event included veteran and service men and women presence and recognition, local activities, live music, fireworks, vendors, raffles, Jeep shows, off road activities, a Jeep giveaway to a veteran, and more.



Shelly and John Lewellen



Autumn Phoenix, Jeff Hedberg



Rebecca Pelkey, Angie White



Heidi Bailey Houston, John Houston



Megan Ross, Billie Jean Curtis,  
Spirit Miesner



Keishla Mendez, Dusty Caldwell,  
Jeep Winner



Kim and T.J. Valvo



Margaret Bruce, Vicki O'Connell, Rick  
Bruce, Kurt Kirmse, Wrangler the Dog



Shawn Bridges, Annette Lucero



Shelly and Mark Medina



# People *in* Places

Photos by GEORGE DENNY

## VERSAILLES OLDE TYME APPLE FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 5-6 IN VERSAILLES

The theme for this year's festival was "A Family Tradition for 45 Years!" Festivities included vendors, a parade including a marching band, car show, live music, a corn hole tournament, a fiddler's contest, an apple pie baking contest, and more.



Tobi Johnson, Jacob Lohmann



The Pumpkin Family



James Ference, Rhonda Russell, Judy Brown, Pamela Johnson, Debbie Potter



Steve and Cathi Rhodes



Jessica Miller, Hunter and Celine McAlpin, Jeen McAlpin, Donna Anderson



Zeke Fidler, Eden Olson



Jason Appleberry, Chuck Vernon, Emily and Cassie Appleberry



Scott Apprill, Sandra Robinson, Stacey Ochs



Christina Angiel, Jordan Killian





FORMULA BOATS OF MISSOURI

4810 Formula Dr. • Osage Beach, MO 65065 • 573-302-8000

[www.FormulaBoatsMO.com](http://www.FormulaBoatsMO.com)



Facebook



Twitter



Instagram



# Where expert knowledge and familiar faces meet.

From shorelines to county lines, our care stretches to every corner of the lake region. And our people are proud to call this place home. No wonder trauma surgeon and School of the Osage alumnus, Dr. Jacob Quick, decided to return to serve his friends and neighbors where he grew up. He understands the importance of commitment. In fact, he has dedicated himself to expanding the capabilities of Lake Regional to deliver expert care to his hometown.

[LAKEREGIONAL.COM/COMMITMENT](http://LAKEREGIONAL.COM/COMMITMENT)



**OUR  
COMMITMENT  
RUNS  
DEEP**

