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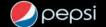




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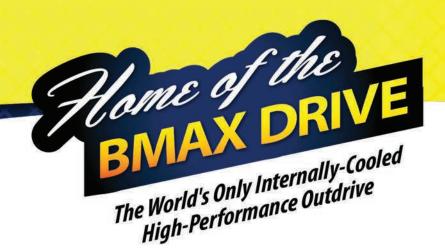




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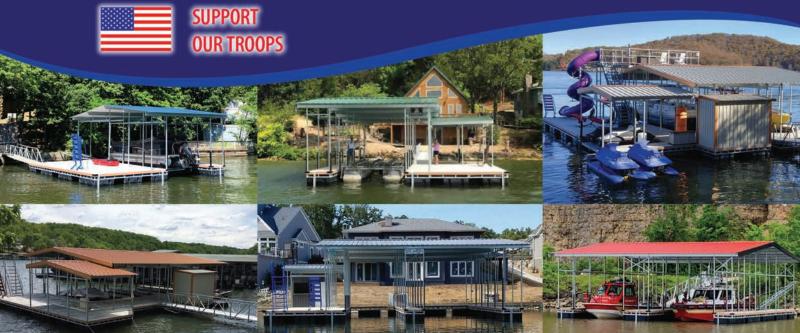
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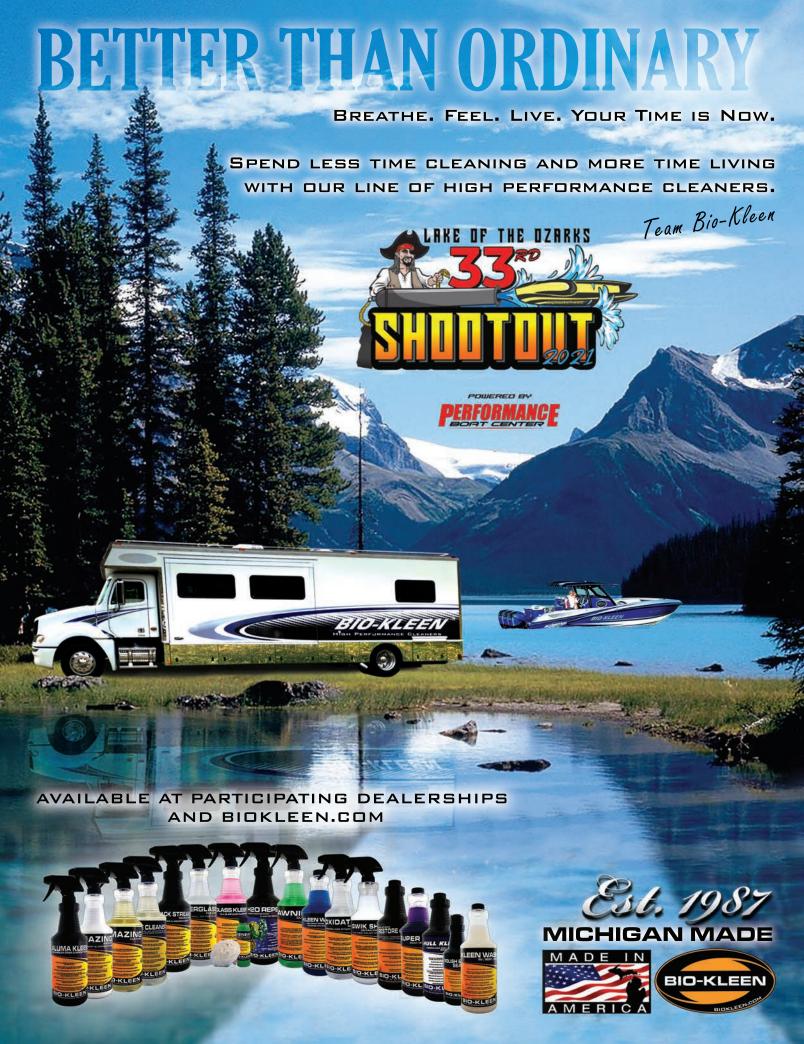
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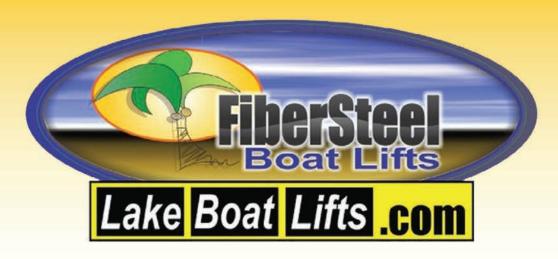
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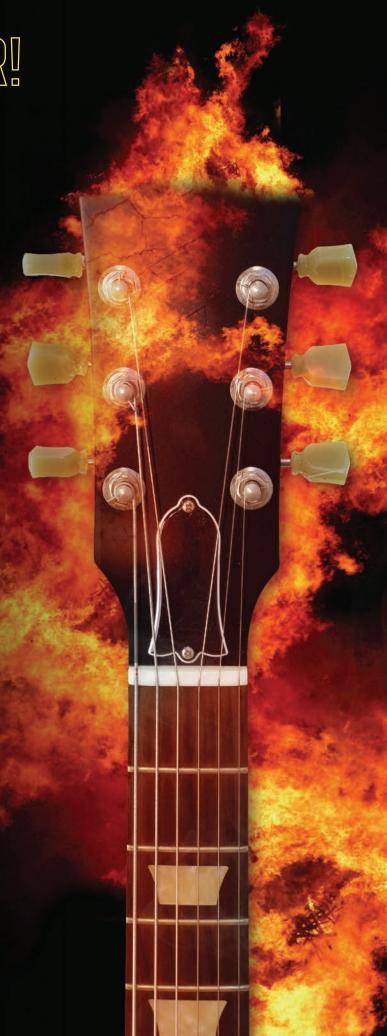
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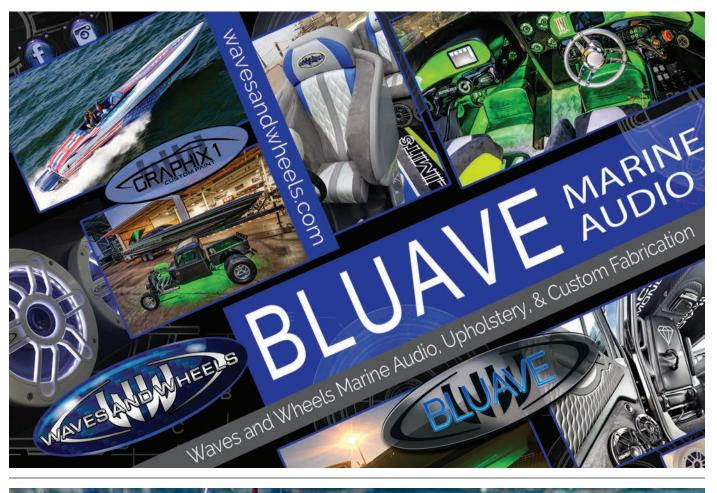


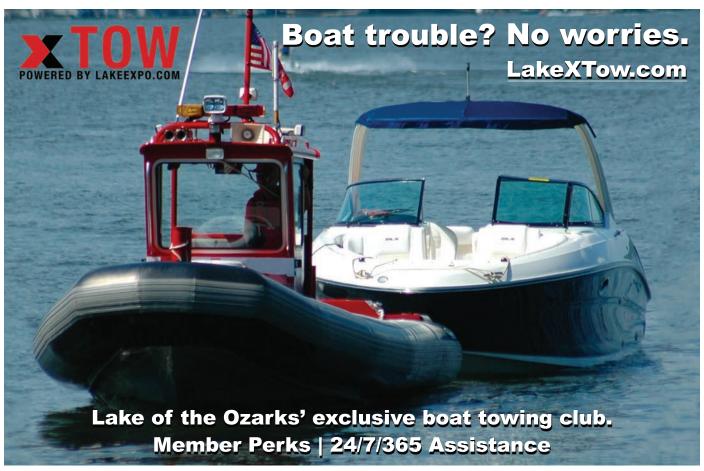


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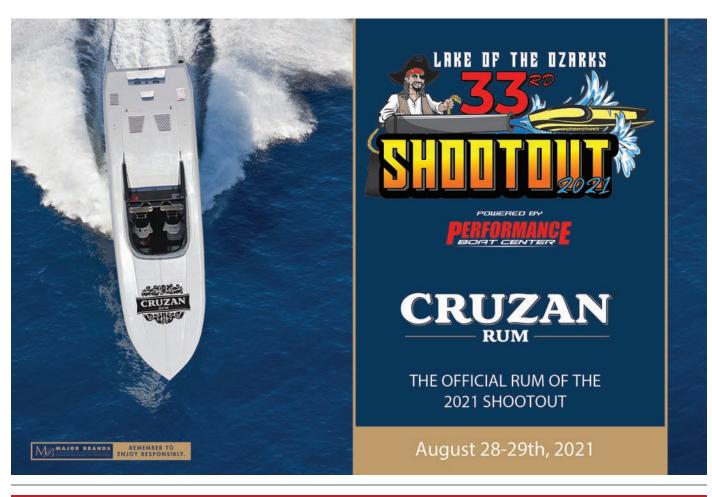






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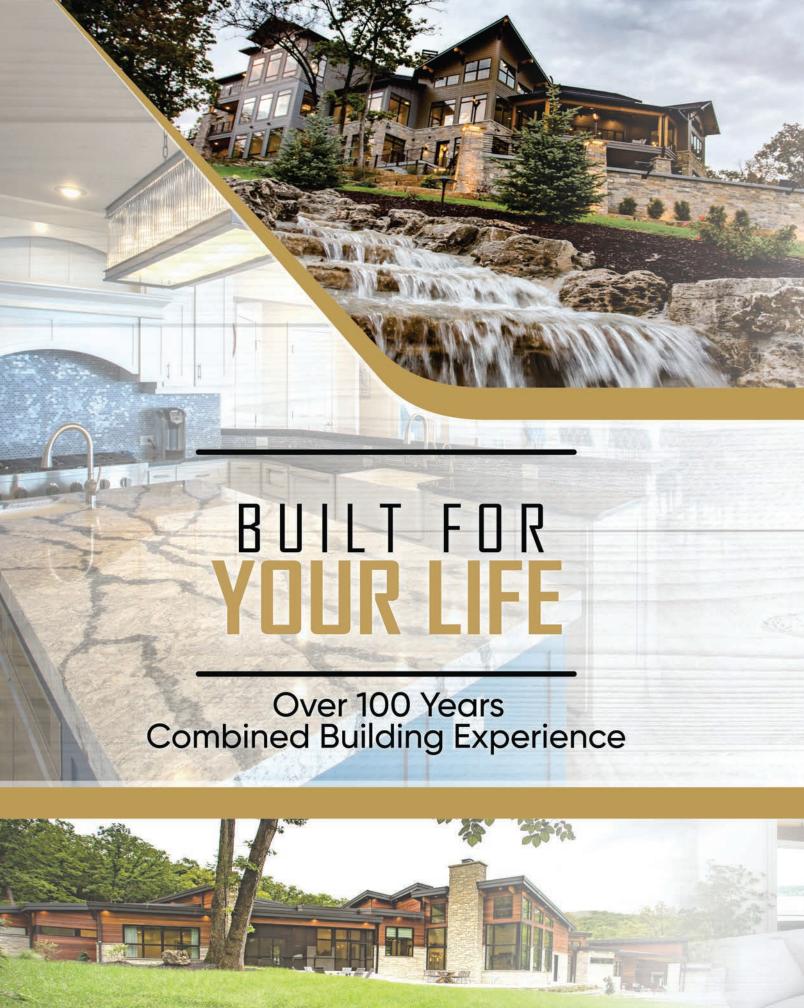


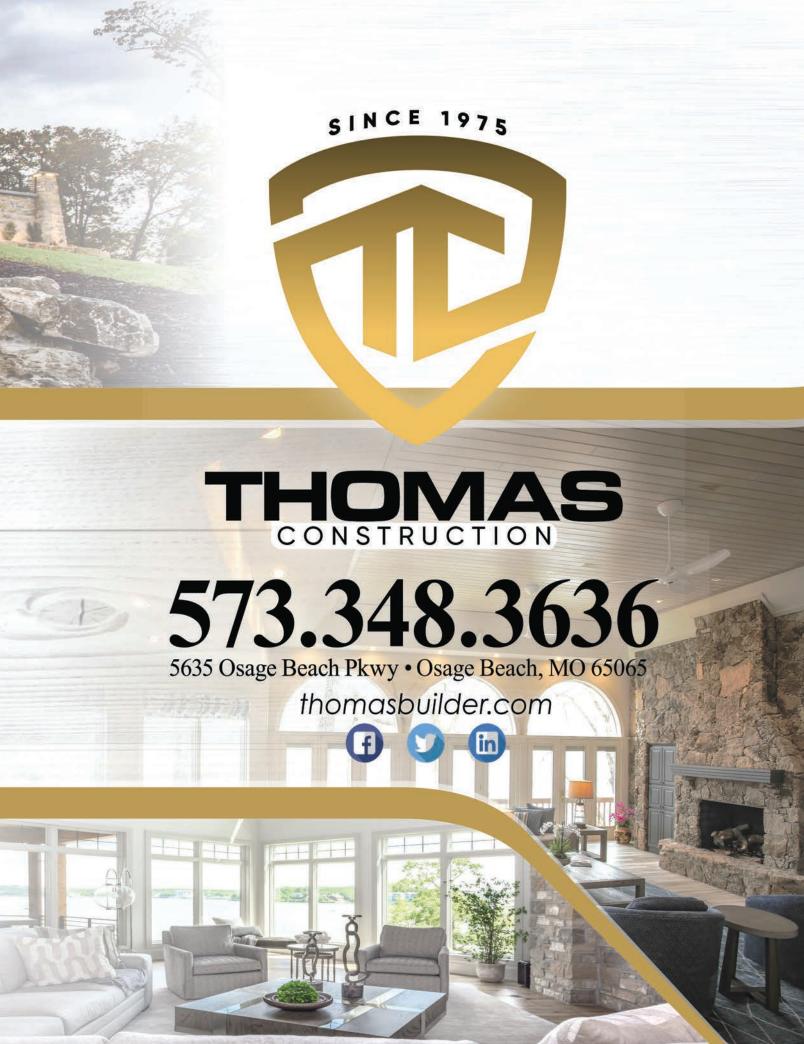
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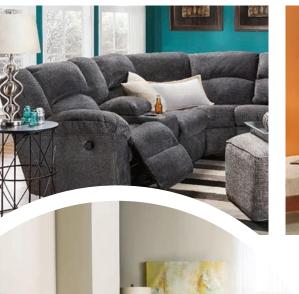






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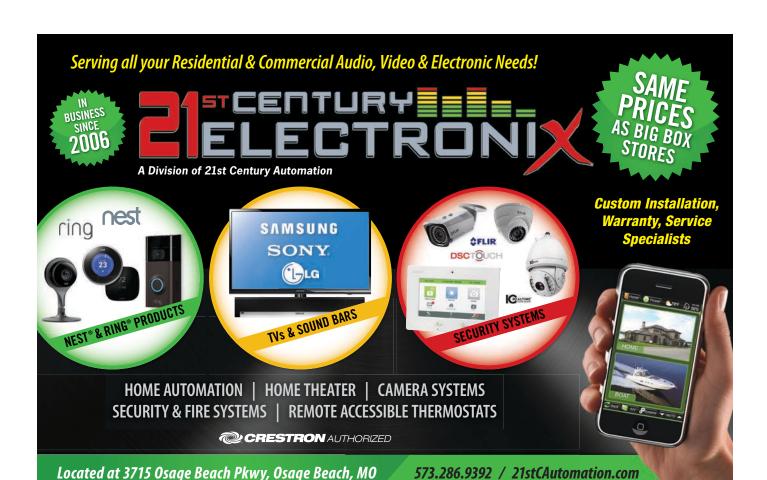
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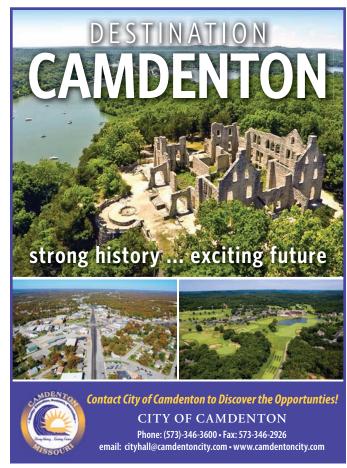






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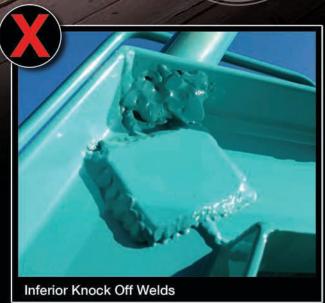
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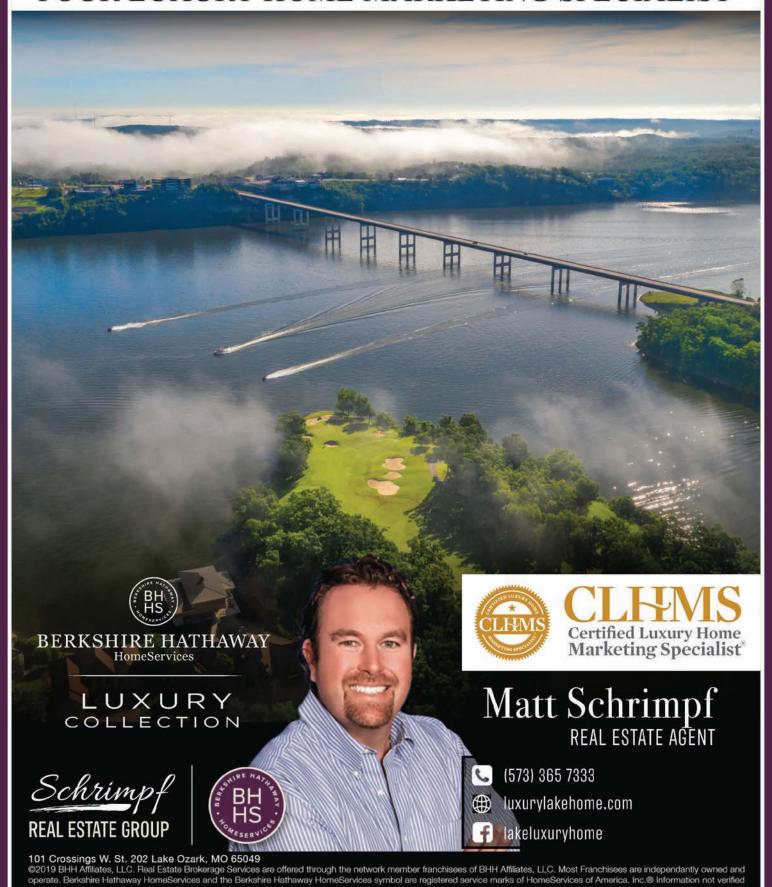






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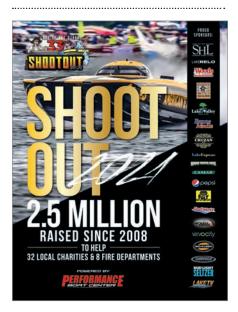
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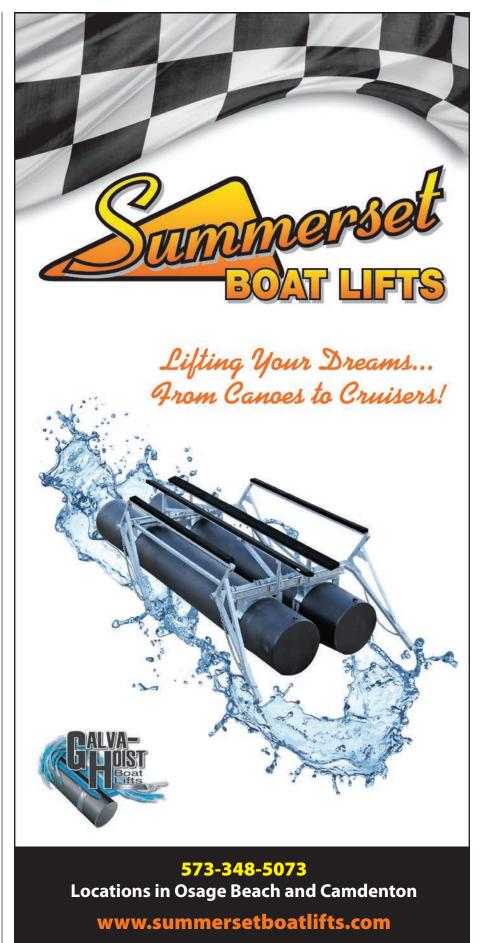
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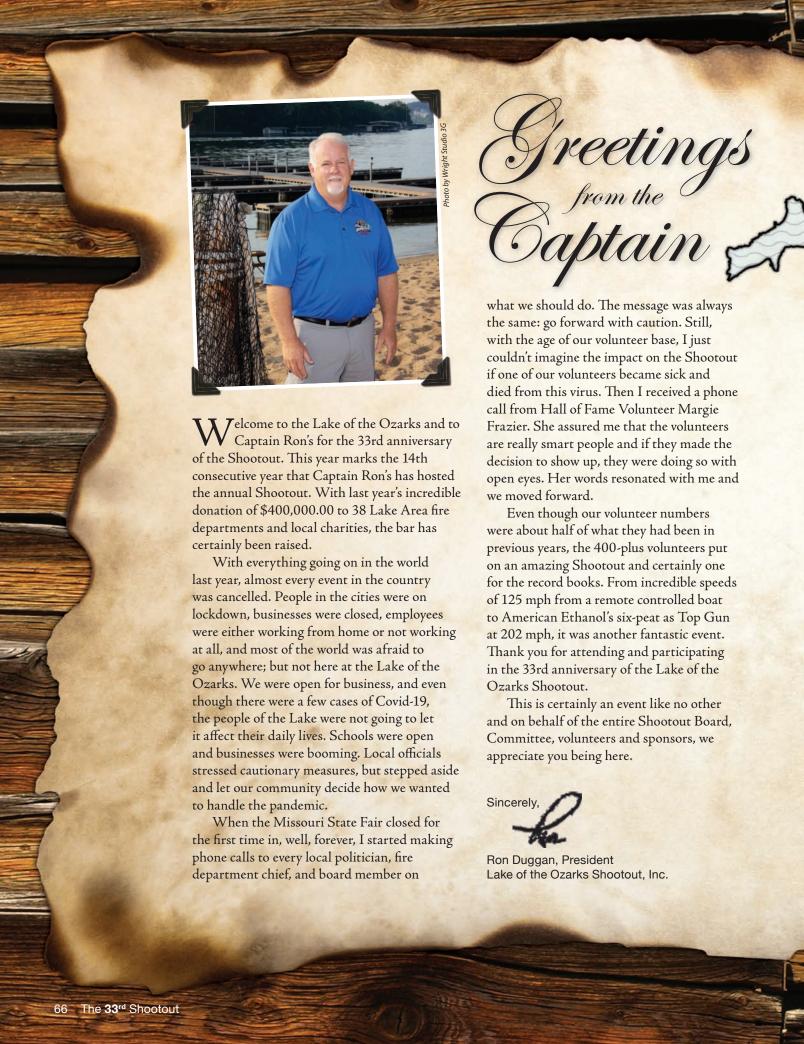




On the cover: The Lake of the Ozarks Shootout, in its 33rd year, continues as the #1 area fundraiser. The annual event raised over \$400,000 last year. Pictured here, American Ethanol was the 2020 Top Gun with a run of 202 MPH

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# Editor's Note



A World of Our Own

American naturalist, poet and philosopher Henry **David Thoreau once** proclaimed that all good things were wild and free. After living at the Lake of the Ozarks for over a

decade (and especially over the past year and a half), I would have to say that I agree.

Between the browbeating, midpandemic news reports of our booming local businesses to Hollywood's portrayal of our community (try telling someone from Los Angeles that you're from Lake Ozark, Missouri), those unfamiliar with the Lake Area might wonder who on earth would want to live here. The Convention and Visitor's Bureau has actually received calls from people trying to verify that the Lake

of the Ozarks is a real place and as a result, our numbers have never been better as tourists seek respite or satisfy their curiosity while continuing to flock here in droves. In my humble opinion, the Lake could not be further from mainstream media's sporadic criticism or Netflix's questionable interpretations and notoriety aside, and I am beyond thankful to call it home.

Ladies and gentlemen, we raised nearly a half-million dollars last year for our Lake Area charities, non-profits and first responders. We are surrounded by the fabric of hundreds of thousands of tourists every year, and yet the Lake of the Ozarks continues to be a tightly woven community filled with life, liberty, and the attainable pursuit of happiness. We might be just another fictitious TV show or unmasked pool party to an outside world which hastily defines us as unbridled and remiss, but not to us. To us, we are a world of our own.

And with that, I hope we never stop making headlines. I hope every single person who might be wondering if we are indeed "a real place" will come here to answer that question for themselves, because I know they will love it here. With whatever the future holds. I hope every big city reporter who somberly broadcasts the sad state of affairs at the Lake of the Ozarks will continue to stroll along the Bagnell Dam Strip minutes later, happily chatting and taking the Lake in. Because like all good things, we are wild and we are free.

**Christy Wagner**, Editor, Official Lake of the Ozarks Shootout *Program Guide* 

Christy Wagner of Lake Ozark, MO, has been married to Christopher Wagner since 2010. They have two daughters, Jemma (4) and Jules (3), along with a small petting zoo which grows bigger every day. Formerly employed by the Communications Division of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Christy is passionate about our first responders and has found great joy in freelance writing. When she isn't writing, she's the Office Administrator/Policy Renewal Specialist at the Wagner Insurance Agency and a part-time stay-at-home mom - the latter being her favorite job yet.



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# Golf Tournament Sponsored by Lake Valley Golf Club & Lake of the Ozarks Marine Dealers Association (LOMDA)

WHEN & WHERE: Sunday, August 1st at 9:00 a.m. at Lake Valley Golf Club.

# MORE INFO: Register online at www.

lakeoftheozarksshootout.com > Events > Golf Tournament Sponsored by Lake Valley Golf Club & Lake of the Ozarks Marine Dealers Association for single players, teams of four, hole hosts, hole sponsors, and bronze, silver or gold sponsorships.

# "Run What Ya Brung" Poker Run Sponsored by Premier Advantage Marine and Captain's Choice

**WHEN & WHERE:** Friday, August 20th – watch for updates on the Shootout's website at www.lakeoftheozarksshootout. com > Events > "Run What Ya Brung" Poker Run.

### MORE INFO: Stops are:

- Captain Ron's Bar & Grill (morning sign up and start)
- · Nauti Fish Rum Bar
- · Paradise Tropical Restaurant and Bar
- · Larry's on the Lake
- Read Head Lakeside Grill and Yacht Club
- · Dog Days Bar and Grill (end and card draw)

# Mini Shootout

**WHEN & WHERE:** Friday, August 20th through Sunday, August 22nd at Ha Ha Tonka & Bridal Cave (Meet & Greet at Bridal Cave)

#### MORE INFO: Schedule of Events:

- Friday 8:00 a.m.: Setup @ The Springs at Ha Ha Tonka; 5:00 p.m.: Meet & Greet @ Bridal Cave
- Saturday 8:30 a.m.: Drivers Meeting @ The Springs at Ha Ha Tonka; 9:00 a.m.: Opening Ceremony, Continued on page 76





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· Sunday - 8:00 a.m.: Run Card Racing; noon to 1:00 p.m.: RTRJ Class Event, break for lunch for volunteers; 1:00 p.m.: Resume Run Card Racing; 3:00 p.m.: TG Exhibition Runs; 4:00 p.m.: Awards Ceremony.

For more information on boat classes, visit www.lakeoftheozarksshootout. com > Events > Mini Shootout

Float Your Boat Lake of the Ozarks Food Bank Advisory Board Fundraiser Race Sponsored by Old Kinderhook Resort, Golf Club & Spa

WHEN & WHERE: Sunday, August 22nd at Captain Ron's

#### **MORE INFO:**

- \$100.00 entry fee per team
- · Boat races start at 1:00 p.m. | Please arrive by 12:30 p.m.

- · Prize and bragging rights for 1st place winner
- \*\*\*To register your team, contact Jasen Jones via email: JJones@ OldKinderhook.com or phone:

573-317-4440; for more information, visit www.lakeoftheozarksshootout. com > Events > Float Your Boat.

# Shootout Treasure Hunt. Sponsored by Lake Expo

WHERE & WHEN: Monday, August 23rd at Captain Ron's Bar & Grill at 5:00 p.m.

# MORE INFO: Schedule of Events:

Channel your inner-pirate for charity at this family-friendly event sponsored by LakeExpo.com!

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Treasure Hunt for free. The Shootout Treasure Hunt benefits the Central Missouri Foster Care & Adoption Association and the Laurie-Sunrise Beach Rotary Club.

- Tickets are \$25.00 (save \$5.00 for buying online for a limited time only).
- \*\*\*To purchase tickets online, visit www.lakeoftheozarksshootout.com > Events > Shootout Treasure Hunt Sponsored by Lake Expo.

# Shootout Hall of Fame Dinner and Induction

### WHEN & WHERE:

Tuesday, August 24th, 2021 at the Lighthouse in Sunrise Beach.

MORE INFO: Schedule of Events:

- 6 p.m. Social hour
- 7 p.m. Dinner and Awards Ceremony
- \*\*\*Tickets for the Shootout Hall of Fame dinner are \$35.00 per ticket or \$350.00
- \*\*\*To purchase tickets or a table online, visit www.lakeoftheozarksshootout. com > Events > Shootout Hall of Fame Dinner and Induction.

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# Shootout on the Strip Street Party/Meet & Greet, Presented by "Waves and Wheels"

WHEN & WHERE: Wednesday, August 25th, 2021 at the Bagnell Dam Strip

### MORE INFO: Schedule of Events:

- · Line up between 2:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. on Highway 242.
- · Move to the Bagnell Dam Strip area at 3:45 p.m.
- Set-up by 5:00 p.m.
- · Sales of any merchandise are only allowed on private property & sellers must obtain a city sales license.
- · Silent auction.
- · Open container law will be strictly enforced.
- · Participants will depart the Bagnell Dam Strip at 10:00 p.m. (please do not leave early).
- \*\*\*To register, visit www. lakeoftheozarksshootout.com > Events > Shootout on the Strip Meet and Greet, Presented by "Waves and Wheels."

Once registered, you will be sent an email 30 days prior to the event with instructions on lining up and additional event details. For further information, please contact Ron Duggan at duggan@usmo.com.

# Wishing on a Ride, Presented by OakStar Bank and SHORE Magazine

WHEN & WHERE: Thursday, August 26th, 2021 at Captain Ron's, Dock 3, from noon to 4:00 p.m.

Powerboat drivers give boat rides to children and their families who are dealing with serious illnesses and/or disabilities. For more information or to register, contact Tiffany Maasen at 573-368-1177 or email: lotoshootout@gmail.com.

# Dyno, Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show

WHEN & WHERE: Thursday, August 26th, 2021 from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Bagnell Dam Strip by Tucker's Shuckers & the Malted Monkey.

· For those participating in the car show, the load-in will begin at 10:00 a.m.

\$150.00 per mobile dyno run | \$25.00 entry to car show with a \$15.00 option to be judged = \$40.00.

- · Free for the public to attend.
- Judged car, truck and bike show with trophies, best in show & people's choice awards.
- 100% of all proceeds go to charity.

MORE INFO: Register online at www.lakeoftheozarksshootout.com > Events > Dyno, Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show Sponsored by Tucker's Shuckers and the Malted Monkey > Event Registration.

# Poly Lift - Lakefront Living Realty | Annie Faulstich - Sunrise True Value Hardware Poker Run Meet and Greet

WHEN & WHERE: Thursday, August 26th at Performance Boat Center from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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### **BREAKFAST & START**

WHEN & WHERE: Friday, August 27th from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. beginning with a breakfast stop and registration at Captain Ron's (one flight will go upstream and the other will go downstream as operators choose the order of their desired stops with two helicopters following suit).

# ADDITIONAL STOPS following Captain Ron's:

- · Big Dick's Halfway Inn
- · Larry's on the Lake
- Nauti Fish
- · Waves 'N Wheels Boardwalk
- Paradise
- · Red Head's Lakeside Grill
- · Shady Gators

#### LAST STOP & AWARDS CEREMONY

WHEN & WHERE: Friday, August 27th at 6 p.m. at Shady Gators (please be in line before 6 p.m.)

CAPTAIN/FIRST MATE ENTRY FEE INCLUDES: One poker hand (one card is drawn at each stop – with eight stops at multiple waterfront venues, there will be a chance to have eight cards - your poker hand will be the best five cards). \*\*\*Additional hands and other items will be available for purchase throughout the event.

\*\*\*To register, visit www. lakeoftheozarksshootout.com > Events > Poly Lift - Lakefront Living Realty Annie Faulstich - Sunrise True Value Hardware - Poker Run.

# **Boulevard Brewing Lake** of the Ozarks Great Silent Auction

WHEN & WHERE: Friday, August 27th from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Captain Ron's and Saturday, August 28th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

- Silent auction item pickup will occur on Saturday at the main tent at Captain Ron's from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., and again on Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- This event raised almost \$17,000.00 for Lake Area charities and fire departments last year. This year's goal is \$30,000.00 with 100% of proceeds going toward local charities. Stop by at Captain Ron's to make the

Boulevard Brewing Lake of the Ozarks Great Silent Auction its best year yet!

# Super Cat Fest 4 Kids & Lake of the Ozarks Live Auction

WHEN & WHERE: Saturday, August 28th at Camden on the Lake at 8 p.m.

# 33rd Annual Lake of the **Ozarks Shootout**

WHEN & WHERE: Saturday, August 28th - Sunday, August 29th

# SATURDAY, AUGUST 28th, 2021

- · 8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. Breakfast at Captain Ron's
- 8:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. Racer Registration on Cannonball Beach
- 8:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. Safety Inspections & Class Identification
- · 8:45 a.m. Opening Ceremony -National Anthem
- 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. Vendor Village and Racer Village open to the public at Buccaneer Bay and Captain Ron's

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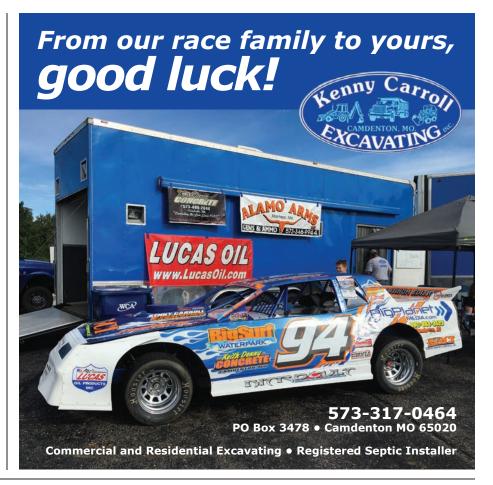


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- 3:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. Open Class Runs
- 7:00 p.m. -1:00 a.m. Entertainment at Captain Ron's
- 8:00 p.m. Super Cat Fest
- · Live Auction Camden on the Lake

# SUNDAY, AUGUST 29th, 2021

- 8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. Captain Ron's open for breakfast
- 8:00 a.m. 2:30 p.m. Racer Registration on Cannonball Beach
- 8:00 a.m. 2:30 p.m. Safety Inspections & Class Identification
- 9:00 a.m. National Anthem -Races Resume
- 9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. Vendor Village and Racer Village open to the public at Buccaneer Bay and Captain Ron's

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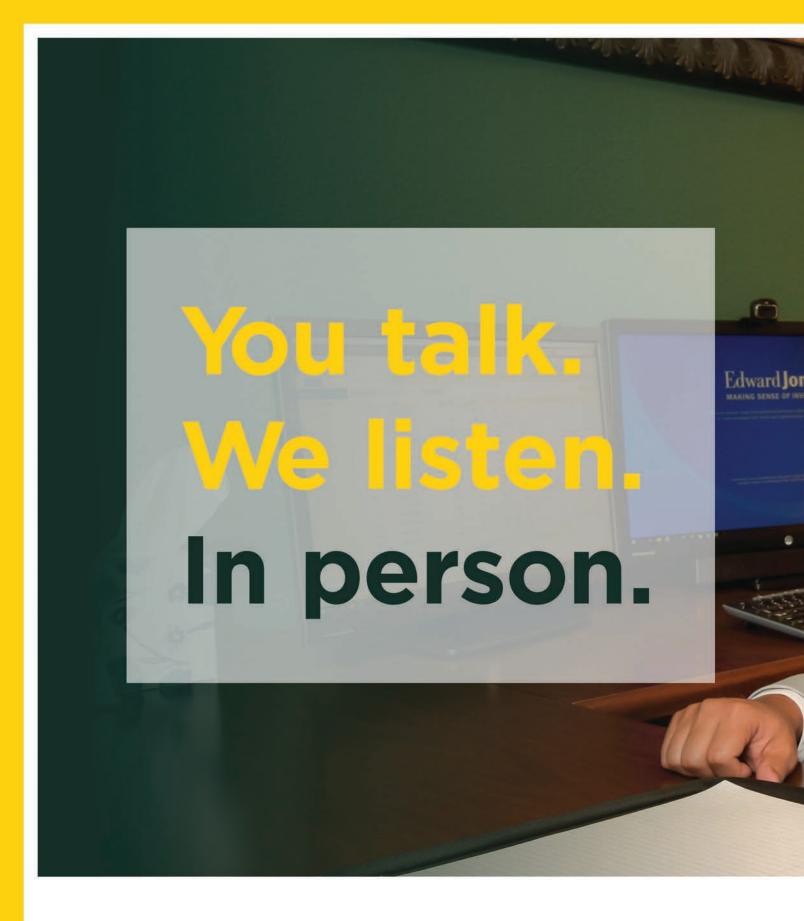
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- 4:00 p.m. Awards Ceremony
- 4:00 p.m. Vendor Village & Racer Village take down

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# 32nd Annual Shootout





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# Top Guns

- **Top Gun** Tony Battiato, Driver, John Cosker, Throttleman, and Don Onken, Owner -American Ethanol at 202 mph
- Top Cat Manufacturer Tony Chiarmonte 147 mph
- Top Cat Professional Anthony Smith 160 mph
- Top Cat Non-Professional Russell Clay / Shannon Hamilton — 168 mph
- Top 'Toon Manufacturer John Odom 79 mph

- Top V Professional Jim Schultz 164 mph
- Top V Non-Professional Jeff Henry 136 mph
- Top 'Toon (Pontoon) Greg Barsoda 83mph
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- **TIED:** Top PWC James Myers 76 mph
- **Top Center Console** Matthew Resca 82 mph
- Top V Bravo Todd Goodwin 112 mph
- Top Bravo Cat Ivan "Buck" Stracener 137 mph
- **Top Single V** − Tyler Crockett − 113 mph
- Top Single Cat Warren Neighbour 122 mph







# Other 2020 **Class Winners**

- Rusty Williams 122 mph & 88 mph (separate classes)
- Jim Dorris 67 mph
- Carolyn Dorris 78 mph
- William Finazzo 88 mph
- Tom Kennedy 116 mph
- Gary Sherwin 120 mph
- Cory Schmitz 162 mph
- Rudy Sanzottera 112 mph
- Dale Dondel 127 mph

- Krissy Reese 146 mph
- Rich Bennett 129 mph
- Ethan Nieder 54 mph
- Daniel Gogel 57 mph
- Philip Pfundstein 80 mph
- Matthew Stevenson 83 mph Cont. p. 90



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# 32nd Annual Shootout 2020







- Sam Thompson 77 mph
- Tyler Stevenson 108 mph
- Christopher Prostler 76 mph
- Patrick Koch 98 mph
- David Weyer 91 mph
- John Humphrey 88 mph
- Chad Prater 114 mph
- Brent McCormick 107 mph
- Mark Hanson 79 mph
- Shawn Lewis 98 mph
- Jesse Matthias 94 mph
- Kevin Ferron 96 mph

- Mike Maasen 91 mph
- Todd Goodwin 112 mph
- Ed Grimm 124 mph
- William Wilbanks 101 mph
- Keith Barco 115 mph
- John Caparell 100 mph
- Chris "Duff" Johnson 113 mph
- Rob Unnerstall 119 mph
- Myrick Coil 120 mph
- Tiffany Maasen 74 mph
- Mike Misplay 82 mph
- Mike "Gordo" Gordon 88 mph

- Jesse Schmig 86 mph
- Tyler Crockett 113 mph
- Ron Moore 111 mph
- Billy Shipley 97 mph
- Brad Harrington 86 mph
- Randy Clayton 110 mph
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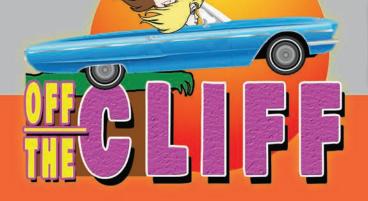




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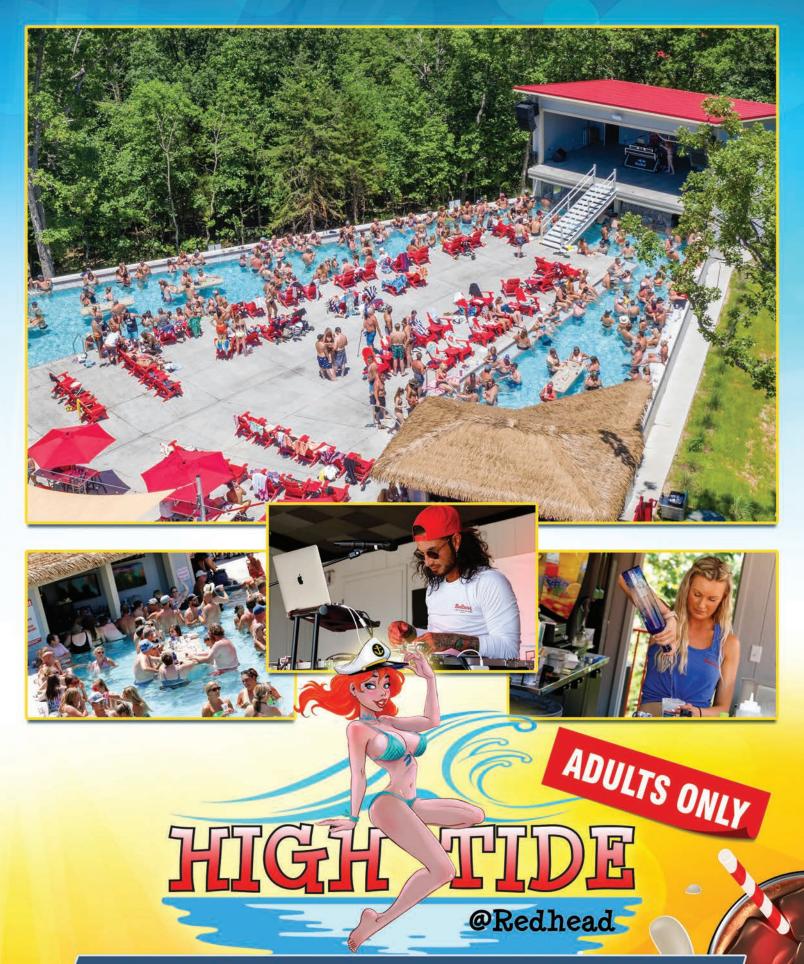






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Meet the Newest Lake Of The Ozarks Shootout Bob Morgan Memorial Hall of Fame Members.

-By Jason Johnson/Speedonthewater.com-

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As part of the ninth annual Lake of the Ozarks Shootout Bob Morgan Memorial Hall of Fame class, Rob Morgan, the son of the Hall of Fame's namesake who died in an offshore racing accident almost 10 years ago in Key West, Fla., is being inducted alongside five other notable members. At a dinner ceremony scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 24 at the Lighthouse in Sunrise Beach, Randy Kent of Marine Concepts Motorsports and Speed Racer boat fame joins the esteemed group with longtime participant and class winner, Ivan "Buck"

Stracener of Southern California, Dennis Klautzer, the pioneer of the KRMS Radio broadcast, and Advantage Marine LOTO founders and dedicated volunteers, Connie and Dave Weyer.

This year, every inductee—as has been the case with most, if not all, former class members—was surprised to learn the good news, especially Rob Morgan, who hasn't competed in the event for more than 10 years. Completely appreciative, flattered and shocked, Morgan was most excited to use the recognition to promote the Bob Morgan Scholarship, which is sponsored by the Lake of the Ozarks Marine Dealers Association and designed to keep Lake Career and Technical Center students graduating from the Marine Service Technology or Metal Fabrication fields at the Lake.



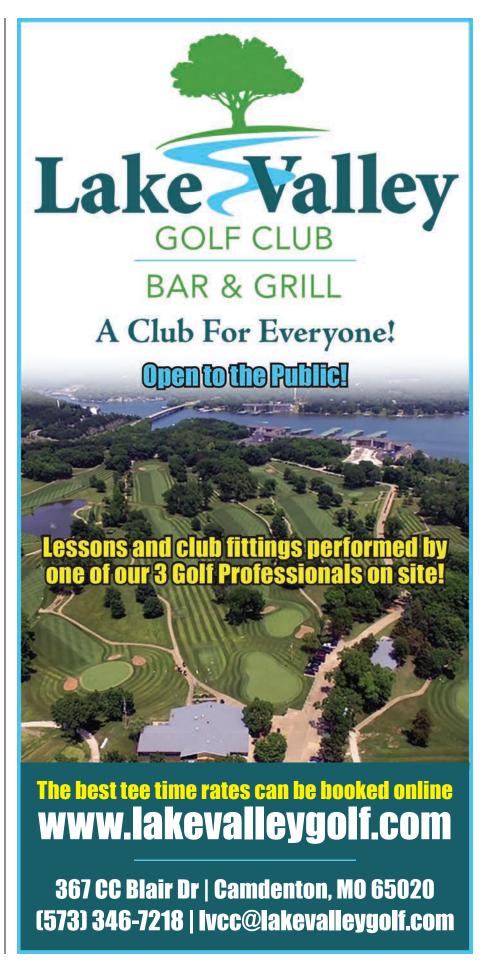
Rob & Bob Morgan

"I couldn't believe it when Mark Maasen told me the news-he and I have been friends since back when dad started Big Thunder in 1987," said Morgan, who, thanks to his father's involvement in the Shootout from the very beginning in 1988, was able to participate and win many of his classes several different times as well as run one of the Big Thunder raceboats in the memorable Big Thunder drag races. "I feel appreciative with the recognition. Obviously, the Lake of the Ozarks is a special place and the way the Shootout has recognized my dad is just extraordinary. This whole thing shakes me up a little since it's been almost 10 years since we lost him."

"Besides the first years of helping to start and promote the Shootout through Big Thunder, I haven't done much else besides race once in a while or run the side-by-side drag race-and I haven't done any of that over the last 10 years since dad passed away in Key West," he added. "Because of my connection with the Lake-my family owns a home on mile marker 44-this is a special honor. Otherwise, I have not even come close to the real Hall of Famers and other folks who have donated so much time and money to the Lake Area charities."

One such donor is local business owner and former offshore racer Randy Kent, who has been a big reason why the Shootout's Live Auction for its charities has raised more than six figures over the past few years. Kent, who might be best known for running some respectably fast, class-winning passes in his Speed Racer MTI catamaran, donates one or two show-

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quality classic cars to the auction each year. And while his participation in the Shootout competition basically ended a few years back because the sales side of his business required more customer attention as the Shootout's reach and Kent's customer base continued to expand well beyond the Midwest, Kent has continued to support it in any way possible.

"I was born and raised at the Lakeboth of my grandparents owned resorts at the Lake when I was a kidso this honor really means a lot to me." said Kent, who added that he was speechless when he received the news from Captain Ron's Bar and Grill owner Ron Duggan, the lead organizer of the event. "I remember when the Shootout started and it's kind of crazv to look back on how far it's come and where it's still going. I think my first Shootout was in 1997 in my 30-foot Spectre and from there, I moved up to the Speed Racer MTI and the other Speed Racer boats.

Kent, who also owns the Kaiser-based Marine Concepts cover company and lives in a house on the former Shooters 21 property where the Shootout was held until 2007, said the live auction has become his favorite part of the event.

"My Shootout involvement transformed several years ago as I got into selling Nor-Techs and now the Renegade Powerboats line, and my focus had to change to take care of my customers," Kent said. "Then, I think four years ago was the first year I donated a classic car for the auction. I donated a Cobra and we ended up with two bidders going back and forth, so I felt bad for the second highest bidder and told him if he matched it, he could have the second Cobra I had. And he did. Since

then—because we always have to top the year before, right?—I've donated two cars the past two years and we'll have two more at the auction again this year."

Another deserving new class member. Dennis Klautzer of Viper Communications said he was dumbfounded when he got the call.

"It was quite a surprise even though I did pour everything I had into the Shootout broadcast during the years we produced it because of what it meant to this community," said Klautzer who shared the honor by recognizing his business partner, Ken Kuenzie, and the staff of 20-plus people who helped produce the broadcast year in and year out. "We started airing the event in 1997 and, in the beginning, the coverage wasn't great but it filled a need and we improved each and every year. The best part to me is that everyone pitched in—we never had to ask anyone twice because they all knew there was no charity event like it at the Lake. That's what makes the Shootout my favorite event."

Klautzer was supportive of the move to Captain Ron's after Shooters 21



closed and the event needed a new location. Along with that transition in 2008, Klautzer and the team took their broadcast to the next level with multiple cameras on the course and roving dock reporters, if you will.

"Transitioning the broadcast to Captain's Ron presented some new challenges, but nothing we couldn't overcome," Klautzer said. "I can't tell you how many times we pulled our hair out trying to figure things out. Fortunately, my partner, Ken, and I are both engineers so solving a problem is something we live for. And, because of our solutions, we ended up pioneering some technology that no one else was doing at the time."

One of the most dedicated racers of all time and the oldest participant in Shootout history at 77-years-old in 2020, Ivan "Buck" Stracener of Moreno Valley, Calif., started competing in the top-speed contest in 2006 in his Kachina Powerboats V-bottom. He happened to take a family vacation to the Lake in 2005 and decided he wanted to haul his boat back to the Lake the following year for the Shootout—and he did just Cont. on page 98





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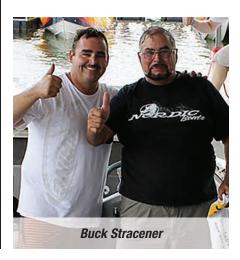


that. The rest is history as Stracener went on to win his class several years in a row and then he bought a new boat, a 28-foot catamaran from Nordic Boats, and ended up running 148 mph in 2011 in the 28 SS powered by a single 1,350-hp GT Performance engine.

"I never expected this," said Stracener, who sold his Nordic a few years back so he hasn't run his own boat—instead he's throttled for a couple of single-engine cat owners. "I love the Shootout and Lake of the Ozarks; it is a special place. I always look forward to it and I can't wait to get back out there this year."

Stracener is planning to run with Ty Harris again in 2021. The two reached a top speed of 137 mph two years is a row in Harris' 1992 24-foot Eliminator and are excited to give it a go again this year.

"What keeps me doing this is my lust for speed, I guess," Stracener said when asked what motivates him to keep entering the Shootout. "Once I moved from my Kachina to my Nordic cat, I never lost my class. They even moved me from the amateur to the pro class, and every year my goal was to run at least one mile per hour faster."







For Connie and Dave Weyer, the universally loved founders of Advantage Marine LOTO in Sunrise Beach, the recognition was earned for their endless amount of support over the years from a sponsorship and volunteer standpoint.

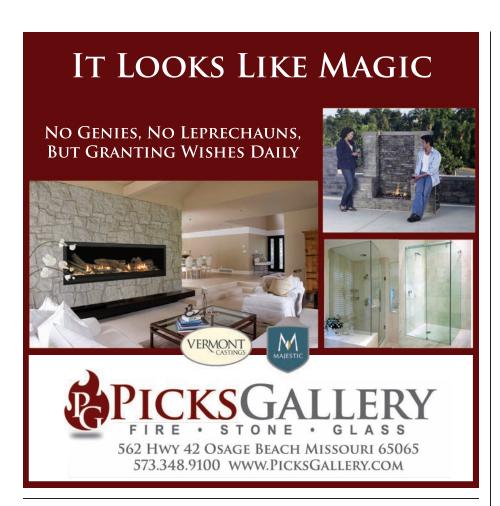
"The bottom of my jaw dropped to the floor when they told me," said Connie Weyer, who is a member of the Shootout Board of Directors and couldn't believe it when her fellow board members shared the news during a recent meeting while her husband, Dave, listened in via cell phone. "It's a great surprise. I feel like there are other people who may deserve this more than we do, but we're very honored to be recognized."

The Weyers have been participating in the Shootout since 2004, and Connie Weyer was on the committee that helped make the decision to move the event to Captain Ron's in Sunrise

"I help with the big poker run and then I lead the Run What Ya Brung Poker Run, which benefits my daughter and grandson's foundation," Continued on page 100











said Connie Weyer, whose lost her daughter and grandson in a tragic car accident in early 2018. "And I help with whatever else needs to be done. I just do what I'm told (laughs). Seriously though, we love every aspect of the Shootout. We love the racing side of it and seeing people come in from all around, but the best part is the charities. The racers and boaters have such big hearts and I just love being around that."

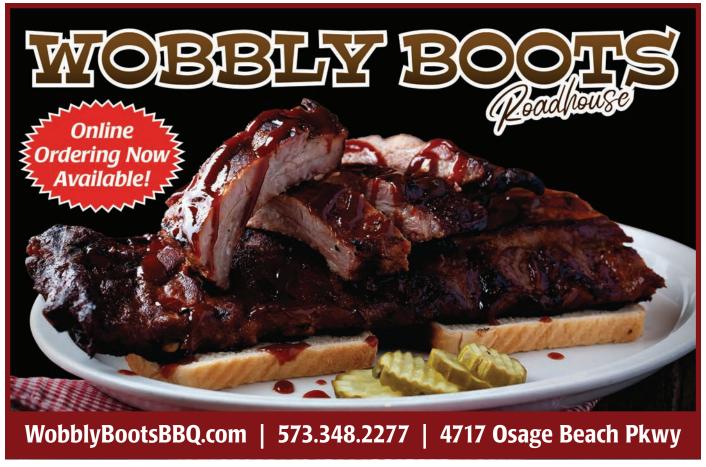
Duggan, who was inducted into the Bob Morgan Memorial Shootout Hall of Fame in 2019, said he was excited about this year's group.

"Every year we come up with another great class, and every year I wonder if we can do it again," Duggan said with a laugh. "Somehow we continue to find quality people. And this year I think the class is a very good mix. We have racers, sponsors and volunteers; every one of them has had a big impact on the Shootout."













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## The First Annual Dyno Shootout

-By Christy Wagner-

-Photos courtesy of Mo Lones, Owner of LSXkilr Custom Calibrations, Mark Maasen of Poly Lift Boat Lifts and Matt O'Connell-

What could possibly draw an even bigger crowd to support the Lake of the Ozarks' Annual Shootout; an event which raised a record-breaking \$400,000.00 in donations for eight Lake Area fire departments and 32 local charities last year alone?

Well... more races, of course.

A dynamometer, or "dyno" as they're commonly referred to in casual conversation, is a device used for measuring force, the momentum of force (torque), or power from a controlled environment. The First Annual Dyno Shootout will feature two dynamometers: one for vehicles and one for motorcycles. Matt O'Connell, Dyno Shootout Event Coordinator and Owner of Warrior Fitness in Laurie, stated that the idea for this unique type of car, truck and bike show had evolved over the course of several coincidental events.

"Ron Duggan, President of the Lake of the Ozarks Shootout, had been asking people to come up with ideas for new events that could increase revenue for our fire departments and charities," Matt explained. "So, one of my good friends, Mark Maasen, had recently purchased a one of a kind Dodge Charger Hellcat Redeye. Around the same time, another good

friend, Chad Prater, had bought a new Chevrolet Camaro ZL1 and I thought, 'what better way to raise some money and put on a great show than by having these two amazing cars race against each other in a grudge match?'"

What better way, indeed. If you have similarly found yourself picturing Nicolas Cage burning rubber in a 1967 Mustang Shelby, you are not alone. Between TMZ's tabloid journalism and Netflix's wild imagination (which, admittedly, hasn't been very far off from our recent arrest reports and scandalous political headlines), what's one more action-packed cinematic-esque drag race in the name of charity?

"Both Mark and Chad have been longtime participants of the Shootout and they are both very charity-driven," Matt continued. "After a lot of thought, time, and consideration for venue options, use of resources and overall safety, we decided that it was not a sound idea and could possibly cost more than it brought in. So, just as I was about to give up on the idea, another good friend of mine, Mark Plewa, suggested making it a horsepower competition instead and renting a dyno. After a few phone calls, the enthusiasm really started to build with everyone and thus, the event was born."

Organizing and unveiling a never-before-seen car show at the Lake of the Ozarks amidst the largest unsanctioned boat race in the United States of America has been no Continued on page 108

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Above, left: Dynamometer and Specialty Vehicle. Above, right: Dynamometer and Vehicle with Exposed Engine. Below: Chad Prater's Chevrolet Camaro ZL1.

minor feat, but it is officially happening. Hosted by Tucker's Shuckers and the Malted Monkey, the Dyno Shootout will be free to attend and is scheduled to be centrally located along the Bagnell Dam Strip in Lake Ozark. Matt's wife, Nikki O'Connell, has also been incredibly instrumental in putting this event together, per Matt. Along with her full-time job at Sunrise Title Co., Matt says that Nikki has helped him every step of the way, and that he could not have done it without her.

In addition to the mobile dyno run, a traditional car show will take place along the Bagnell Dam Strip with the option to have your entry formally judged with a trophy presentation following the Dyno Shootout. Inclement weather would cancel the dyno portion of the event due to safety reasons but rain or shine, the car show will go on.

"A car show with a dynamometer has never happened at





Above: Dynamometer and Motorcycle.

the Lake before, as far as I know." said Matt. "For those who have never seen a car run on a dyno before, it's going to be something special. During a dyno event, the car, truck, or bike is pulled onto a trailer and strapped down as the tires sit on rollers which turn in unison with the tires. The driver will drive as hard as he or she can until peak horsepower has been reached, all while the car, truck, or bike remains stationary. It's amazing to watch and it's loud. I expect to see horsepower in the 1500+ range or better to take home the Top Gun Award."

Along with safety parameters in place from the dynamometer rental company, LSXkilr Custom Calibrations, there will be ropes to keep viewers from getting too close to the dynos while they're operating, along with volunteers to ensure that everyone in the vicinity is aware that the equipment and vehicles, trucks, and bikes are running.

"We are encouraging anyone and everyone to bring their cars, trucks and bikes of all shapes, sizes and horsepower to come and be a part of this event," Matt said, in closing, "There is no right or wrong vehicle to bring to the show or to the dyno event. Please come and have fun with us while we raise money for so many great causes."

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## The Mini Shootout's Triplett Family

-By Christy Wagner | Photos by George Denny & courtesy of the Triplett Family-

The year was 2010. A handful of radio controlled (RC) boat enthusiasts had united to establish what would soon be known as the Lake of the Ozarks Mini Shootout; an event which raises approximately \$10,000.00 for Lake Area fire departments and local charities every year. Being fairly new to the quiet, tight-knit community of Coffman Bend at the 66-mile marker in Climax Springs, Larry and Sandy Triplett had recently retired from St. Louis and were officially full-time residents at the Lake of the Ozarks.

"In the past, the Coffman Bend community raised funds for our volunteer fire department through an annual cookout," Sandy explained. "As that was typically only attended by Bend residents and a few visitors, the amount of money that we'd raised didn't necessarily provide all that was needed by our fire department for purchasing and maintaining emergency equipment. My husband and I had previously volunteered at the Annual Bend Cookout, so it was natural for us help at the first-ever Mini Shootout."

As the years passed and the seasons changed, so did the Mini Shootout's venue. The Triplett family's volunteer work evolved from spending long hours beneath a baking hot sun while helping run radar at Captain Ron's, to manning the shoreline at Kelly's Landing in Rainy Creek, where the spectators were few and so were the racers. Two years after being moved from Captain Ron's to Kelly's Landing, the Mini Shootout was relocated again to Papa Chubby's *Cont. on page 116* 





at the 26-mile marker, where officiators faced a myriad of issues with consistent water disruption from vessels passing through or mooring at the restaurant. The President and organizers of the Mini Shootout knew that they had to find a place with calmer waters, safer boundaries, and ample room for spectators to relax and enjoy the races.

#### ... A place for the Mini Shootout to grow.

With a lot of input and support from Roger Leas at D&B Docks who built and delivered the radar barge, today's Mini Shootout now takes place in the secluded waters of Ha Ha Tonka State Park. Between ideal water conditions, optimum speed capability and overall safety, Ha Ha Tonka has become its foreseeably forever home. It was around this

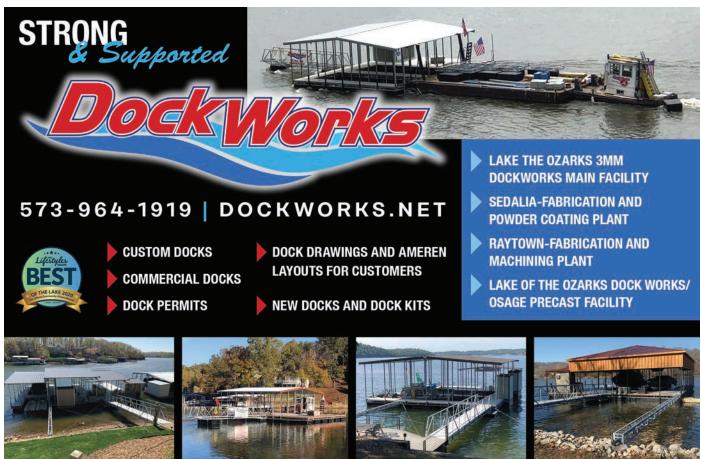
time that the Tripletts' son, Brian, and his wife, Cathe, had begun volunteering and have since helped streamline the recordkeeping process for documenting the racers' speeds. This has allowed for racers' times and standings to be made visible on a scoreboard and logged onto a spreadsheet, which calculates the current standings for all racers across 16 classes and is then posted onto the Mini Shootout's Facebook page for the racers and fans to see.

"From running radar and setting up or taking down race courses to selling t-shirts and preparing sack lunches for other volunteers, we help wherever help is needed and as directed by Margie Frazier, President of the Women's Auxiliary of the Coffman Bend Fire Association," Cont. on page 118



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Above: Brian, Cathe, and Oliver Triplett.

Sandy said. "Margie is a great volunteer leader. She communicates openly with all of the volunteers and always tries to make our time more efficient and effective. Margie is truly amazing."

Margie, a fellow Coffman Bend resident and her husband, Ron, a fireman with the Coffman Bend Fire Department, have been lead organizers for the Mini Shootout since its inception, and they have volunteered hand in hand with the Triplett family every step of the way.

"Larry and Sandy help out on the Bend with almost everything we do," Margie said. "They run the website for Coffman Bend and their son and his wife have a secondary home here now, too. Anytime that I have called either Larry or Sandy, they tell me, 'What do you need us to do, Margie?' They have been a part of the Mini Shootout since the very beginning, and they have done so faithfully."

Below: Larry and Oliver Triplett.



Photo courtesy of Sandy Triplett



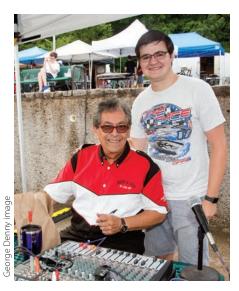
Above: Larry and Sandy Triplett (from left) and Diane and Mike Juranich (from right).

Lance Hedrick, Owner of Hedrick Motiv Werks in Osage Beach and current President of the Mini Shootout along with his wife Jeanese, Owner of Instant Signs & Banners and Marketer/ Promoter for the Mini Shootout, know that it takes a village. In what is sure to be yet another record-breaking year for the Lake of the Ozarks Shootout, the Hedricks, Fraziers, and Tripletts have all agreed that it is a joint effort.

"The Triplett family handles our racer's timekeeping and radar duties," Lance said. "The organization that they bring to our timekeeping and leader board has made everyone's jobs easier. I myself would be lost without them when it's race day!"

"All of the fire department volunteers work together to make the Mini Shootout and other Shootout events go smoothly," Sandy said, in closing. "What we really love is that everyone works together to get the work done. We are just one part of this very special group of volunteers. They are all truly amazing."

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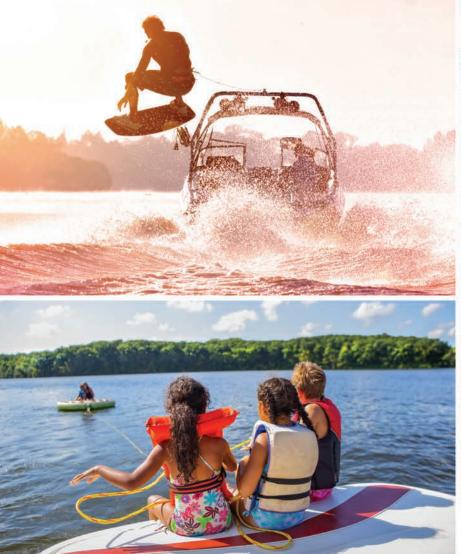


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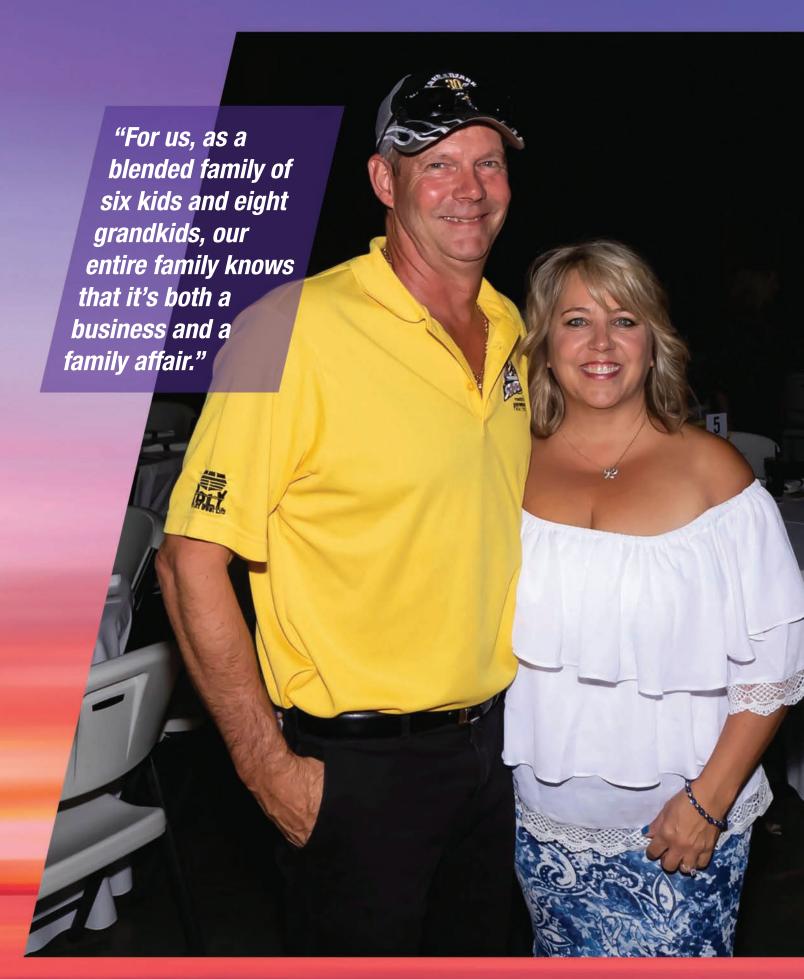


# Behind the Scenes with Mark & Tiffany Maasen

-By Christy Wagner | Photos by Lake Shots Photography, Jason Followell, Brad Glidewell Photography & Courtesy of Lake Expo-

If you've ever been to the Lake of the Ozarks Annual Shootout, then you've probably also gone to one or more of the many events which lead up to the races during the third week of August. Behind each one of these events is a group of people who dedicate their time and energy to ensure our charities and fire departments remain funded, and that our small Lake communities continue to thrive. Often unseen and under-thanked, the individuals who spearhead these charitable pursuits are typically local business owners who pull from their own personal interests to provide for others.

Sometimes, where the busy meets the blessed and life's everyday magic allows for something truly magnificent to happen, two people fall in love while doing everyday, magical things. Like a diamond, Mark and Tiffany Maasen met under the pressures of streamlining the Annual Shootout in 2013. For those unfamiliar with the behind-the-scenes operations of this yearlong endeavor, some might compare it to the combined pressure (effort) needed to make a diamond, which is the rough equivalent of 40,000 elephants standing on your toe. United and undaunted, Mark and Tiffany have continued to collectively step up and give back every year since. Cont. p. 132





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Despite their busy lives, Mark, a seasoned Shootout Committee Board Member and Co-Owner of Poly Lift Boat Lifts in Sunrise Beach, noticed Tiffany at a Shootout Board Meeting eight years ago. Tiffany, Owner/ Broker of Maasen Insurance Services in Camdenton, sat as the Committee Chair for the Annual Wishing on a Ride event. It was her inward warmth,

outward positivity and genuine passion for the causes she supported which drew him in. The two were later married on New Year's Eve in 2014, while surrounded by 500 family members and good friends.

Year after year, Mark can be counted upon to help support Friday's Annual Shootout Poker Run. This year's Poly





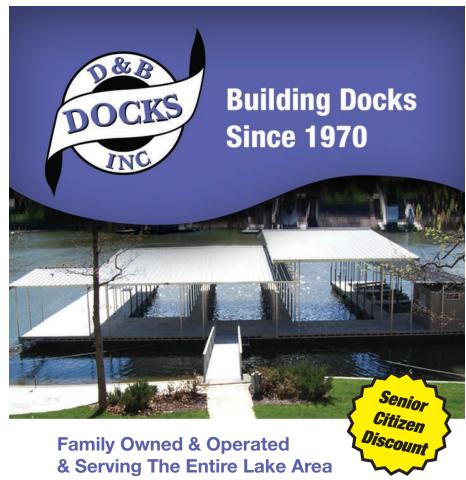


"Shootout week is absolutely electric! It brings so many people together — not just our community and businesses, but the entire country!"

Lift - Lakefront Living Realty - Sunrise True Value Hardware Poker Run extends from the 7 mile marker to the 47 mile marker with eight designated stopping points, and it gathers roughly 120 boats each year. Tiffany's event comes to life during the Thursday before, where Wishing on a Ride allows for critically ill children or those with special needs (along with their families) to ride along with first responders, or high performance boaters/racers from across the country. The joy and exultation that this experience gives to these children and their families is indescribable, and to the Maasens, it's what the Shootout is truly all about.

"For us, as a blended family of six kids and eight grandkids, our entire family knows that it's both a business and a family affair," Mark said. "We wear our race shirts, work hard to prepare for the week's activities, and usually take time off from work to give the most with our involvement." Continued on page 134





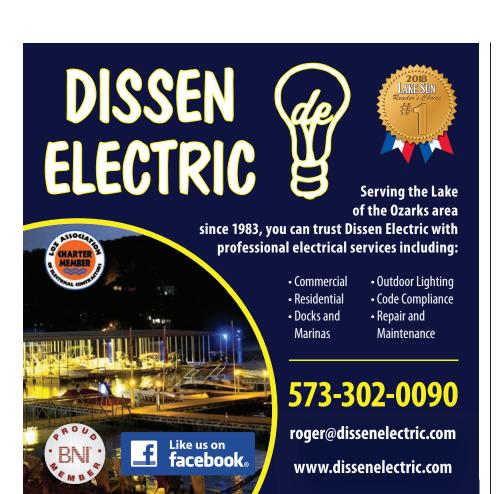
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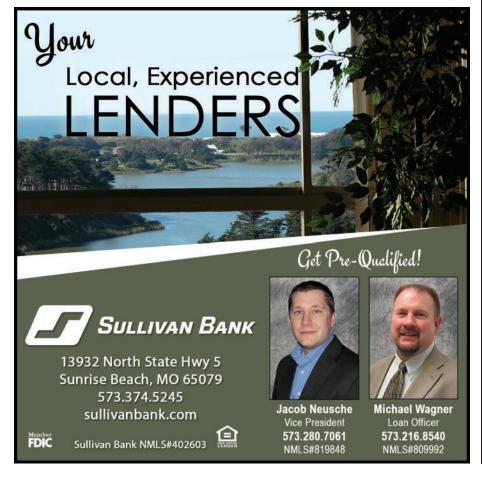
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Tiffany also sits as a Committee Chairwoman for the Lake of the Ozarks Live Auction event: a sub-event which raised more than \$250,000.00 for local children's charities last year.

"Shootout week is absolutely electric!" Tiffany said, in closing. "It brings so many people together - not just our community and businesses, but the entire country! The fact that I have had the honor to be a part of this amazing event while doing what I love with the man I love makes all of the hard work so much fun! Our entire family gets involved where we can and it's "all hands on deck" for the Wish Rides, Poker Run and Live Auction!"

Cheers to yet another electric year. Maasen family. We will see you all in August!









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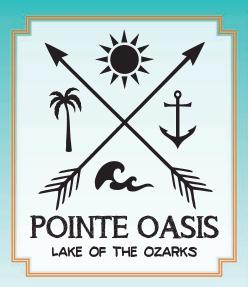




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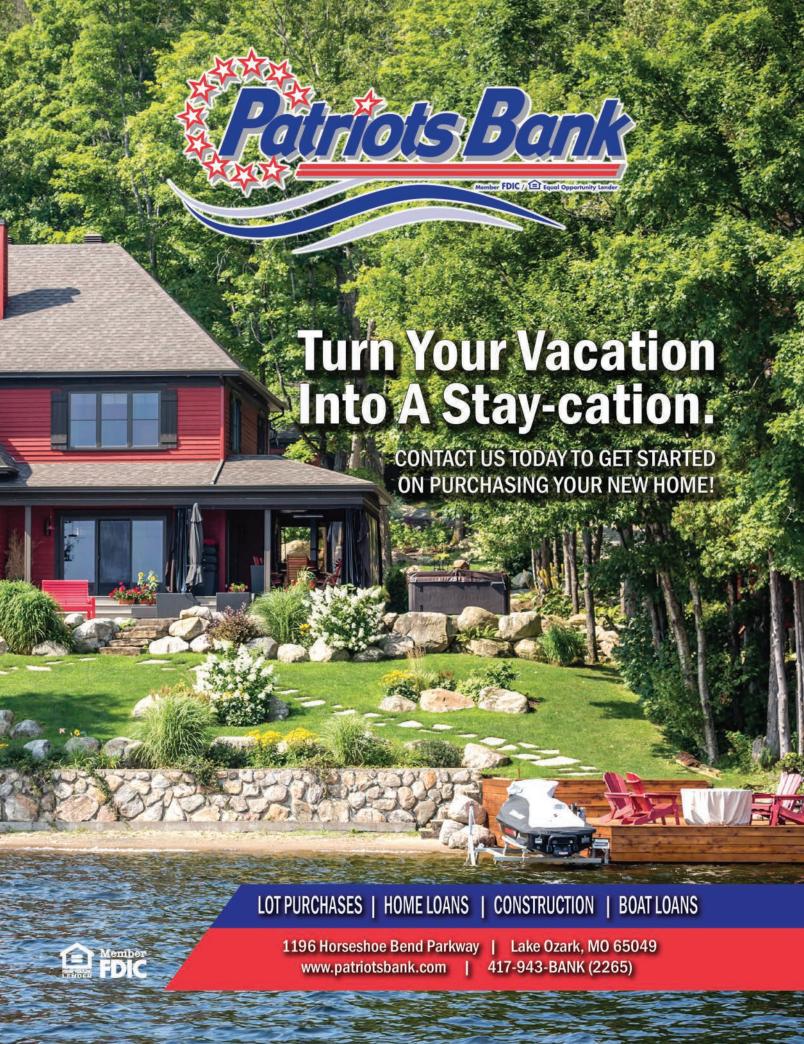
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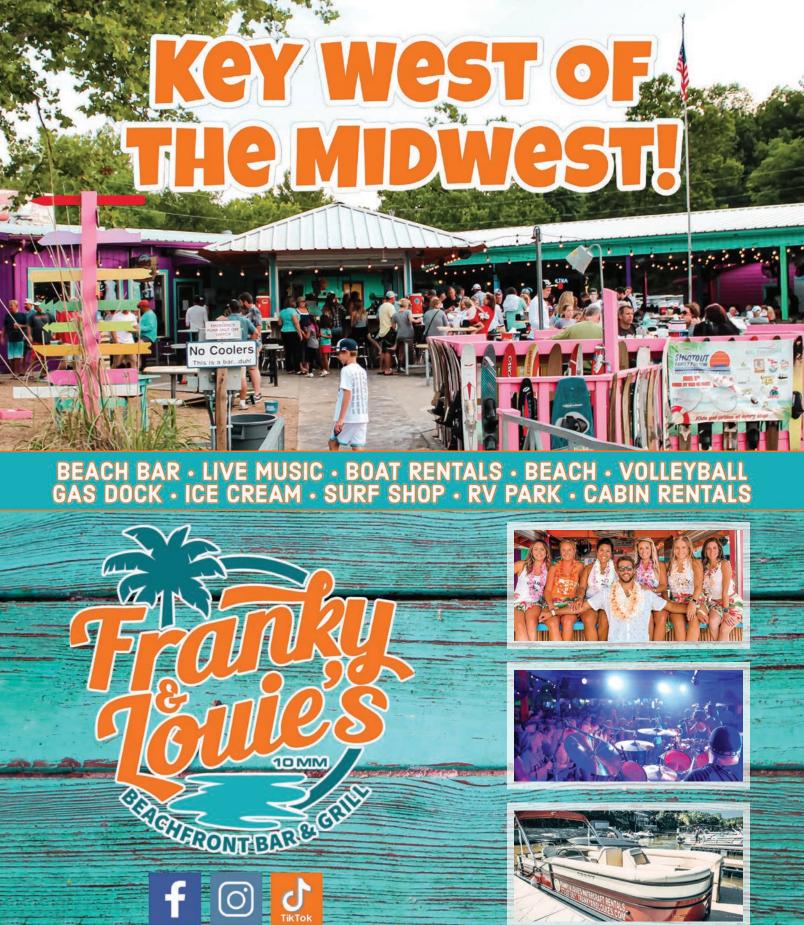
Of all of the cities and states and countries and continents across this star-speckled planet, here we are in Central Missouri at the Lake of the Ozarks. Whether by choice or mere chance, you, as a reader, are a part of a very small group of primary, secondary, leisurely-traveling-or-blissfullycurious people who are drawn to our small, tightly woven tourist community. Maybe you're a re-settler, like me, who left another city and state behind many, many moons ago. Maybe you're one of the unicorns,

like my children, who are lucky enough to have been born and raised in a place that, for many, is just a weekend dream or an eventual retirement goal.

In a world full of takers, it's a beautiful thing to happen upon a giver. In a "me first" society, it's an incredibly rare feat to be surrounded by fellow humans who see the importance of dedicating their life's work and soul's energy toward the betterment of their own community.

This, dear reader, is the Lake of the Ozarks.

Between the hundreds of volunteers who make charitable fundraising events like the Annual Shootout possible with every passing year, to the local business owners who Cont. p. 146



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could otherwise exert their time and energy into their own pursuits or pockets - they continue to give. Between the many board members across the Lake Area whose time and energy is spent toward writing grants and allocating funds for nonprofits, whose dedicated purpose is safeguarding our most vulnerable, these individuals continue to give. Between the poker runs and fishing tournaments and lake races and large social gatherings, we do things like raise \$400,000.00 in one fell swoop for child welfare activists and animal shelters and fire departments and families in need and camps for people of all ages and disabilities.

This, dear reader, is the Annual Shootout.

In what began over three decades ago as an event in which many local boaters participated simply to establish who had the fastest boat, the Annual Shootout has since evolved into one of the largest fundraising events (if not the largest) at the Lake of the Ozarks. The Shootout donates to nonprofits like Raising Hope and Citizens Against Domestic Violence and The Changing Table; organizations that keep our low-income families clothed, our abused citizens safe, and every single one of our babies diapered. Behind each and every one of these charities is a collection of selfless men and women who see the importance of dedicating their life's work and soul's energy toward the betterment of our community - toward individuals, like you and I, who sometimes just need a helping hand.

Elizabeth Andrew once said that volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart. Those words ring true as I see individuals like Captain Ron Duggan











continuously giving his time and energy to make sure that the Shootout not only happens every year, but continues to reach record-breaking numbers for our non-profits and emergency first responders. It's not just one person, but many people who show up despite the heat and risk of disease and outside family commitments. It's people like the Fraziers, Hedricks, Tripletts and more who make sub-events like the Mini Shootout possible, which raised \$10,000.00 last year. It's our fire departments and registered nurses and police officers who would willingly do things like working overtime, putting out fires, recovering drowning victims and jumping off of a moving vessel to upright an unconscious racer face down in the water – all while being outnumbered by several thousand to one.

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# **FORTOTTEN**

-by Christy Wagner, Editor-

-Photos by J.B. Simpson/ LakeExpo.com & Courtesy of Sue MorganA 10-Year Tribute to the Life and Legacy of Bob Morgan & J.T. Tillman



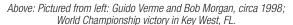
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The year was 2011. The Super Boat International Championships in Key West Harbor were underway far beyond the shores of the Lake of the Ozarks. As news broke of the fatality boating accident involving Bob Morgan and J.T. Tillman in Florida, our mid-Missouri community and beyond were left reeling from shock and disbelief. Bob,

the Owner and Founder of Big Thunder Marine, was well-known by many for his passion for powerboating and his instrumental hand in the inception of the Annual Shootout. J.T., an avid racer and one of the Lake's largest condominium builders at the time, had united with Bob through a shared passion for pursuing World Championship wins.









Above: Bob Morgan, 1999 World Championships in Daytona Beach, FL.

At the time of their accident, Bob had raced for 55 years. Sue Morgan, Bob's wife and best friend since December of 1979, said that there is little to no monetary reward for keeping up with such an expensive sport. Powerboat racing is fueled by the flame of fervor and love.

"We didn't have the money that these other rich guys did, and our drivers knew this," Sue explained. "When J.T. came to us, he was one of three notable drivers that we'd worked with over the passing years. Together, we would pick up and refurbish pieces so we could remain competitive. Bob didn't

care about someone's money. He cared about their character and their passion, and that's what brought our different drivers to us. As a person, J.T. was absolutely top shelf. Premium brand, no doubt."

For many, Bob and J.T. had been taken far too soon.

Although it broke Sue's heart knowing that J.T. had passed away at 46-years-young, she says she finds solace in knowing that both he and Bob died together as they had lived, and doing what they both loved. Bob and J.T. also had a shared adoration for the Lake of the Ozarks; it's what

Below: Big Thunder Marine Boat + Flag - From left: Lome Leibel, Bob Morgan and an announcer; Key West Championships in 2001.





brought J.T. here from St. Louis and Bob from El Dorado, Kans.

"During the 1990's when Bob raced in Key West, most of the world didn't even know where the Lake of the Ozarks was at," Sue said. "At the time, the Lake was known as a fishing lake and that was about it. Bob would do things like placing decals for the Lake of the Ozarks along either side of his boat and, in my opinion, what the Lake has become today is a huge tribute to Bob and his undeniable passion for high performance boating, and his love for the Lake of the Ozarks."

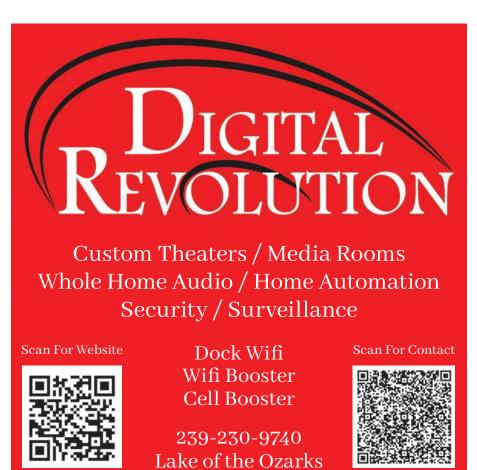
Bob. Sue said, would have rather raced his boat than eaten when he was hungry. Ever the competitive spirit, she said that they never went to a race, the Shootout included, where Bob didn't feel like he had a chance to win. "That was just who he was," Sue said.

Although J.T. was a seasoned "asphalt racer," he and Bob had raced on the water together for a little over a year prior to the accident. J.T., Sue said, was a premier driver who really, from

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Below: 1998 World Championships in Key West, FL; Bob won with Brazilian driver Guido Verme (shown here, Bob and Sue Morgan).









the bottom of his heart, wished to chase a horizon filled with victory flags. Just like her husband, Bob.

Although some things — like an undying love for powerboat racing, have remained unchanged over the course of ten years, one thing has transformed from unforeseen tragedy to a lasting prodigy. Five years ago, Bob Morgan's Big Thunder Marine was purchased by Fred Ross Jr., a man whose intelligence and unique passion has set the Lake on fire, Sue says. Fred had been so impressed with Bob and his legacy at the Lake of the Ozarks, that he wanted to continue with some of Bob's original ideas for setting their brand apart, with present-day orders being stacked several years out.

"Basically, my interest in acquiring Big Thunder Marine was sparked by everything that Bob had done with the brand," Fred said. "I was so impressed with how he had helped grow the powerboat industry at the Lake of the Ozarks; making it the number one powerboating lake in the entire country. It felt natural for me to continue the legacy of Big Thunder Marine in the way that Bob had



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started it, and by taking or maintaining ownership over the Fountain, Baja and Donzi brands. I want to ensure that the Lake of the Ozarks remains the number one powerboating location in the United States."

Today's Big Thunder Marine, Sue says, has and will continue to have a resounding presence at the Lake of the Ozarks and beyond, and it is all the better for Fred's involvement - for his trust in continuing with her husband's original dream.

"Bob made such an impact on so many young people like J.T., and it has been a huge honor to me, and definitely to Bob, to see everything that his legacy has done for the boating and racing industry," Sue said, in closing. "Those things aren't handed to you. They're not a gift, but they are things that you earn. In this way, Bob and J.T. will never be forgotten."

Below: Sue Morgan at the only race that she and Bob ever raced together to qualify for the World Championships; circa 2000-2001 in Cleveland, OH. The Morgans took first place.







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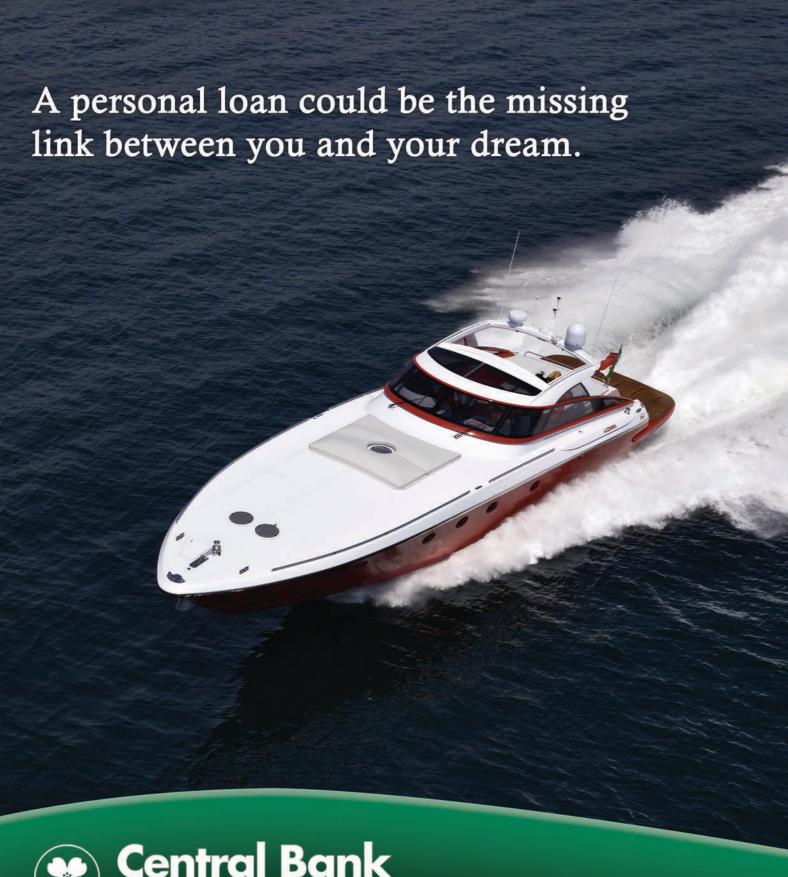
# Lake of the Limelight OUR BEST YEAR YET

by Christy Wagner, Lake Ozark



If you have skimmed through national headlines or happen to be one of Netflix's 200 million paid subscribers, then you've likely heard of the Lake of the Ozarks at some point within the past year — local status not necessary. Since Ozark: Season 1 first aired in 2017, the Lake has experienced its share of fame and notoriety across the world. Between COVID-19 era backlash, political scandals, murder-for-

hire plots and even a shooting incident on the Bagnell Dam Strip, many of us have recently found ourselves wondering if we are, indeed, Netflix's Ozark. While big name actors and actresses receive Emmy Awards and nominations for a fictitious show based on a real place, our real place, we locals know one thing to be most certainly true: regardless of it all, the Lake of the Ozarks prevails.





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In comparison with 2019's pre-COVID tourism statistics, 2020's Lake Area municipalities' lodging and sales tax was up by 4%, even with several main convention centers and hotels losing business due to nationwide, corporate travel restrictions. According to the Lake of the Ozarks Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB), the Lake would typically see a significant drop during off-season. This was not the case for Labor Day of 2020 through Memorial Day of 2021, and the Lake of the Ozarks has begun seeing more leisurely travel than we ever have before.

"2021 is looking like another great year for the Lake of the Ozarks," said Heather Brown, Executive Director for the CVB. "Our events are having record numbers for attendance so far, with many of the lodging businesses being fully booked out through the summer since the spring. Most of our lodging properties have said that they have had more bookings so far in 2021 than they did in 2020, which was a really good year for them. I am very excited to see how the numbers will continue to work out for the Lake Area."

As far as the entirety of the Lake of the Ozarks goes, each individual community's needs are different, Heather explained.

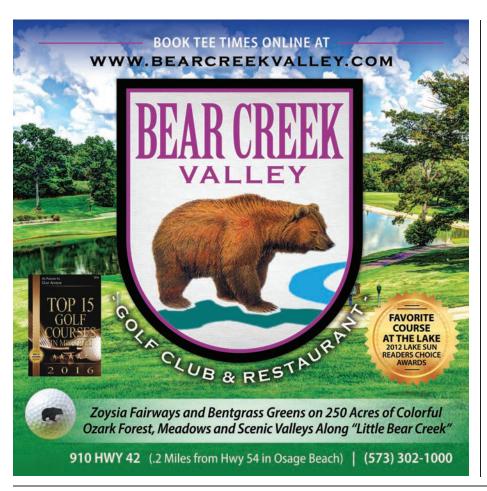
"MoDOT has made great improvements to make sure our roadways are equipped to handle future tourism to, from, and around the Lake of the Ozarks, including the removal of the

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"Many people across the Lake seem to think that we are living in a bubble that will eventually burst, but there are no signs that this progression is going to stop for vears to come..."







major stoplight along US-Highway 54 at the eastern edge of Lake Ozark," Heather continued. "Each individual municipality has had different levels of focus which they have worked on to ensure that their own community can sustain more visitor traffic, such as having the right businesses in place to service the needs of their visitors (restaurants, grocery stores, and etc.)."

In conjunction with record-breaking tourism numbers. local real estate sales have continued to climb. As compared to 2019, 2020's sales volume for waterfront residential properties (including townhomes and villas) was up by 27%; reaching a staggering 140% increase in quarter one of 2021 as compared to last year's numbers. The sales volume of homes listed over \$1,000,000.00 saw an increase of 265% in 2020 as compared to 2019, and as of quarter one of 2021, the increase was an astonishing 909% as compared to last year. Across all categories of real estate for the Lake of the Ozarks, the overall sales volume for quarter one of 2021 was up by 1.4 million as compared to 2020.

"Many people across the Lake seem to think that we are living in Cont. on page 162

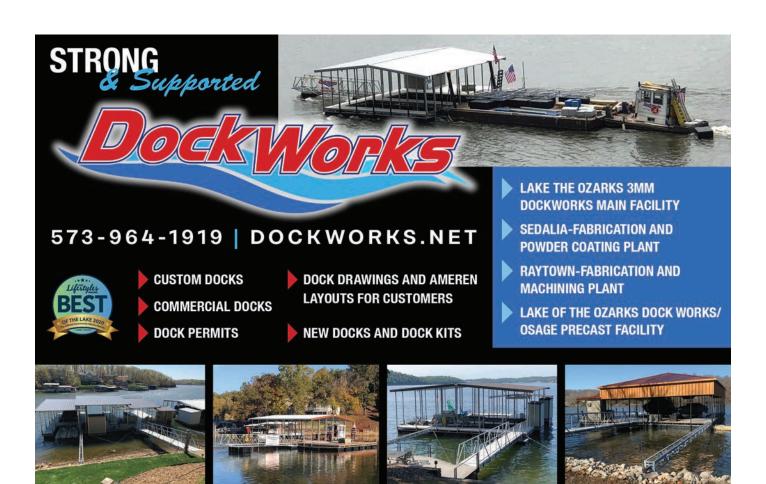


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a bubble that will eventually burst, but there are no signs that this progression is going to stop for years to come," said Justin Farrell, Broker/Officer with John Farrell Real Estate and former President of the Bagnell Dam Association of Realtors (2019).

However, record-breaking numbers don't always come without cost. In what was once an affordable buyer's market less than five years ago has swiftly become a trending status of elite homeownership in a seller's monopoly, where the opportunities for many have drastically diminished.

"Conversely," Justin continued, "the unfortunate situation of what's going on right now with the prices the way that they are is that we might miss out on a lot of people who used to have the capability to buy a home here, but no longer will. This can also be seen in the water toy industry. Many years ago, I think back to a time where my father and his buddies were my age. People had 19 to 21-foot boats which could be taken out every weekend, but now we are getting to where you have to have a minimum of a 27-foot boat or longer to even enjoy the water, which will drive more middle-to-lower

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Aligning with increased market valuations, the current cost of new construction is also at an all-time high.

"In January of 2020, we were quoting houses at roughly \$125.00 to \$140.00 a square foot," said Matt Ancell, Owner of Ancell Construction. "In January of 2021, we were quoting houses at roughly \$150.00 to \$165.00 a square foot. At present-day (July 2021), we are quoting houses at roughly \$180.00 to \$195.00 a square foot. This drastic increase is due to rising material costs, as well as a shortage of labor that has driven the labor prices up due to demand. We don't see any indication that material costs will come down in the foreseeable future. We can just hope that it levels off and stays where it is today."

Comparatively, business owners (especially restaurants and marinas) have experienced their share of trouble in securing summer help, in large part due to a lack of housing options. What was once a fun location for college-aged kids to spend their summer months in affordable rental

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accommodations while working locally has become a dog-eat-dog market with little to nothing available to rent. In a community where our numbers climb significantly between Memorial and Labor Day of each year, our area depends on these individuals to keep our businesses running smoothly causing many establishments to post an endless stream of help wanted ads.

Ever a tourist-driven/fueled economy, however, we have truly been blessed. The Lake of the Ozarks Shootout saw its very best year yet in 2020, with \$400,000,00 raised for 38 Lake Area fire departments and local charities that would have otherwise been left by the wayside had we fully shutdown. With these funds being used to protect abused women and children, the homeless, handicapped and hungry, we have a lot to be thankful for with our Lake communities' local and state leadership.

So regardless of the backlash, scandals, plots and shows, we will continue to take whatever PR we can get because it has done nothing but put the Lake of the Ozarks on the map.

"In the public relations world, there is no such thing as bad PR," Heather said, in closing. "Although we would prefer to see more flattering headlines, overall, all that the recent publicity has done is help our businesses by bringing in more visitors to the area. The Netflix series, Ozark, has helped tourism in this area and it will continue to do so for many years to come. Even though it is a fictional representation of the area, it is still based in the area and has brought national recognition to our community that we may not have otherwise accomplished."







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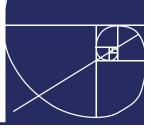
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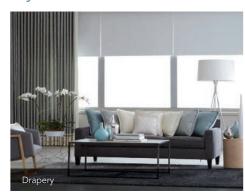
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# The Depths of the Lake of the Ozarks

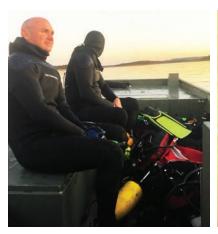
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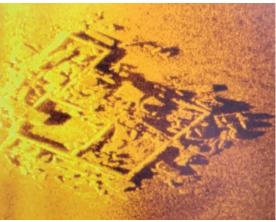
Aptly dubbed *The Magic Dragon* for its vast, serpentine-shaped main channel, the iconic, near century-old Lake of the Ozarks gives way to four separate arms and hundreds of subdividing coves along 100 nautical miles. With a surface area of 54,000 acres, its seemingly endless expanse flows across three counties and it is the state's second largest lake; second only to Truman Lake by a mere 1,600 acres of surface area.

Ranked by some as one of America's most dangerous lakes, those who live for and love the Lake of the Ozarks know better than to define our waters by one singular component. As deadly as any traversable waterway will inevitably be, there is also great allure. Home to the largest unsanctioned boat race in the United States of America, our late-August waters allow for 100,000 spectators to safely observe a vast array of vessels racing by at speeds of more than 200 miles per hour. The Lake of the Ozarks Shootout is second to none.

For both primary and secondary residents (and fellow lake enthusiasts alike), we've boated, fished, swam – and maybe even raced – in these waters one hundred times over. We know its unfathomable beauty along with its unforgiving nature while striking a fine balance between Continued on page 172









Above, far left and far right: MSHP Dive Operations Training. Above, center: Courtesy of Capt. Nicholas Hutzler with LOFPD, featuring a sonar image of an unknown structure; possibly an old foundation, submerged in the Lake of the Ozarks.

carefree exultation and responsible navigating. From dam to dam and beneath the height of a boundless sky, we skim above unseen depths of more than 100 feet like freshly skipped rocks with no thought for what lies below.

But what does lie below the water's surface, and what does it feel like to actually be down there?

"Well, what I can say is that it's always dark, so you need a flashlight," said Corporal Dean Bartlett of the Marine Operations Division with the Missouri State Highway Patrol. "Most of the time, the water visibility is zero because it is so murky. The water temperature is usually somewhere around 50 degrees at 100 feet, even in the summer, because you are going below the thermocline. You cannot feel the pressure differential because your body doesn't have air pockets, except for your ears and the BIG one — your teeth. If your dentist did a bad job at filling your cavities, you will know it pretty quickly as you go down and the pressure squeezes the air pocket, causing extreme pain."

Bartlett, a technical diver who is certified to reach depths of up to 300 feet, began his career with the Missouri State Water Patrol prior to its merger with the Highway Patrol in 2010. The patrolmen and women whose jurisdiction presides over the waters of the Lake of the Ozarks are not only an integral part of enforcing water safety regulations, but their General Headquarters also issues regatta permits for events like the annual Shootout.

"The deepest that I have seen at the Lake of the Ozarks is about 150 feet," Bartlett said. "For the most part, the Lake is about 70 feet deep, but it gets deeper in the old river channel."

Along with property recovery operations for commercial divers, search and rescue missions for first responders are likely services that will always be necessary at the Lake of the Ozarks. In 2016, a 23-foot Donzi lost control and crashed during Saturday's Shootout races, and it was recovered four days later by Atlantis Dive & Dock Salvage. In 2019, the Shootout's races were cut short to recover the body of a 23-year-old Illinois man from the spectator area. After hours of searching in the vicinity of the last known point of the victim, Patrol divers recovered his body in 37 feet of water.

"The sonar that we use to search with is a 'tow-fish.' which is towed behind the boat," Bartlett said of the Marine Operations Division's Dive Team. "We try to keep the tow-fish about three to four feet off of the bottom and it Cont. on page 174

Below, left: MSHP Dive Operations Training. Bottom right: 22' '03 Charger Bass Boat Recovered.







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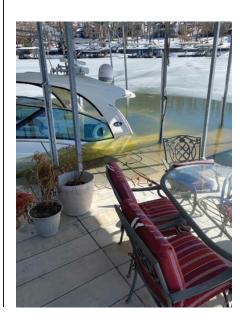
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Originally built to provide hydroelectric power to the customers of Union Electric Company of St. Louis, the waters of today's Lake of the Ozarks conceal a treasure trove of local history whose hidden depths speak of times long gone, and of memories which will be buried forevermore. What has become a nautical race course every August may have once been someone's farm or a family's home.

"While I am working underwater, I am always looking out for old structures and foundations from old houses, while thinking, 'someone once lived here," said Captain Nicholas Hutzler of the Lake Ozark Fire Protection District. "When I'm diving in areas that are very muddy, I usually think that this was probably someone's farm. A lot of farmland was covered by water when the Bagnell Dam was built, and I find myself wondering what crops would have possibly been planted there, or what was on 'this area' prior to the Lake."

Hutzler, who began working for LOFPD in 2001, has been a diver, both professionally and commercially, for nearly twenty years. In 2014, he started a diving business at the Lake of the



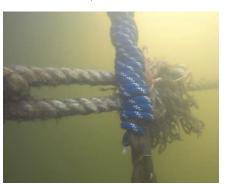


Ozarks entitled Hutzler Enterprises, LLC. Along with his duties as a captain with our local fire department, Hutzler also repairs docks, restrings anchor cables, conducts underwater inspections, raises submerged vessels, and recovers everything from lost cell phones and wallets to tools. He has also helped out at the Annual Shootout.

Ben Faulconer, a fellow commercial diver and Project Manager for Hart Diving & Salvage, explains that the Lake of the Ozarks is not a recreational diving lake. Both Hutzler and Faulconer have found themselves working alongside one another on a number of dive recoveries; with several hundred dives made by Hart Diving & Salvage per year.

"Every dive could be compared to cave or night diving, and with any stir of bottom or sediment, you are instantaneously engulfed within a plume or cloud where only a dive light against your mask and aimed back at your eyes can be seen, Faulconer explained. "The reality is that 30-100 feet look pretty much the same, as it takes a dive light to see what's down there due to the absence of sun or natural light based on Cont. on page 177

Below: Wavebreak Rope in 10' of Water.









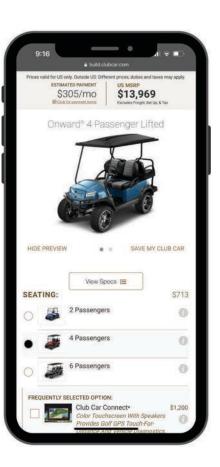
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refraction and reflection of suspended sediments. The Lake is actually fairly clear but the water is constantly stirred up, so it appears murky."

Like all divers, the crew at Hart Diving & Salvage has experienced their share of interesting submerged encounters.

"One of the most interesting things that I have witnessed in this lake was at roughly 70 feet," explained Faulconer. "There was a tree that was approximately eight feet in diameter. It was the largest tree that I have ever seen in Missouri, either above or below water, and at first, I thought that it was an old tank standing on end. I was and still am in awe."

Along with restricted visibility overall, Faulconer went on to elaborate that everything appears 25-33% larger when observed through a dive mask in the water.

"We can report that a tree is six feet in diameter so as not to exaggerate its size, but still, this is non-typically huge and would have to be hundreds of years old," Faulconer said, in closing. "We also see large catfish and alligator gar in the 4-6 foot range and again, everything appears to be larger under water, but they're still fun to see and always make us feel like we are diving with the dinosaurs of fish."

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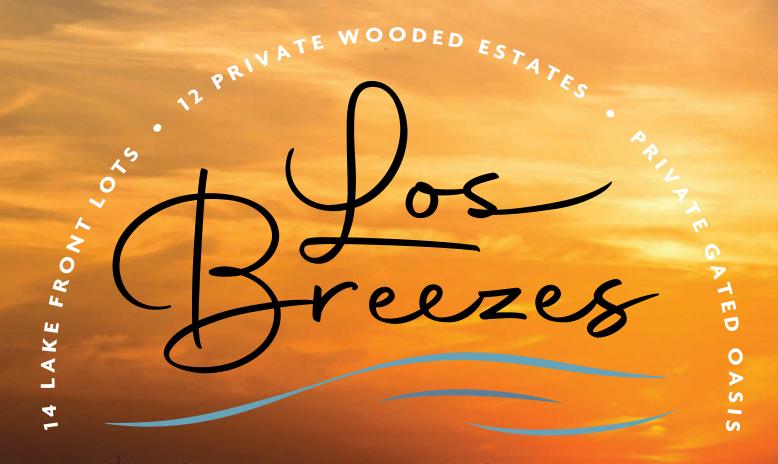
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As a local event which also happens to be the largest unsanctioned boat race in the United States of America, the Lake of the Ozarks Shootout is subpar to none. Orchestrating an event of such magnitude while raising nearly half a million dollars to support 32 local charities and eight area fire departments is no easy feat, and it truly takes a village. "We've been involved directly with the Lake of the Ozarks Shootout for eight years now. What was apparent from the start was that without the amazing volunteers and sponsors, this event wouldn't be close to what it is today. The growth has been an inspiration to us all, and it's been a nice ride with some great people." -Dave Leathers, Publisher & Christy Wagner, Editor

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# Shootout BEF PPOFIES

Included are a handful of our expected racers at this year's 33rd Annual Shootout. Very few are brave enough to put everything on the line as they soar full-throttle through the coursing waves of the Lake of the Ozarks while surrounded by 100,000 spectators. Even fewer dare to make this a family endeavor; however, this is what sets the Lake of the Ozarks (and the Shootout) apart from the rest of the world. From trailblazer Carrie Sixkiller making Shootout history to husband/wife and father/daughter duos, every passing year has faithfully become our best yet. Sit back and enjoy the ride, 2021.

-By Christy Wagner, Editor | Photos Courtesy of Jeff Helmkamp, Brad Glidewell, CarolaPix and Respective Racing Teams-



### **Carrie Sixkiller**

**Driver & Throttles:** Carrie Sixkiller

Boat Name: B-Nauti

Port of Call: Lake Perry, Kans.

Boat Make/Model: 1993 24' Baja Outlaw

Horsepower: Mercury 525 SC

Fastest Speed: 79 miles per hour achieved during her very first Shootout run, which took place at Shooters 21. Notable Races/Runs/Wins: "Every time I run the boat is notable because that means I made a safe run! The very first time I ran will always be my favorite. It was scary as hell but I did it and won my class - and like a true girl, I cried." \*\*11-time class champion; 2017 Shootout Hall of Fame Inductee: featured on the 2019 Authentic Shootout Gal t-shirt sold only at the Lake of the Ozarks Shootout; 2021 will be Carrie's 14th time running in the Shootout.

Most Memorable Shootout Experience: "This has to be when I was inducted into the Shootout Hall of Fame. To this day, I still wonder why they picked me. It was such an honor."

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Business: Carrie is an office manager for a financial institution software development company.

Family: "My family in Topeka, Kans., consists of Ron, my husband; Little Miss Molly, our dog, and the famous 'DitchKilly,' our cat. My immediate family lives in Oklahoma where I was born and raised. And, of course, my friends are my family and if it wasn't for all of them, I would not be where I am todav."



# Tim Kowalski/ Tracy Lynn Kowalski

**Driver:** Tracy Lynn Kowalski Throttles: Tim Kowalski Boat Name: Bio-Kleen

Port of Call: South Haven, Mich.

Boat Make/Model: 2015 34CCX Sunsation Center Console

Horsepower: Triple Mercury Racing 400R

Fastest Speed: "To be determined at 2021's race debut —

no previous precedent!"

Notable Races/Runs/Wins: "That would be when I raced the Cigarette for the first time ever during the first year that the Shootout was held at Captain Ron's! I ran 82 miles per hour and won my class!"

Most Memorable Shootout Experience: "Being inducted into the 2020 Lake of the Ozarks Shootout Bob Morgan Hall of Fame."

Sponsors/Business: Bio-Kleen Products, est. 1987;

Tim Kowalski — President/Chemist.

Family: Tim's wife and Company Vice President,

Tracy Lynn Kowalski.

# Tony Battiato/John Cosker & **Boat Owner, Don Onken**

**Driver:** Tony Battiato Throttles: John Cosker Boat Name: American Ethanol Port of Call: Easton. III.

Boat Make/Model: 51-foot Mystic

Horsepower: 9,000

Modifications: 4 Big Block Chevys Fastest Speed: 204 miles per hour

Notable Races/Runs/Wins: Tony Battiato has been awarded

four Shootout Top Gun awards.

Most Memorable Shootout Experience: "When I blew the

prop blade off," Tony said. Sponsors: American Ethanol **Business:** Marine Mechanic

Family: My wife, Jessica, and my daughter, Jerzie. Cont. on p. 190



# **Brad Harrington** and Daughter, Stella

**Driver:** Stella Harrington Throttles: Brad Harrington **Boat Name:** Team Kansas Port of Call: Basehor, Kans.

Boat Make/Model: 1990 Saber 28-foot Cyclone

Horsepower: Twin Small-Block Chevys - 450 horsepower

Fastest Speed: 86 miles per hour

Notable Races/Runs/Wins: Team Kansas won the 2006 APPA SBI World Championship in Key West, as well as the U.S. National Championship for OPA at the Lake of the Ozarks in 2007. They have placed first in their class at the Lake of the Ozarks Shootout every year since 2006. Brad was

also a 2020 Shootout Hall of Fame Inductee.

Most Memorable Shootout Experience: "I felt very honored to have been inducted into the Shootout Hall of Fame last year. This year, I am very excited that my daughter, Stella, has turned 18 and is now old enough to run with me in the Shootout. She has been driving the boat for a couple of years and has great understanding, touch and control of the boat. She will be driving and I will be throttling at the 2021 Shootout. My son, Lake, is 16 now and who knows? Maybe in a couple of years, they will want to run the boat together and leave me behind at the dock. I guess time will tell. When my youngest daughter, Sadie, who is 10-yearsold, heard this, she quickly replied, 'I can't wait until I am old enough to race at the Shootout!' Sadie says that she has one exception, and it's that she wants to race with her favorite racer. Carrie Sixkiller."

Family: Brad and his wife, Carrie, reside in Basehor, Kans. with their three children: Stella, Lake, and Sadie.





# Mark and Tiffany Maasen

**Driver:** Tiffany Throttles: Mark Boat Name: 'Merica

Port of Call: Lake of the Ozarks

Boat Make/Model: 2022 38' Renegade with triple 400R's

Horsepower: 1200 horsepower

Fastest Speed: TBD

Notable Races/Runs/Wins: 2016-2020 Lake of the Ozarks Shootout class winner; First in Class at the Grand Lake of the Cherokees Shootout; Tiffany's Top Gun Center Console win. Most Memorable Shootout Experience: "It's still our first

run down the Shootout course together!"

Sponsors: Poly Lift Boat Lifts of Sunrise Beach, Mo. and Maasen Insurance Services, a Division of Weiss Insurance Group of Camdenton, Mo.

**Businesses:** 

Mark: Co-Owner of Poly Lift Boat Lifts

Tiffany: Owner/Broker of Maasen Insurance Services Family: Mark and Tiffany are married and have six children

and eight grandchildren between them.



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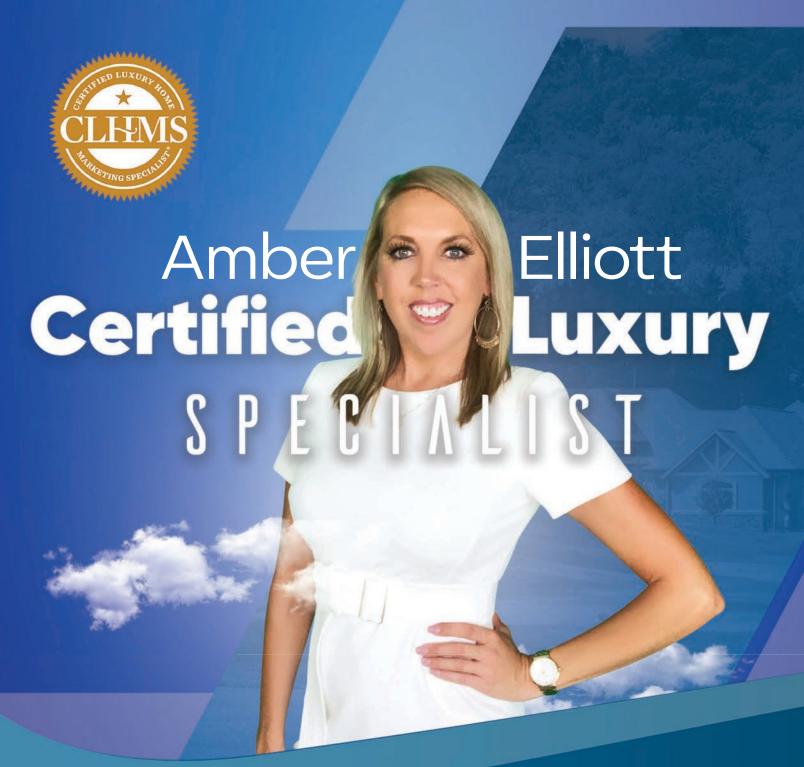
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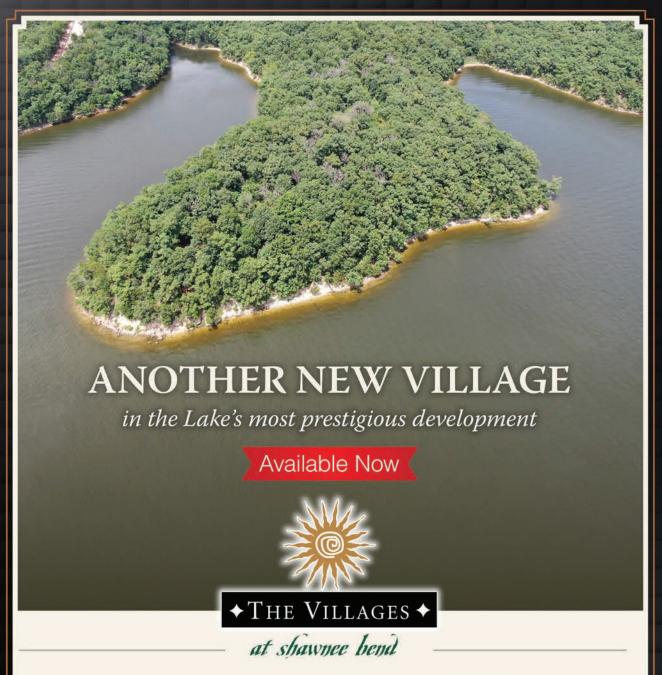
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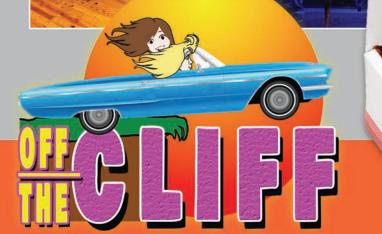
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