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# TOP EVENTS

PANTHER CREEK HOG ROAST & MUSIC FESTIVAL • MAY 31



*Tuscumbia, MO*

The Panther Creek Hog Roast and Music Festival, hosted by Panther Creek Trail Rides & Campground, will be held Saturday, May 31, and begins at 2 p.m. The event will include food vendors, camping, pony rides, bounce houses and more. Tickets cost \$18. Each ticket is good for one entry and one pulled pork plate. Tent camping will be offered for \$20 a night. Gates open at 2 p.m. with open mic from 2 - 5 p.m. Bands begin at 5 and end at 11 or later. The event is located at 379 Humphrey Creek Road, Tuscumbia.

## LAKE AREA ORCHESTRA • JUNE 4

The Lake Area Community Orchestra is performing a concert at 7 p.m. June 4 at the Ha Ha Tonka Castle on Route D outside Camdenton. Those attending are encouraged to bring a chair. Admission is free and donations will be accepted. The summer series will feature "Main Street Celebration," "Great Movie Marches," "Theme from Lawrence of Arabia," "Hobbits from Lord of the Rings," "The Wizard of Oz" and "Semper Fidelis." For more information, contact Andrew Drennan at 636-439-1305 or Bob Szczys at 573-723-2052.

## CANINE CANNONBALL • JUNE 6-8



Attend the Canine Cannonball June 6 - 8 from 3 to 4 p.m. at Dog Days Bar & Grill to watch canine athletes compete in Big Air, Extreme Vertical and Speed Retrieve.

# WHAT TO HAVE ONBOARD

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This is only a partial list. For more information and regulations go to [www.mshp.dps.missouri.gov](http://www.mshp.dps.missouri.gov)



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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The Lake Area Community Orchestra playing at Ha Ha Tonka Castle. LAKE MEDIA FILE PHOTO

## May

**31 •** The Panther Creek Hog Roast and Music Festival, hosted by Panther Creek Trail Rides & Campground, will be held Saturday, May 31, and begins at 2 p.m. The event will include food vendors, camping, pony rides, bounce houses and more. Tickets cost \$10 until May 25 and then jump to \$18. Each ticket is good for one entry and one pulled pork plate. Tent camping will be offered for \$20 a night. Gates open at 2 p.m. with open mic from 2 - 5 p.m. Bands begin at 5 and end at 11 or later. The event is located at 379 Humphrey Creek Road, Tuscumbia.

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**6-8 •** Watch canine athletes compete at the Canine Cannonball event June 6 - 8 from 3 - 4 p.m. at Dog Days Bar & Grill.

**11 •** The Lake Area Community Orchestra

is performing a concert at 7 p.m. at the Eldon Airpark (First Baptist Church in case of rain). Those attending are encouraged to bring a chair. Admission is free and donations will be accepted. The summer series will feature "Main Street Celebration," "Great Movie Marches," "Theme from Lawrence of Arabia," "Hobbits from Lord of the Rings," "The Wizard of Oz" and "Semper Fidelis." For more information, contact Andrew Drennan at 636-439-1305 or Bob Szczys at 573-723-2052.

**12 •** Lake Area Fiber Artists Guild meeting from 11-2 at Community Christian Church, N Bus 5, Camdenton. Guild open to anyone with a fiber interest regardless of experience level, [www.lakefiberarts.com](http://www.lakefiberarts.com); [lakefiberarts@gmail.com](mailto:lakefiberarts@gmail.com).

**18 •** The Lake Area Community Orchestra is performing a concert at 7 p.m. at California United Church of Christ at 101 N. Oak Street in California. Admission is free and donations will be accepted. The summer series will feature "Main Street Celebration," "Great Movie Marches," "Theme from Lawrence of Arabia," "Hobbits from Lord of the Rings," "The Wizard of Oz" and "Semper Fidelis." For more information, contact Andrew Drennan at 636-439-1305 or Bob Szczys at 573-723-2052.

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**25 •** The Lake Area Community Orchestra is performing a concert at 7 p.m. at West Lake Christian Church on Route O in Laurie. Admission is free and donations will be accepted. The summer series will feature "Main Street Celebration," "Great Movie Marches," "Theme from Lawrence of Arabia," "Hobbits from Lord of the Rings," "The Wizard of Oz" and "Semper Fidelis." For more information, contact Andrew Drennan at 636-439-1305 or Bob Szczys at 573-723-2052.

**27 & 28 •** United Methodist Church is hosting a garage sale in its Fellowship Hall, 340 U.S. 54, Camdenton, Friday, June 27, from 7 a.m. and Saturday, June 28, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## July

**1 •** The Lake Arts Council presents The Missouri Symphony Orchestra Patriotic Pops Concert starting at 7 p.m. at the RC Worthan Auditorium in Camdenton High School. Tickets go on sale May 1. For more information, contact the Lake Arts Council at 573-964-6366 or [administrator@artsatthelake.com](mailto:administrator@artsatthelake.com).

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**9 •** The Lake Area Community Orchestra is performing a concert at 7 p.m. at Hope Lutheran Church Senior Center at 5709 Osage Beach Parkway. Admission is free and donations will be accepted. The summer series will feature "Main Street Celebration," "Great Movie Marches," "Theme from Lawrence of Arabia," "Hobbits from Lord of the Rings," "The Wizard of Oz" and "Semper Fidelis." For more information, contact Andrew Drennan at 636-439-1305 or Bob Szczys at 573-723-2052.





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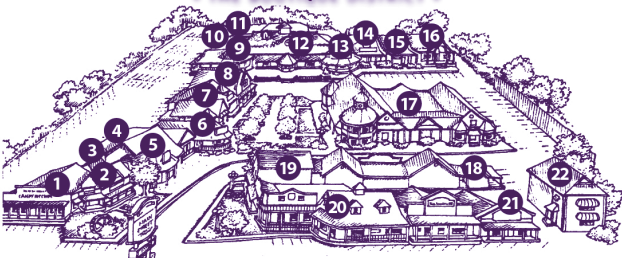


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### Bagnell Dam Report

The lake level was 659.1 generation of 30,000 CFS (cubic feet per second) throughout the week for a lake level of 659.3 by the weekend. Surface temperature at Bagnell Dam was 66 degrees. Truman Lake was at the 712.9 level. To note: the Lower Lake is from the dam to the 22-mile mark; Mid-Lake is from the 22- to 44-mile mark, the Upper Osage is from the 44-mile mark to the Route 65 Bridge.

### Tournament Results

Andy Newcomb and Mike Kisner won the Just Fish tournament last Saturday with five bass weighing 18.92 pounds.

### Bagnell Dam spillway/Osage River

Water clarity: Murky. Black bass: Good on Alabama rigs and swimbaits. Crappie: Fair on small swimbaits around current breaks. White bass: Fair on Roostertails in current breaks. Catfish: Good on cut skipjack herring and shad.

### Lower Lake

Water clarity: Stained. Black bass: Good on wacky-rigged stickworms, floating worms, jigs and split-shot rigged Centipedes along gravel banks halfway back in coves. Crappie: Slow shooting jigs under docks 15 to 20 feet deep.

### Gravois

Water clarity: Stained on the upper end and clear on the lower end. Black bass: Slow on wacky-rigged stickworms and Carolina-rigged creature baits or finesse worms 6 to 10 feet deep along gravel banks. Crappie: Fair shooting jigs under dock on main lake points or casting jigs to brush piles.

### Mid-Lake

Water clarity: Stained. Black bass: Good on wacky-rigged stickworms along gravel banks in backs of coves. Crappie: Fair trolling crankbaits on the main channel or casting jigs to brush 15 feet deep.



### Grand Glaize

Water clarity: Stained. Black bass: Good on shaky head worms, tube baits and topwater lures along gravel flats, main channel banks and bluffs. Crappie: Fair on jigs in brush 5 to 25 feet deep.

### Niangua

Water clarity: Murky. Black bass: Good on shaky head worms and jigs in the backs of coves. Crappie: Fair on jigs and minnows 2 to 5 feet deep on gravel banks. Catfish: Fair on jug lines baited with cut shad along the main channel.

### Upper Osage

Water clarity: Muddy. Black bass: Good on spinnerbaits and Texas-rigged plastic lizards and creature baits along gravel banks. Crappie: Good on jigs and minnows along gravel banks. White bass: Good on Shad Rap crankbaits on the main channel in the current. Catfish: Good on cut shad and sunfish.

### Truman Dam spillway

Water clarity: Stained. Crappie: Good on jigs and minnows in the spillway and the dead water channel. White bass: Good on jigs and minnows in the evenings. Catfish: Fair on cut shad.

### Sources

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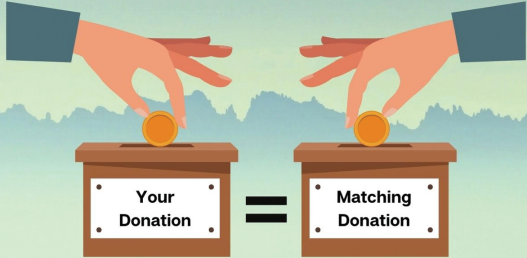
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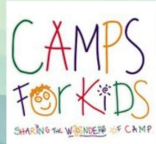

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## GOLF

BY RUSSELL BURDETTE

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# Swing into Spring

## Eldon Country Club



The featured golf course in our Swing Into Spring Series this issue is the Eldon Country Club located at 35 Golf Course Road as you enter Eldon from the east on Business Highway 54. The Eldon Country Club has the distinction of being the oldest golf course at the Lake of the Ozarks.

The city of Eldon was founded on March 15, 1882, by George Riley Weeks when he platted out the town in conjunction with the new railroads (both the Missouri Pacific lines and the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific lines) that were soon to be built in the area. Forty-seven years later construction started on Bagnell Dam in Lake Ozark and three years later, in 1934 the Eldon Country Club was founded.

The original member-owned course consisted of nine holes and was built in an area that had been designated for a subdivision, however, business leaders in Eldon had other ideas. They got together and purchased about 100 acres, at less than \$100 per acre, to build the first golf course in the Lake Area. Today, developers would love to be able to spend around \$10,000 to purchase land to build a golf course. In the current economy, in the Eldon area, that land would have sold for around half a million dollars.

I recently spoke with Michael Cummings, the General Manager and Head Golf Professional at the Eldon Country Club. I am always a little intimidated when I talk with or if I go golfing with someone who is a good golfer or knows all about golf. My dad was a good golfer, golfed often and watched a lot of golf on television. I grew up

around golf and have a great appreciation for those that play well, but I am not one of those players. Michael was gracious in answering my questions and putting up with my lack of knowledge.

Michael, originally from Illinois, moved to the Lake of the Ozarks after attending a junior college, serving in the Air Force for four years and then the reserves. He started his golf career at the Tan-Tar-A's Oaks golf course and then took the position at the Eldon Country Club in March of 2003.

Knowing the course was originally only nine holes, I asked Michael when the additional nine holes were added. He said, "The Eldon Country Club was a nine-hole course until 1990 when the club acquired 100 acres adjacent to the original course. Jim Lewis designed the new addition, which was incorporated into the existing nine holes to complete the new 18-hole course."

Lewis was fairly well known throughout the Lake of the Ozarks for his knowledge of golf courses, having also designed/built the Hidden Lakes and Oaks courses at Tan-Tar-A, Sycamore Creek, Redfield Golf Course, the Versailles Country Club, as well as the reconfigured Eldon Country Club.

Michael added, "The course is a par 72, has a rating of 70.4 and a slope of 124." This means that the average golfer will play a little better there than they might at some of the other courses with a higher slope (a rating for the degree of difficulty). I then asked him my favorite question about which hole, for the average golfer, is the most difficult and which one is the least difficult and why.



"The most difficult hole would probably be the par three, hole number three, which features a pond (read ball magnet for me) and a narrow green. The green is wide left to right, but narrow front to back which makes it a little more difficult for a lot of people... The easiest hole for most people would be number 16 which is a par five. If you play it right you can get a birdie or possibly an eagle," Michael said.

I had to ask him if he had ever scored an eagle (two under par) on that hole. He laughed and said, "yes." I told him that I might, if I get lucky, shoot par on that hole.

Cummings added, "We do have a hole with a unique obstacle. Hole number 18, which is a par five. It has a huge Sycamore tree in front of a creek, between you and the green. If you play your second shot well, you can go over, or under (that would be me) and lay up on or near the green."

The Eldon Country Club features gas golf carts (which I feel have a little more umph than electric carts) and a new mobile app which also has GPS allowing you to use your phone to figure out accurate distances to the green/pin. For club members, there are additional features within the app including the ability to book their tee times.

For non-club members they can use the website ([www.eldongolfclub.com](http://www.eldongolfclub.com)) to find the best deals and to book their tee times. Like many courses, the Eldon Country Club uses dynamic pricing which allows golfers to find better deals when the course is slower.

The club offers lessons with their indoor application, The Indoor Learning Center, which includes two state of the art hitting bays (allowing for more control of the conditions) featuring two different monitors, a GCQuad monitor and a SkyTrak monitor. The Learning Center also has a putting green giving you the ability to work on your skills and fundamentals. They also have an outdoor driving range with a full 300-yard distance (that equals the length of three football fields, which is a little longer than some of the other ranges at the Lake).

In addition, the Eldon Country Club offers a variety of leagues. They have a Men's League, a Senior Men's League and on Tuesday evenings, a two-person scramble which is open to the public. On the busiest days you will see the beverage cart on the course and they have a snack bar at the clubhouse to satisfy any hunger cravings.

The next time you are in Eldon or if you are looking for a new course to try, stop by the Eldon Country Club and experience a piece of history, the Lake's very first golf course, and say hello to Michael for me!



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# BOATING

BY CAPTAIN MIKE DOLL

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## NAVIGATING WITH RESPECT

a guide to boating etiquette for a safe and enjoyable experience on the water

Whether you're cruising the Gulf, sailing the Great Lakes or drifting along an inland lake or river, understanding proper boating etiquette isn't just polite—it's essential. Boating brings together people of all backgrounds on shared waterways, and how we treat each other out there reflects our values, experience and professionalism.

This article outlines the most important elements of boating etiquette that every captain and recreational boater should know. Whether you're new to the helm or a seasoned mariner, these principles help keep our waters safe, respectful and enjoyable for all.

### 1. Safety is not optional – it's etiquette in action

Boating etiquette starts with safety. It's more than just a good habit; it's your responsibility to those aboard and around you.

- Life jackets should be worn or easily accessible for all passengers. Children must wear them at all times in most jurisdictions. For example, in Missouri, children age 7 and under are required to wear a life jacket while boating.
- Boating under the influence is illegal and dangerous. In Missouri, BWI laws apply when your BAC is

0.08% or higher – or when you are under the influence of drugs.

- Keep your vessel maintained – nothing spoils a day faster than a preventable mechanical issue.
- Know and follow navigation rules – they're the "rules of the road" for watercraft.

As members of the Boat Captains Association and Water Safety Council, we advocate for constant awareness, proper instruction and USCG-compliant training.

### 2. Speed, wake and awareness

Fast doesn't mean right. Boaters must be mindful of how their speed affects others.

- Observe posted speed zones – especially in marinas, no-wake areas and near docks or anchored boats.
- Manage your wake – it can swamp smaller vessels or damage property.
- Scan for hazards like swimmers, paddle craft and diver flags. Captains are responsible for 360-degree awareness.

### 3. Anchoring and docking with courtesy

- Don't block launch ramps or fuel docks – be quick and prepared.



- Offer or ask for help during difficult docking in wind or current.
- Anchor with space and check your swing radius.
- Keep noise levels down – sound carries across water.

#### 4. Radio and communication etiquette

- Use Channel 16 only for hailing and emergencies.
- Switch to working channels after establishing contact.
- Use proper terminology – short, clear, professional.

#### 5. Fishing and sharing the water

- Avoid crossing fishing lines or passing too close to anchored anglers.
- Don't block traffic lanes or channels.
- Communicate courteously – a wave or shout goes a long way.

#### 6. Environmental responsibility

- No littering – even biodegradable items can be harmful.
- Use pump-out stations – never discharge sewage in sensitive waters.
- Respect nature – avoid seagrass beds, nesting areas and shallow habitats.
- Use eco-friendly products when cleaning or fueling.

#### 7. Respect for other boaters, wildlife and locals

- Give right of way to non-motorized craft.
- Slow down around wildlife and waterfront homes.
- Don't trespass or dock without permission.



PHOTOS BY MIKE DOLL

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## 8. Training, credentials and leadership

- Promote education among your guests and crew.
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- Lead by example – safe boating is contagious.

## 9. What to teach first-time guests

- Review safety gear and how to use it.
- Demonstrate safe movement aboard the vessel.
- Set expectations around behavior, noise and alcohol.

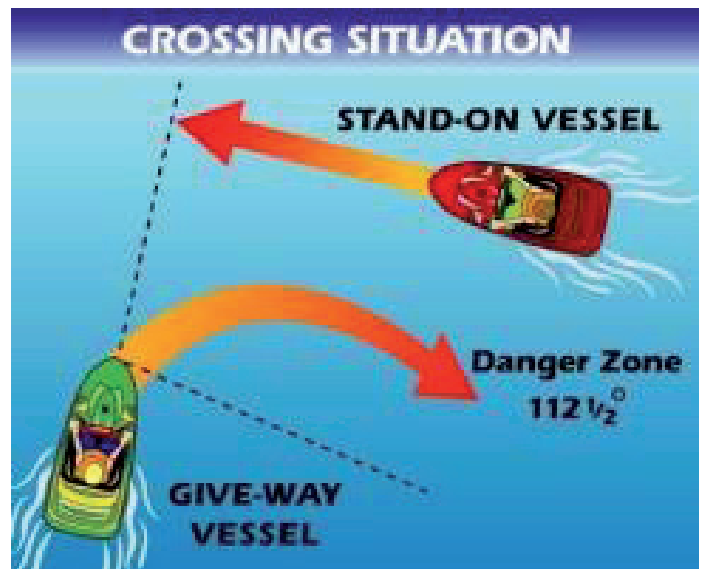
## 10. When things go wrong – etiquette still matters

- Apologize if you cause damage or inconvenience.
- Assist others in distress, if safe to do so.
- Avoid conflict – report serious issues to authorities.

## 11. New to boating? Learn from a captain

- Ride-along lessons build real-world confidence.
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- Understand etiquette – from passing to offering help.
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## 12. Visitors renting boats or jet skis – know before you go

- Rental = responsibility – You're the captain once you take the controls.
- Understand the rules – wake zones, distance limits, BWI laws.
- Respect the lake – don't crowd, speed or endanger others.
- Call the Captains Association for guidance or training before heading out.

Make your time on the water memorable for the right reasons.

# Boat Smart

## Safe Boating Tips

*Boating is great fun for family and friends. But before you hit the water, take time to read these safety tips*

- Make sure the boat is in top operating condition before you head out.
- Keep any load low and evenly distributed.
- Heed the capacity label or follow this rule of thumb:  $\text{People} = \text{Length of Boat} \times \text{Width} \div 15$ .
- Lower the anchor—do not throw it over the bow.
- Do not anchor by the stern. It has caused many small boats to capsize and sink.
- Fill portable tanks off the boat. Before fueling, close hatches and openings, turn off engines and electrical equipment and put out cigarettes.
- Do not use automotive parts to replace items on your boat.
- Be sure to tell someone on land where you're going and when you will return, and give a complete description of your boat.
- Post a lookout.
- Wear life jackets.

## Weather & Boating

*Check the weather warnings and forecasts before you leave shore and while you are on the water. Watch for bad weather and listen to NOAA Weather Radio broadcasts on the VHF radio.*

## Drinking & Boating DON'T MIX!

*Alcohol is a major contributing factor when it comes to recreational boating casualties. Because of the wind, noise, vibration, sun and motion, alcohol can affect a person on a boat much more quickly than on land.*



## Final thoughts

Boating etiquette isn't about rules – it's about respect, safety and shared enjoyment. When you operate with care, you protect lives and preserve the freedom to explore our waterways.

At Lake of the Ozarks and beyond, the Captains Association welcomes you to learn, lead and enjoy the water responsibly.

For more information, training resources, or to become a certified boat captain, visit:

<https://captainsmo.com>

<https://mikedollfishingguide.com>

## Bio

Captain Mike Doll moved to Missouri in 1978 and has love of boating began very young when his dad took him fishing on the Atlantic Ocean and lakes of Florida. His growth mindset is a part of his success in sales management, operational management, consulting, coaching, contracting and other leadership duties. Mike has enjoyed being an Author during his professional career.

Since 2003, Mike has been on the Lake of the Ozarks regularly and is involved with several lake area businesses on the water. He now focuses his time on his professional fishing guide and yacht charter business called Mike Doll Fishing guide and Charter Captain Experience, LLC. Web link <https://mikedollfishingguide.com/>. He is a licensed and insured US Coast Guard Master Captain and attained certification as a National Safe Boating Instructor and business On-Water Boat Control Academy. He is currently training to be an instructor for USCG captains licensing, and First Aid and AED training.

Mike also works with Ozark Boat Safety Training LLC and is an active member of the Water Safety Council. Mike does charter work driving customers' personal boats and has contracted with a small fleet of yachts. Mike divides his time between St. Peters and the lake. He enjoys outdoor activities with friends and family including his two sons, his daughter-in-law, his two grandsons, a very special significant other, her two daughters, and son-in-law.



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Open to all skill levels, campers are placed into ride groups according to ability, ensuring a supportive environment for progression. In addition to time on the water, participants will take part in team challenges, service activities and daily lunch is provided.



Evening guest speakers will deliver inspirational messages, with families and friends encouraged to attend these special gatherings.

Campers are urged to bring their own equipment but gear can be provided upon request.

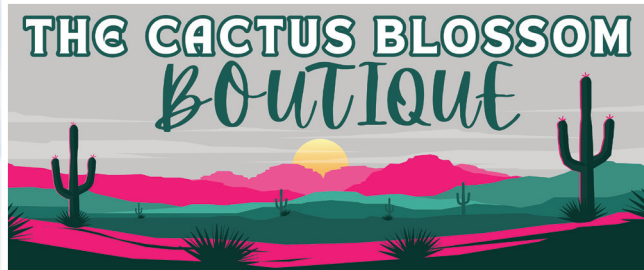
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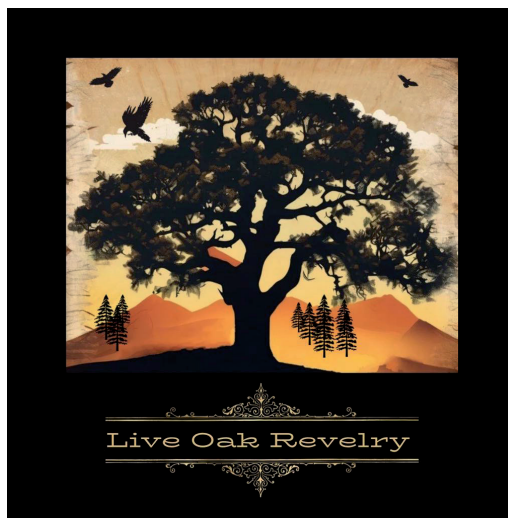
Tickets can be purchased online. If purchased before May 25, the Gate & Plate ticket only costs \$10 and includes one gate admission and one pulled pork, baked beans and coleslaw plate. After May 25 the price is \$18. General admission is \$10 and a pulled pork plate costs \$8. Children 3 and under get free gate and plate tickets.

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- Qualifying Duel #1 - 2:00 pm
- Qualifying Duel #2 - 2:30 pm
- Qualifying Duel #3 - 3:00 pm
- Qualifying Duel #4 - 3:30 pm
- Qualifying Duel #5 - 4:00 pm
- Dueling Dogs Finals - 5:30 pm

### Saturday, June 7

- Onsite Registration/Practice - 10:00 am
- Big Air Wave #1 - 11:00 am
- Big Air Wave #2 - 1:00 pm
- Big Air Wave #3 - 3:00 pm
- Extreme Vertical Competition - 5:00 pm

### Sunday, June 8

- Onsite Registration/Practice - 10:00 am
- Big Air Wave #4 - 11:00 am
- Big Air Wave #5 - 1:00 pm
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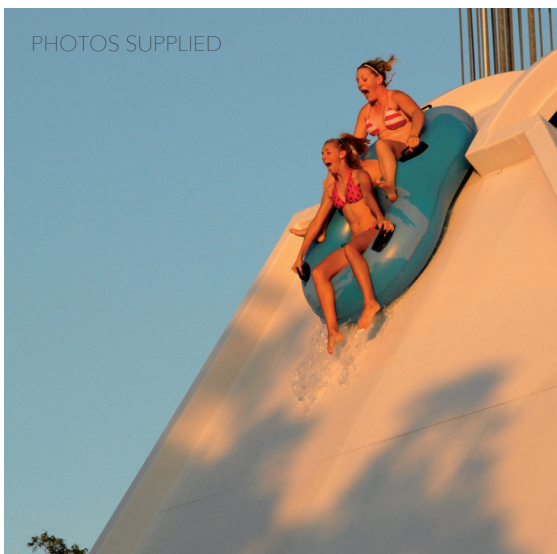


# SPOTLIGHT

BY JORDYN WILSON



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With more than \$3 million in upgrades and a mission rooted in faith and family, SuperSplash USA is set to make waves this summer at the Lake of the Ozarks. The revamped water park, led by veteran amusement entrepreneur David Busch, is targeting vacationers and families looking for a full-day destination that offers more than thrills—it offers connection.

"It's all about joy and connection," Busch said. "We create experiences that last a lifetime. It's incredibly fulfilling to see families enjoying time together. It's almost like medicine—there's healing in laughter and togetherness."

Busch knows a thing or two about fun. With several decades in the family entertainment industry, his résumé includes the creation and operation of 23 attractions across the country—including helping to build Oceans of Fun in Kansas City, one of the first water parks in the U.S.

After a successful career and a brief retirement in California, Busch returned to Missouri for what he calls a "dream come true" at the Lake of the Ozarks. SuperSplash USA's reopening over Memorial Day weekend marked both a professional milestone and a personal homecoming.

"The timing, the people—it just felt right. Being back in Missouri has been amazing. People here are honest, courteous, thoughtful. That's not something you find everywhere," Busch said.

## Why SuperSplash is a must-visit

The park underwent a major transformation aimed to bring a uniqueness to the park. New attractions include a large children's activity zone, a major slide complex and a redesigned food service area. Fresh theming, signage and landscaping also give the entire facility a new look and feel.



And for adults looking to unwind? Busch's team is building an adults-only area, which could feature a pickleball court—an ode to the sport he picked up during retirement.

SuperSplash is also rolling out a strong customer service program. Up to 200 seasonal workers—called “ambassadors”—will be trained not just in operations, but in hospitality, respect and professionalism.

“We don’t just hire—we select,” Busch said. “We want people who have heart, and we train them to be confident, respectful and professional.”

### New attractions

SuperSplash USA is bringing all sorts of fun with their newly renovated park. There are new attractions to look forward to for everyone.

**Patriot’s Plunge** – A brand-new 300-foot speed slide that is a five-story and six-lane head-first mat racer. If you crave heart-pounding action, this is the ride for you!

**Adventure Island** – The all-new mega aquatic playground built just for kids, featuring interactive splash zones, slides and endless fun.

**Royal Cabanas** – Upgrade your day with a private, air-conditioned cabana with concierge service, a stocked fridge, plush seating and a private restroom for the ultimate VIP experience.

**Key Largo Landing** – Relax in the adults-only shady retreat and enjoy a refreshing adult beverage while lounging in a hammock or chaise

lounge, enjoy a game on the big screen or play lawn games.

### Faith at the Core

What truly sets SuperSplash USA apart is its commitment to faith. Busch, who rededicated his life to Christ in his 40s, says that spiritual foundation drives every business decision.

“Our company motto is: ‘Serving the Lord by bringing families closer together,’” he said.

Every day at the park begins with prayer. Bible verses will be displayed throughout the property. The park has also partnered with 20 chaplains from 15 local churches to provide optional mentorship and support for seasonal staff.

SuperSplash will also host outreach events, allowing churches to rent the park for private evenings of fellowship and gospel sharing.

“I believe we’re all put on this earth to reach the potential God gave us. That’s our responsibility,” Busch said. Since coming back to Christ he says he wants to serve Him in all that he does.

### A New Chapter Begins

SuperSplash USA is positioned to become a staple attraction at Lake of the Ozarks, drawing families, church groups and tourists alike.

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The Lake Area Community Orchestra is hosting a summer series for anyone interested in listening to some music and enjoying the outdoors. The LAC Orchestra is performing a concert at 7 p.m. June 4 at the Ha Ha Tonka Castle on Route D outside Camdenton. Another show will be held June 11 at 7 p.m. at the Eldon Airpark (First Baptist Church in case of rain). Those attending are encouraged to bring a chair. Admission is free and donations will be accepted. The summer series will feature "Main Street Celebration," "Great Movie Marches," "Theme from Lawrence of Arabia," "Hobbits from Lord of the Rings," "The Wizard of Oz" and "Semper Fidelis." For more information, contact Andrew Drennan at 636-439-1305 or Bob Szczys at 573-723-2052.



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## YOU'LL ALWAYS FIND YOUR WAY BACK HOME

How the reuniting of two best friends brought the Lake area a cute new boutique



**M**any of us wish we could make a living while hanging out with our best friend. For Ally and Nicole, they made that dream a reality when they opened Urban Sunflower Boutique.

It all started when Ally moved to the Lake. Nicole, who grew up at the Lake, was attending Camdenton Elementary where the two met in second grade. The two were immediately drawn to one another.

As life went on, Ally moved towns, states and even ended up in Canada for a while – but the duo's friendship remained solid.

Eventually, Ally moved back to the Lake where the two graduated high school together.

"In our early 20s, we decided to do something wild and a little dramatic: sold everything we had, crammed our lives into two tiny cars and drove to Houston, Texas, with no plans," Ally said.

Nicole ended up planting roots in Texas, meeting her husband there, and Ally hit the road again – this time to upstate New York.

But as fate would have it, the Lake called them both back home a couple years later, at the same time, in what Ally says felt like "the universe staging a rom-com reunion."

"We were older, probably wiser, definitely more tired and ready to do something big together," Ally said.

The idea for Urban Sunflower Boutique began when the two moved back to the Lake and struggled to find clothes that fit their vibrant personalities.

"We could not find them anywhere nearby so we were like, okay, if we can't find it, let's provide it ourselves and to girls around here just like us," Ally said.

After years of travel and exploration, Ally and Nicole mixed their city era with their Lake roots to bring Urban Sunflower Boutique to life in July 2022. The boutique offers clothing racks full of fun colors and designs.

"We're not trying to be your average boutique and we think people can see and feel that," Nicole said. "We're just two best friends infusing our weird little souls into everything we do. We love color, a cheeky graphic tee and pieces that make you feel like the best version of yourself... Think of it like your coolest friend's closet, the one who always hypes you up, lends you her best outfit and says 'yes' to every plan. We want it to feel fun and totally approachable, like you can stroll in wearing sweats and still leave feeling like that girl. Our vibe is for the ones who love to stand out but still want to keep it comfy and real. You don't have to change who you are... just maybe discover a bolder side of your style."



The unique vibe the two created has been a reward-winning success. Urban Sunflower has won Best Place for Women's Fashion two years in a row in the Missouri's Best contest and was voted runner-up for Best Boutique in Lake Lifestyles' Best of the Lake contest.

The two said they are still shocked by the amount of love and support they've received.

When asked what their favorite part of owning and operating Urban Sunflower Boutique was, there wasn't much that didn't bring them joy.

"Honestly? It's the people. We love getting to connect with everyone... like really connect with the girls who come in. Watching someone walk out with something that makes them feel amazing gets us every time. Also, we get to express ourselves creatively every day together. Whether it's designing tees that make you laugh, making our popular jelly candles that look like cocktails or just chatting with whoever wandered in, it feels like home – a chaotic, sparkly home. And we hope to be able to do it for many more years because we feel like we're just getting started," Nicole said.

As summer rolls in and the tourist season kicks off, the duo hopes to continue meeting new people, making connections and offering a fun wardrobe.

"We just want to say a giant, heartfelt thank you," Ally said. "Every like, share, comment and purchase – it matters. You're helping two best friends chase something they built from nothing – no loans, no family handouts,



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To keep up on Urban Sunflower Boutique's latest deals and events, make sure to follow the boutique on Instagram, Facebook or TikTok.



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# CAVES

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Bridal Cave

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## Exploring the Underground

### WONDERS OF LAKE OZARK AND OSAGE BEACH

**B**eneath the rolling hills and dense forests of central Missouri lies a network of caves that continues to draw visitors to the Lake of the Ozarks region. Known for its recreational lakefront activities, the area is also home to some of the most accessible and geologically fascinating caves in the Midwest.

Caves in and around Lake Ozark and Osage Beach offer a mix of natural beauty, history and science. Formed over thousands of years through the slow erosion of limestone by groundwater, these caverns showcase intricate formations of stalactites, stalagmites and flowstones.

#### BRIDAL CAVE: A SCENIC ICON WITH A STORIED PAST

Among the most visited is Bridal Cave, located near Camdenton. It features towering columns, delicate soda straws, draperies and expansive chambers filled with crystal-clear pools. The cave gets its name from a local legend in which a young Native American couple was married inside the cave, inspiring thousands of modern-day couples to follow suit in underground ceremonies.

Bridal Cave is well-known not only for its romantic appeal but also for its accessibility and preservation. Paved pathways and year-round tours make it a family-friendly destination, while its constant 60-degree temperature offers a welcome break from Missouri's summer heat. The cave's vibrant colors and dramatic lighting highlight some of the most striking mineral formations in the region, making it a favorite for photography and geology enthusiasts alike.



#### OZARK CAVERNS: RAW BEAUTY AND RARE FORMATIONS

Nearby, Ozark Caverns in Lake of the Ozarks State Park offers a more rugged and educational experience. Unlike more commercial caves, Ozark Caverns retains a primitive feel. Tours are conducted with handheld lanterns, illuminating the cave's stark, untouched features. This approach enhances the sense of exploration and provides a close look at the cave's living ecosystem.

The cavern's most notable feature is Angel Showers, a continuous waterfall that appears to pour straight from the rock ceiling into a stone basin below. This rare and delicate water feature is one of the only known examples of its kind. Visitors also learn about the cave's delicate balance of moisture and temperature, which supports unique wildlife like salamanders and blind cave fish.

Ozark Caverns emphasizes conservation and education, offering interpretive programs on speleology, hydrology and the importance of protecting underground environments. The cave's rustic, intimate atmosphere makes it a memorable contrast to more developed attractions.



## STARK CAVERNS: A JOURNEY THROUGH TIME

Located near Eldon, just east of Bagnell Dam, Stark Caverns offers visitors a journey through geological and cultural history. The cave features striking formations such as soda straws, flowstones and helictites, as well as one of the largest known collections of stromatolite fossils in North America.

Historically, the cave served multiple purposes. During the Civil War, it was reportedly used as a hideout and supply depot for Confederate guerrillas. In the early 20th century, it became a speakeasy and dance hall during Prohibition, complete with a moonshine distillery and a dance floor in what is now called the Ballroom.

Today, Stark Caverns offers guided tours that explore its natural and historical features. Visitors can also experience unique attractions such as a black light tour showcasing fluorescent minerals and an escape room adventure set within the cave itself.

The region's caves are more than just scenic attractions. They serve as vital habitats for bats and other wildlife, and offer a glimpse into the geological processes that have shaped Missouri's landscape over millions of years. Visitors are encouraged to follow conservation guidelines to help preserve these natural wonders for future generations.

With summer tourism ramping up, local caves provide a cool retreat from the heat and a chance to experience a hidden side of the Lake of the Ozarks.





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With every paid admission to Bridal Cave on June 6, guests will receive free, exclusive access to a guided tour of Bear Cave. That means two caves, one epic adventure and memories that will last a lifetime. Perfect for families, nature lovers, photographers and adventure seekers – this special event is only available once this



year, so don't miss it!

Admission includes: guided tour of the iconic Bridal Cave, special-access guided tour of Bear Cave (June 6 ONLY), fun educational experiences, photo ops and more.

Bring your camera, wear comfy shoes, tell your friends. This is one for the summer bucket list! No reservations required, tickets may be pur-

chased online at [bridalcave.com](http://bridalcave.com) or in person – tours run throughout the day during regular hours - get ready for double the adventure.

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DAY TRIPPIN THE AMANA COLONIES  
BY VICKI WOOD

# THE AMANA COLONIES

Ode to American Goth  
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German Christmas Pyramid.  
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In need of a day trip? Take an easy drive straight up north via Highway 63 into Iowa. Traveling through Columbia, an east turn at LaPlata takes some beautiful roads through Amish dairy country to the Iowa border. Logging in at 310 miles, the Amana Colonies are at the outermost border of the day trippin area. Nonetheless, it is an important historical destination that makes a great getaway for families wanting to have an educational opportunity this summer.

There are six celebratory festivals every year in Amana, Iowa, that visitors can time their trip to match up with the Wurst Festival coming up Jun 13 and 14. The town is similar in German heritage to Hermann, Missouri.

Where it differs is that there are seven villages to the Amana Colonies. The National Historic Landmark is one of the longest communal societies, according to [Amanacolony.com](http://Amanacolony.com).

Today, The Amana Colonies attract hundreds of thousands of visitors annually to view the fine craftsmanship of local products that the Amana people take much pride in creating. Clapboard homes, brick and stone structures line the streets of a throwback to yesteryear in a town that remains mostly unchanged.

Food, wine and beer are a few things that the Amana Colonies are famous for. Art is part of their heritage. Nature and biking trails beckon to outdoorsy types. The scenic land and rolling hills draw thousands of tourists.



Carl Flick, an artist of the colonies, studied under Grant Wood, the creator of the famous painting, "American Gothic." Quilting, books, paintings, woodwork and metal design can all be found at the American Heritage Museum and many other galleries of the colonies.

As for eating and drinking, head straight to the German heritage offerings. Eat communal style, like they did. Classic colony style family dining can be found at several places. A social club in the colonies for handcrafted cocktails is at the Electric Thread and Indigo Room. A hip establishment located in the Hotel Millwright, it features a laid back industrial atmosphere and small plates perfect with their imbibements.

Wineries and beer halls abound in the Amana Colonies. With 150 years of wine production, you will not run short on choices. In the old communal living, it was a cash crop for the colonies, and each family was allotted an amount on a monthly basis. There are six wineries still doing business at the Amana Colonies, now privately owned and producing over 60 vintages.

The German tradition of beer making and drinking it in beer halls survives today at the Amana Colonies. They got closed down with prohibition, and while the wine industry flourished after, beer making didn't come back for commercial production until 1989. Brau Haus Restaurant brought back the beer hall with long communal tables, and is especially popular for Oktoberfest each year.

The last stop was at the Communal Kitchen Museum and Cooper Shop. The Cooper Shop was the barrel maker's workshop, with his tools and equipment on display. To really experience the vibe of family style dining, book one of the Amana Colonies Historic Communal Dinners with the Amana Heritage Society.

In the 1800s, town elders decreed the 50 kitchens to produce three full meals and two snacks, feeding 40-50 people each day in the large dining halls. These communal kitchens were run by a "Kitchen Boss," who would oversee the preparation and serving of the meals, the 2-3 acre garden connected to the kitchen, and canning of the fruits and vegetables for consumption in the colder months.

The Communal Kitchen Museum and Cooper Shop is located at:

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There is so much to do and see at the Amana Colonies, the destination is more worthy of a day trip.

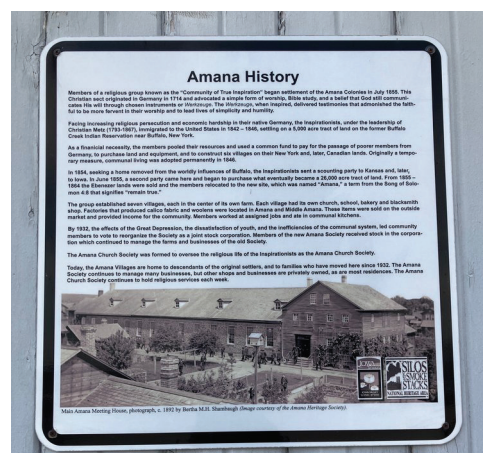
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Spa Shiki, located inside the Lodge of Four Seasons in Lake Ozark, is a popular stop for those seeking a luxurious spa experience. Guests can book massages, facials and body treatments, all in a serene lakeside setting that complements the natural beauty of the area.

For a personalized touch, Peaceful Escape Therapeutic Massage & Spa provides targeted treatments aimed at relieving stress and tension. This local favorite offers customizable packages that include massage therapy and rejuvenating skin treatments, making it an ideal retreat for couples or solo travelers.

Travelers venturing into Osage Beach can find holistic wellness at Infinity Float Spa. In addition to massage therapy, the spa features floatation sessions and yoga classes, giving visitors multiple ways to relax both body and mind.

For vacationers looking for a blend of clinical care and spa relaxation, Serenity Medical Spa in Lake Ozark offers medical-grade treatments alongside traditional massage services. It's a go-to spot for those interested in combining self-care with results-driven therapies.



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# What to look for in a VACATION RENTAL

**H**ardworking individuals and their families look forward to their vacations with much anticipation. People not only work hard to afford a relaxing getaway, but also to plan such excursions.

There's no shortage of lodging options to consider when planning a vacation, and travelers tend to have strong opinions about which types of places to rest their heads. A 2023 survey from Boston.com asked readers about their lodging preferences, and 73 percent indicated hotels are their first choice. Short-term rentals (11 percent) were less attractive to readers, but 16 percent of respondents indicated certain variables, including the length of the trip, affected which option they felt was best.

Vacationers considering a short-term rental service like Vrbo or Airbnb can keep these tips in mind as they seek a rental property for their next getaway.

- **Identify your priorities.** It sounds simple, but recognition of your needs is important before you begin searching for a property. Many rental properties are awe-inspiring, and it's easy to get swept up by a property's stunning views or additional amenities. But ocean views or penthouses perched high atop a metropolitan locale won't necessarily accommodate all vacationers. For example, parents might want to prioritize bedrooms

for the kids and a private outdoor space to relax together once the children fall asleep, while singletons might find that penthouse view is more important.

- **Give ample thought to location.** Locale and location are not necessarily the same. Many vacationers know a locale they would like to visit prior to planning their trips, but the location of the property they ultimately choose is an important variable as well. Some vacationers may rank proximity to nightlife high on their list, while others might want a secluded property that's ideal for relaxation. The location of a property can go a long way toward determining how enjoyable a trip can be, so be sure to check the address of each rental to determine precisely where it is in relation to restaurants, nightlife, beaches, and other amenities.

- **Consider the amenities.** No two rental properties are the same, so vacationers would be wise to read the details of each listing prior to booking a reservation. Some rental properties provide bed linens and towels, while others ask guests to bring their own. Some properties may come with access to an on-site pool or lounge, while others may only allow guests to enter the property itself. Amenities can sometimes make or break a property, so give these ample thought.



## Types of vacation rentals

Vacation time is included in many full-time professionals' benefit packages. Too often, however, employees feel that personal time off is a luxury they cannot afford to use. When looking at vacation as a necessity rather than a luxury, workers may be more inclined to start planning time off.

The Harvard Business Review reports that data supports the notion that those who take more than 10 days of vacation are 30 percent more likely to receive a raise. Those who vacation often have greater job satisfaction. The World Health Organization found working 55 hours or more per week was associated with a 35 percent higher risk of stroke and a 17 percent higher risk of dying from heart disease than a standard work week. Studies have found that taking regular vacations may help reduce the risk for metabolic syndrome, which raises an individual's risk for various diseases.

People have different choices when planning vacations, and that includes a bevy of lodging options. The following is a breakdown of the types of properties vacationers can choose from.

- **Rental by owner:** Various companies facilitate the relationship between rental owner and renter. These include Airbnb, HomeAway and Vrbo, among others. These properties are stand-alone or in shared buildings. They're frequently large and feature cooking spaces and multiple bedrooms, and typically do not come with the extra fees that some other vacation accommodations may tack on, such as paid parking.

- **Bed and breakfast (B&B):** A B&B rental is in a private home or inn. While accommodations may vary, one may get a private bedroom in the residence that may or may not include a private bathroom. B&B accommodations are smaller in scale than hotels, but offer a measure of personalized attention. B&B staff can help plan excursions and give opinions on attractions or restaurants in the area. As the name implies, breakfast is likely included in the stay, but guests may need to ferret out other meals.

- **Hotel:** A hotel is one of the more familiar vacation rentals that customers may encounter. They traditionally are large buildings that house many rooms. Shared spaces can include restaurants, gyms, pool areas, bars, and conference spaces. Some meals may be included



in a hotel stay, like a continental breakfast. Perks may vary depending on the property.

- **Motel:** Motels are smaller and tend to be less luxurious than hotels. However, they can include basic accommodations that are perfect for short-term stays or breaks from long drives.

- **All-inclusive:** All-inclusive rentals generally are housed inside resort facilities. One price tends to cover the room, meals, activities, and sometimes even spirits. All-inclusive properties can cater to adults only or families. If the desire is to drop your bags and relax, an all-inclusive resort may be a place to consider.

- **Time share:** Technically not a rental, a time share, according to Investopedia, is a shared ownership model of vacation real estate. Multiple purchasers own allotments of usage of a property, which means they are allowed to use the property during certain times of the year - typically one-week stays. Those who purchase a time share may be restricted to one hotel or condominium, or those part of a larger company may be able to mix and match stays among a number of different properties for their designated weeks.





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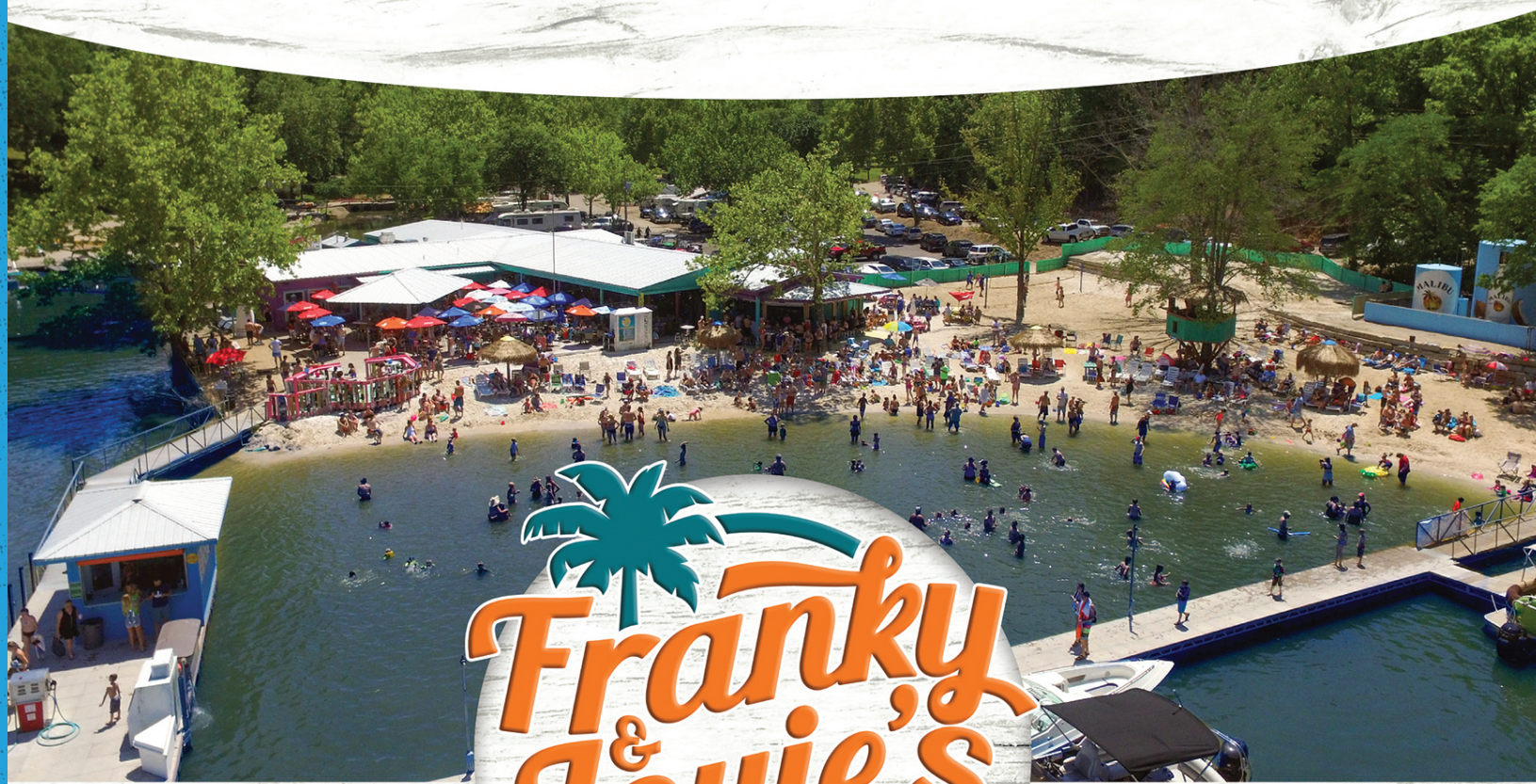


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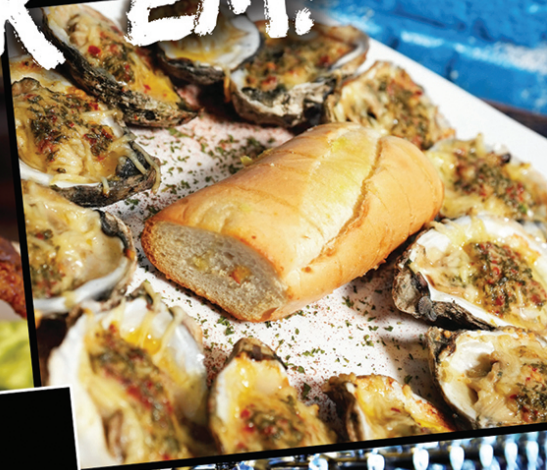
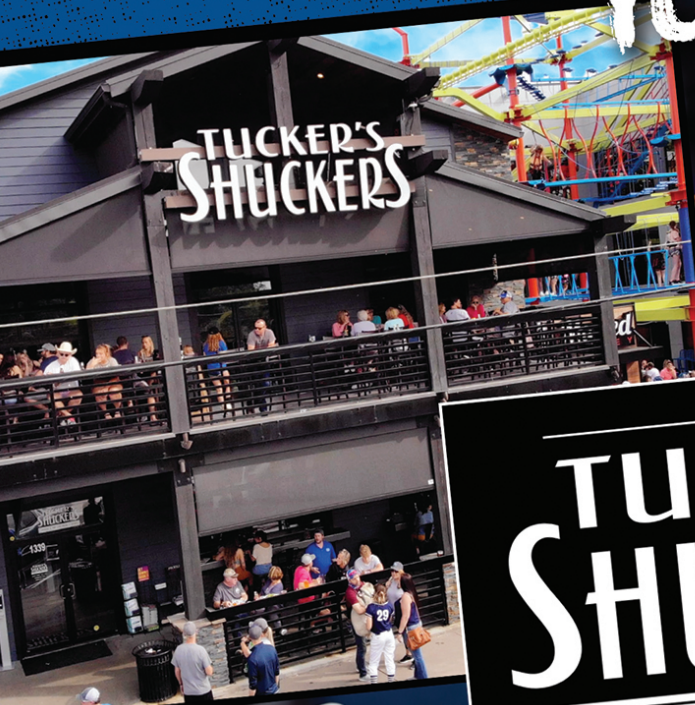


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# PAINT BOX CAFÉ

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**N**estled in the heart of the Lake of the Ozarks, Paint Box Café serves more than just coffee and comfort food – it dishes out a sense of home.

For owner Shae Hymes, that feeling is personal. The Lake of the Ozarks native grew up visiting the café and returned to turn a childhood dream into reality.

The café was originally opened by local entrepreneur Roxie Kelley in 2011 and later owned by Dale Mitchell. It left a lasting impression on Hymes, who first imagined owning a café during a middle school project. That vision stuck.

She said she continued to visit the café throughout high school and it became a special place for her.

In college, she revisited Paint Box for a business as-



signment, meeting with Mitchell to learn more about the inner workings of the café.

After spending time teaching and working at an accounting firm, Hymes found herself drawn back to that original dream.

"When the opportunity to purchase Paint Box came up, it felt like everything had come full circle," she said. "I knew it was the perfect time to make that dream a reality."

With Mitchell preparing for retirement, Hymes couldn't bear the thought of the café closing, so she stepped in to carry the torch.

Under her ownership, Paint Box remains true to its roots: homemade soups, sandwiches and desserts, a warm atmosphere and a personal touch in every dish.

"There's a warmth and authenticity in every bite that you just don't find everywhere," she said. "We're always





adding new specials and creative desserts to the menu, which keeps things fresh and gives our guests something new to look forward to with each visit. It's that personal, handcrafted touch and constant creativity that gives the café its charm and makes it a place people love returning to.

That creative freedom is one of the most rewarding parts of ownership for Hymes. She finds joy in developing seasonal soups, experimenting with new bakery items and specialty drinks, and engaging with regulars who have become familiar faces.

Paint Box has recently expanded its offerings, adding specialty coffees and homemade granola – along with dog treats, so furry visitors don't leave empty-pawed. The café also caters and rents out space for everything from baby showers to celebrations of life.

Looking ahead, Hymes plans to launch breakfast service and extend café hours. A boutique expansion is also in the works, offering not just apparel, but home décor and curated children's picture books.





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For Hymes, Paint Box isn't just a business. It's a love letter to her community – and a dream, years in the making, come true.



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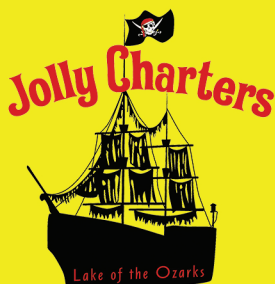
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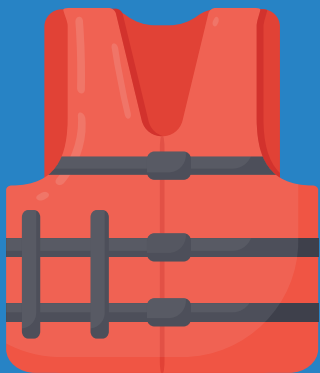
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May 31st

**DWIGHT YOAKAM**  
THE MAVERICKS/49 WINCHESTER

June 5th

**MOVIE NIGHT: GREASE**

June 13th

**BARENAKED LADIES**  
GUSTER/FASTBALL

June 14th

**BILLY CURRINGTON**  
PARMALEE/COLE GOODWIN

June 19th

**MOVIE NIGHT: THE LION KING**

June 26th

**WARREN ZEIDERS: THE RELAPSE TOUR**

June 28th

**THE OZARK MOUNTAIN DAREDEVILS**  
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July 4th

**TRACE ADKINS: WHAT COLOR'S YOUR WILD TOUR**  
AARON TIPPIN/JACOB SMALLEY & MORGAN COUNTY LINE

July 10th

**MOVIE NIGHT: MAMMA MIA**

July 17th

**AARON LEWIS AND THE STATELINERS**  
JAKE WORTHINGTON

July 18th

**THE AVETT BROTHERS**  
DAWES

July 19th

**EARTH, WIND & FIRE**

July 24th

**MOVIE NIGHT: FROZEN**

July 25th

**KANSAS WITH 38 SPECIAL**  
DAVE MASON

July 26th

**DARIUS RUCKER**  
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August 1st

**TRAIN**  
EDWIN MCCAIN

August 9th

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VILLAGE PEOPLE

August 15th

**RYAN UPCHURCH**

August 16th

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August 30th

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September 6th

**PURE PRAIRIE LEAGUE**  
ATLANTA RHYTHM SECTION/FIREFALL/ORLEANS

September 12th

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September 20th

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## Friday, May 30

**JB Hook's**, Mike Byington, 5:30 p.m.  
**Brick House**, John Jarrett, 7 p.m.  
**Casablanca**, Adam Powell, 7 p.m.  
**H Toads**, Bryan Copeland, 6 p.m.  
**The Encore**, Foreplay, 8 p.m.  
**Neon Taco**, Preston Ary, 5 p.m.  
**Paradise**, Kalani, 6 p.m.  
**Shorty Pants**, Grayson Wood, 7 p.m.  
**Franky & Louie's**, AKA Band, 8 p.m.  
**Shawnee Bluff**, Dave Dunklee, 3 p.m.  
**Mathany Family Vineyards**, Shawn C Music, 4 p.m.

## Saturday, May 31

**JB Hook's**, Adam Powell, 5:30 p.m.  
**Brick House**, Garrick Fausett, 7 p.m.  
**Casablanca**, John Jarrett, 7 p.m.  
**H Toads**, Kalani, 6 p.m.  
**The Encore**, Foreplay, 8 p.m.  
**Neon Taco**, Jake Jams, 5 p.m.  
**Paradise**, Roy Elliott, 12 p.m.  
**Shorty Pants**, Stevie Newman, 7 p.m.  
**Franky & Louie's**, AKA Band, 8 p.m.  
**Mathany Family Vineyards**, Tim Gaines, 4 p.m.  
**Seven Springs Winery**, Wes Duncan

## Sunday, June 1

**The Encore**, Faded Youth, 3 p.m.  
**Paradise**, Steve Moore, 5 p.m.  
**Franky & Louie's**, Jake Jams, 12 p.m.  
**Fish & Co.**, Dave Dunklee, 12 p.m.

## Monday, June 2

**JB Hook's**, Adam Powell, 5:30 p.m.  
**The Encore**, Cody Stillwell, 7 p.m.

## Tuesday, June 3

**JB Hook's**, Steve Moore, 5:30 p.m.  
**The Encore**, Jordan Isakson, 6:30 p.m.

## Wednesday, June 4

**JB Hook's**, Joe Farrell, 5:30 p.m.  
**The Encore**, Jordan Isakson, 6:30 p.m.  
**Paradise**, Scott Fletcher, 5 p.m.

## Thursday, June 5

**JB Hook's**, Joe Farrell, 5:30 p.m.  
**Casablanca**, Tim Newell, 7 p.m.  
**The Encore**, Zach Simpson, 6:30 p.m.  
**Paradise**, Fireside Trio, 5 p.m.  
**Shorty Pants**, Red and the Revelers, 6 p.m.

## Friday, June 6

**JB Hook's**, Mike Byington, 5:30 p.m.  
**Brick House**, Johnny Chase, 7 p.m.  
**Casablanca**, Cheryl Lynn, 7 p.m.  
**H Toads**, Adam Powell, 6 p.m.  
**The Encore**, SoulRoot, 8 p.m.  
**Neon Taco**, Preston Ary, 5 p.m.  
**Paradise**, Scott Levan, 6 p.m.  
**Shorty Pants**, Phillip Twitchell, 7 p.m.  
**Franky & Louie's**, Machine Gun Symphony, 8 p.m.  
**Bulldog's Beach House**, Dave Dunklee, 5:30 p.m.  
**Off The Cliff**, Tom's Acoustic Madness, 5p.m.

## Saturday, June 7

**JB Hook's**, Adam Powell, 5:30 p.m.  
**Brick House**, Matt Waltersheid, 7 p.m.  
**Casablanca**, Johnny Chase, 7 p.m.  
**H Toads**, Mark Barger, 6 p.m.  
**The Encore**, SoulRoot, 8 p.m.  
**Neon Taco**, Kael Wade, 5 p.m.  
**Paradise**, Howard Levinson, 12 p.m.; Slick Nickle, 6 p.m.  
**Shorty Pants**, Bryan Copeland, 7 p.m.  
**Franky & Louie's**, Madd Hoss Jackson Duo with Jim and Jay, 1 p.m.; Machine Gun Symphony, 8 p.m.  
**Seven Springs Winery**, Take 2  
**Off The Cliff**, Tom Bryant Band, 8 p.m.

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### Sunday, June 8

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**Paradise**, Tom Norton, 5 p.m.

**Franky & Louie's**, Double Down, 12 p.m.; Madd Hoss Jackson Duo with Jim and Jay, 6 p.m.

**Lake Burger**, Dave Dunklee, 4 p.m.

**Seven Springs Winery**, Starla & Scotty

### Monday, June 9

**JB Hook's**, Adam Powell, 5:30 p.m.

**The Encore**, Cody Stillwell, 7 p.m.

### Tuesday, June 10

**JB Hook's**, Steve Moore, 5:30 p.m.

**The Encore**, Jordan Isakson, 6:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, June 11

**JB Hook's**, Joe Farrell, 5:30 p.m.

**The Encore**, Jordan Isakson, 6:30 p.m.

**Paradise**, Mick Bryd, 5 p.m.

### Thursday, June 12

**JB Hook's**, Joe Farrell, 5:30 p.m.

**Casablanca**, Tim Newell, 7 p.m.

**The Encore**, Zach Simpson, 6:30 p.m.

**Paradise**, Roy Elliott, 5 p.m.

**Shorty Pants**, Steven Moore, 6 p.m.

**Shawnee Bluff Winery**, Dave Dunklee, 3 p.m.

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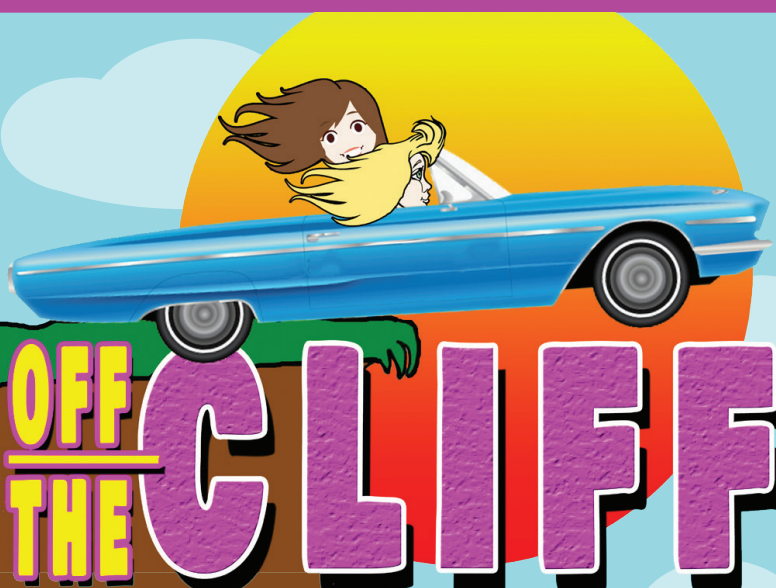


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