

A photograph of a festival scene. In the foreground, a man with a long white beard, wearing a tan hat and blue overalls, is kneeling on the grass, carving a piece of wood. A small fire is burning in front of him, with smoke rising. To his right, a woman wearing a wide-brimmed straw hat, a green long-sleeved shirt, and a red floral apron is sitting on a green wooden stool, smiling. In the background, there is a wooden building, a red awning, and other festival-goers. A large red banner hangs in the background. In the bottom right corner, there is a white cloth-covered stand with a wooden sign that says "SOAP \$3.00".

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2024 HOOTIN AN HOLLARIN SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

5 P.M.	NATIONAL ANTHEM/MAYOR'S WELCOME <i>Performances by Jessica Suit, Ainsley Luna, Finn Wade and Wyatt Dodge and Colton Wood</i>
5 TO 7 P.M.	QUILT SHOW VIEWING - <i>located in building behind bleachers</i>
6 P.M.	THE BAKER FAMILY PERFORMS - <i>Main stage</i>
7:30 P.M.	QUEEN PAGEANT - <i>Main stage</i> <i>During tallying of votes, the stage will be dedicated to Bob Main. Also, Citizen of the Year Kerrie Zubrod, Parade Marshal Karla Eslinger and 50-year Lions Club member Pat Funk will be honored</i>
9 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT	SQUARE DANCING - <i>platforms in front of Main stage</i>

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

10 A.M. TO 7 P.M.	QUILT SHOW VIEWING - <i>located in building behind bleachers</i>
10 A.M. TO NOON	FREE FUN AT SHELTER INSURANCE KIDS CORNER
10:30 A.M.	TERRAPIN RACES AT SHELTER INS. KIDS CORNER
11 A.M.	LAYTON HOLLOW GALS PERFORM - <i>Main stage</i>
NOON	HOMESTEAD HOLLER PERFORMS - <i>Main stage</i>
AFTERNOON	GAZEBO PICKIN' - <i>gazebo, northwest courthouse lawn</i>
1 P.M.	MOLLY CLAIR AND CO. PERFORMS - <i>Main stage</i>
2 P.M.	LIL CEDAR PETE/LIL MISS ADDIE LEE CONTEST - <i>Main stage</i>
2:45 P.M.	PRINCESS PAGEANTS - <i>Main stage</i>
4 TO 5 P.M.	FREE OLD-FASHIONED KIDS GAMES - <i>Lot off NW corner</i>
4 P.M.	STRINGED UNION PERFORMS - <i>Main stage</i>
5 P.M.	FREE BED RACE - <i>southwest corner of square by Molly's Salon</i>
5:30 P.M.	FREE OUTHOUSE RACE - <i>northwest corner of square/City Hall</i>
5:30 P.M.	BACKYARD BLUEGRASS PERFORMS - <i>Main stage</i>
7 P.M.	BULL BLAST - <i>Gainesville Saddle Club Arena, Main Street</i>
7:30 P.M.	PSYCHOBILLY CADILLAC BAND PERFORMS - <i>Main stage</i>
9 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT	SQUARE DANCING - <i>platforms in front of Main stage</i>

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

8:30 A.M.	5K RUN/WALK - <i>northwest corner of the square by City Hall</i>
9 A.M.	ARCHERY/SHOTGUN SHOOT - <i>grassy area across Hwy. 160</i>
9:30 A.M.	PET SHOW - <i>Main stage</i>
10 A.M. TO NOON	FREE FUN AT SHELTER INSURANCE KIDS CORNER
10:30 A.M.	TERRAPIN RACES AT SHELTER INS. KIDS CORNER
10 A.M. TO 4 P.M.	QUILT SHOW VIEWING - <i>located in building behind bleachers</i>
10 A.M. TO 2 P.M.	CAR SHOW - <i>on First Street between 160 Pit Stop/White Oak Station</i>
10 A.M.	CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT - <i>Parking lot off northwest corner</i>
11 A.M.	COSTUME CONTEST - <i>Main stage</i>
11:30 A.M.	PIE CONTEST - <i>at Shelter Insurance, southwest corner of square</i>
NOON	RIDGERUNNER CLOGGERS PERFORM - <i>Main stage platforms</i>
AFTERNOON	GAZEBO PICKIN' - <i>gazebo, northwest courthouse lawn</i>
1 P.M.	MARRIOTT BROTHERS PERFORM - <i>Main stage</i>
2 P.M.	BIG PARADE - <i>from Main Street around the square to Third Street</i> <i>Ozark County Farm Family members Eric and Jamie King recognized on stage just before parade.</i>
AFTER PARADE	MAGIC SHOW - <i>Main stage</i>
4 P.M.	CALLING CONTESTS - <i>Main stage</i>
4 TO 5 P.M.	FREE OLD-FASHIONED KIDS GAMES - <i>Lot off NW corner</i>
5 P.M.	SCARLET O'HARA PERFORMS - <i>Main stage</i>
7 P.M.	CHELSEY JAMES PERFORMS - <i>Main stage</i>
9 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT	SQUARE DANCING - <i>platforms in front of Main stage</i>



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Welcome to Hootin an Hollarin

Hello, everyone! We're gearing up for the 63rd Hootin an Hollarin festival, and we're hoping that you'll be here for all of the fun! I'd like to point out some new elements you might notice at the festival this year:

More old-time demonstrations

This year's festival theme is "A Harvest of Memories Past," and that's just what we hope to showcase during our beloved three-day event.

We're adding six new demonstrators this year: Sarah Elrod with the Missouri Department of Conservation will be offering a free hands-on leather working station (Friday only); Jason Morton of Eagle Ridge Chainsaw Carving will demonstrate the art of carving wood with a chainsaw; Cynthia Stevens will demonstrate spinning, weaving and making hooked items; Kylie Smith will demonstrate crocheting; Andy and Kara Collins Leach of West Plains with Get to the Points Knapping will demonstrate flintknapping; and we're bringing back our free ragdoll making booth, which will be manned by Abby Durr Friday and Saturday.

Returning demonstrators will offer homemade bread and apple butter (free samples available!); a demonstration of the art of crafting handmade corn brooms; an authentic moonshine still; traditional lye soap making; an old-fashioned way of making rope and shingles; a mountain man in traditional attire with an authentic teepee showcasing flint-lock rifle building and possibly primitive firemaking and cooking; and a demonstration on fly tying.

Main stage dedication and entertainment

This year we will be dedicating and naming the Hootin an Hollarin main stage in honor of the late Dr. Bob Main, who died Aug. 15, after a short illness. Bob took on the complicated process of setting up the main stage and helping to build the dance platforms for many years. He always had a good attitude and humorous spirit. We'll be thinking of him this year and for many years to come as we prepare for the festival.

We have several new bands this year. Layton Hollow Gals, Homestead Holler, Molly Clair & Co., Marriott Brothers, Scarlet O'Hara and Chelsey James will be new featured acts on the Hootin an Hollarin main stage.

Returning favorites include Backyard Bluegrass, Baker Family, Stringed Union, Ridgerunner Cloggers and Psychobilly Cadillac, which had the crowd on their feet and dancing all night during last year's festival.

We'll also welcome a few local young musicians to kick off the festival Thursday night - Jessica Suit, Ainsley Luna, Finn Wade, Wyatt Dodge and Colton Wood.

Queen pageant gifts

New this year, all Hootin an Hollarin queen pageant contestants will get a free mini photo shoot from Karla Smith Photography during one of their dress rehearsals.

The winning contestant who is crowned Hootin an Hollarin queen will also get a full photo shoot from Karla and a \$500 scholarship from Arkansas State University - Mountain Home, in addition to the traditional prizes and



Hootin an Hollarin Chairperson Paula Rose, third from right, is pictured here with her husband Randy, daughters Tyne and Tali, son-in-law Kellen and grandchildren Cru and Jae.

gifts offered in previous years.

New car show

We're also excited about a new event at the festival - a car show! Mike and Heather Gardner are heading the show up from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, ending just in time for the participants to join the 2 p.m. parade around the square.

Food and drinks

There are three new food vendors: Tin Lizzie's Tonic Truck; Theodosia Area Volunteer Fire Department serving hand-dipped ice cream; and the South Fork Lunch Box.

More than 20 other food and drink vendors are returning to the festival. See page 9 for a full list.

Kiddie train

The Lutie FFA and cheerleaders will be offering a kiddie train this year, which has been missing from the festival for the last few years. The train will cost \$1 to ride and will operate around the square from 10 a.m. until dark both

Friday and Saturday.

The group will also offer an inflatable bounce house, new this year. That will be in addition to the Party Station inflatable 3-in-1 obstacle course, inflatable wacky basketball game and rock climbing wall.

Crafters

We're welcoming nine new crafters to the festival: Pixie Kreations; Belle & Them Co.; Nini & Poppy's Side Hustle; Sewing Kreations; Stone Circle Crafts; Bite This Bait & Alanna's Auto Aromas; Oak Ridge Homestead; Stitches by Kylie; face painting by Tonya; and the Kingdom Daughters. See page 9 for a full list of returning crafters.

See you there!

I love where we live here in Ozark County, and I absolutely love Hootin an Hollarin. I hope to see you out there!

Paula Rose

*Hootin an Hollarin
chairperson*



BOOTH FUN & GAMES



Hootin an Hollarin attendees can expect a number of good choices for food, crafts, games, demonstrations and more at this year's event. Among the vendors signed up is Abby (Britt) Hobbs at her booth Honey Layne, where she will offer bracelets, prints, journals and car charms.

VENDORS & BOOTHS

Hootin an Hollarin's old-time craft and food vendors circle the square during the three-day festival, creating great shopping, watching, visiting and eating anywhere you look.

Below is a list of this year's vendors and booths scheduled to attend the festival. The numbers beside each booth name correlates with the booth's position on the Hootin an Hollarin vendor map, page 11.

Fun and games

- **3-in-1 obstacle course (#88-89):** An inflatable 3-in-1 obstacle course will feature a bounce area, climbing surface and wide slide. **All-day wrist bands and one-time entrance fees will be available for purchase at the GHS Scream Team booth.
- **Bounce house (#64B):** Lutie School FFA and cheerleaders will operate a bounce house Friday and Saturday afternoons into the evening. It is \$1 per bounce.
- **Bean bag toss (#70):** The Lutie junior class will have a bean bag toss game.
- **Dart game (#66):** the Gainesville High School seniors will offer a dart booth.
- **Duck pond game (#65):** the Gainesville High School juniors will have a duck pond game.

- **Face painting (#94):** Tonya Friend will offer facepainting.
- **Face painting (#28):** Renea Vaughn will offer facepaint at her booth.
- **Face painting (#64B):** Lutie FFA and cheerleaders will offer facepainting.
- **Free leather working station (free, #95):** Sarah Elrod of the Missouri Department of Conservation is hosting a free leather working station on Friday.
- **Hair braiding with beads, hair color spray (#60):** The Kingdom Daughters will have hair braiding with beads and a colored hair spray station at their booth.
- **Nerf guns with ping pong balls and ring toss with suckers (#67) -** The Gainesville High School music department will have a game with nerf guns and ping pong balls, as well as a ring toss with suckers.
- **Putt putt golf (#69):** the Lutie High School freshmen will offer a hole-in-one putt putt golf game.
- **Ragdoll making station (free, #96):** Abby Durr will be hosting this year's free ragdoll making booth. Come learn how to make these old-time toys -- and leave with a completed ragdoll (or take a kit to make one at home). All supplies provided free of charge.
- **Ringtoss (#69):** the Lutie School music

class will offer a ringtoss game.

- **Rock climbing wall (#92-93):** a rock climbing wall will be set up in the Century Bank of the Ozarks parking lot. **Climbing will be offered for \$5 per turn at the GHS Scream Team booth.
- **Ropemaking and shingle making (#84):** Festival goers can take their turn trying out the art of making rope in Lynn and Charlotte Taylor's booth. The Taylors will also demonstrate the art of making traditional shingles.
- **Kids train (#64):** Lutie School FFA and cheerleaders are operating a kids' train at this year's festival from 10 a.m. to dark Friday and Saturday. It will cost \$1 to ride the train.
- **Wacky basketball (#92-93):** a "wacky basketball" inflatable game will be set up in the Century Bank of the Ozarks parking lot. **All-day wrist bands and one-time entrance fees will be available for purchase at the GHS Scream Team booth.
- **Additional free games and activities:** In addition to these attractions, there are several free fun opportunities for kids at the festival. See pages 30-31 for information on the Shelter Insurance Kids Corner, old-fashioned kids games, terrapin races and more - all free of charge!

This year the Hootin an Hollarin committee is paying the GHS cheerleaders to run a booth for an inflatable 3-in-1 obstacle course, wacky basketball game and rock climbing wall in order to raise money for team expenses. The rock climbing wall will cost \$5 per climb. The obstacle course and basketball game will be \$2 per turn, or guests can buy an all-day wrist band on Friday or Saturday for unlimited play on both the slide and bounce house for \$10 per child. A safety worker with the rental company will be at the rock climbing wall to ensure safe practices by climbers.

VENDOR BOOTHS



Food/drinks

- **Alpine Shave Ice and Fresh Squeezed Lemonade (#55-56):** a variety of flavored shave ice and fresh squeezed lemonade.
- **Big O' Fish (#45-46):** fried fish, chicken strips, ribbon fries, dessert.
- **Billy Jack's Root Beer (#7-8):** homemade root beer, floats and corn dogs.
- **Carol Latham (#3b):** free homemade bread and apple butter (samples given away), along with bread, baking and other mixes and jellies for sale.
- **Chigger Ridge Fudge (#51-52):** fudge with free samples.
- **Curtright Catering (#43-44):** flavored kettle corn, bacon puffs.
- **East Wind (#22-23):** variety of jarred nut butters.
- **Gainesville High School juniors (#65):** cotton candy, sodas, water.
- **Hillbilly Grub Shack (#29a&b):** burgers, corn dogs, breakfast items.
- **Hillbilly Kettle Corn (#13-14):** kettle corn, pork rinds and frozen lemonade.
- **Lutie FFA and cheerleaders (#64B):** bake sale.
- **Mom & Pop's BBQ (#38-39):** BBQ pulled pork, nachos, chicken, ribs, brisket, pork steak and ribbon fries.
- **Our Place Food Hibachi (#4-6):** teriyaki chicken, steak, fish and shrimp, fried rice, noodles, egg rolls, crab rangoon.
- **Options Pregnancy (#68):** flavored snow balls.
- **Ozarks Healthcare (#48):** bottled water.
- **Snider's Family Restaurant (#73-75):** BBQ ribs, turkey legs, brisket, pulled pork, roasted corn on the cob.
- **Sno-Biz Shaved Ice (#101-102):** flavored shaved ice.
- **South Fork Lunch Box (#90):** Smash burgers (and combos) made with locally-raised beef, fries, sandwiches, chicken tenders and breakfast options (biscuits and gravy, eggs, cheese and meats).
- **The Juan and Only (#24-25):** Mexican food and drinks.
- **The Center (#17):** pecans, cinnamon rolls and bottled water.
- **Theodosia VFD (#91):** hand-dipped ice cream (in cones or cups) from

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- **Tin Lizzie's Tonic Truck (#105):** handcrafted sodas, ice cream floats and iced teas.
- **Timber Knob VFD (#42):** bottled water, sodas.
- **Trinity Worship (#30):** skillet cookery.
- **Victory Family Worship Center (#31-34):** beans and cornbread, funnel cakes, drinks and caramel apples.

Community

- **Brixey-Rockbridge VFD (#40):** dunk tank, raffle for AR15, 20 gauge tactical shotgun and a Hoodoo kayak.
- **Caney Mountain VFD (#15):** crafts.
- **Hootin an Hollarin information booth (#3):** festival guides, information and vendor check in.
- **Isabella VFW Post #5366 (#76a):** raffle tickets.
- **Lick Creek VFD (#21):** raffle tickets; first drawing is for a 30-30 Old Henry Golden Boy rifle; Second drawing is for a .22 Old Henry Golden Boy rifle.
- **Missouri Department of Conservation (#103-104):** wildlife display, MDC information.
- **Ozarks Healthcare (#48):** free blood pressure checks, information and water.
- **Saints of Valor/Ozark County Adventures (#72):** raffle for choice of three firearms: a Browning X Bolt walnut stock 6.5 Creedmoor, a Henry .22 magnum Golden Boy and a Henry 22 long rifle.
- **Timber Knob VFD (#42):** raffle tickets, soda and water.
- **The Center (#17):** canes, Rada, pecans, cinnamon rolls, water and handcrafted items.
- **Theodosia VFD (#91a):** raffle tickets for a crossbow.
- **Unite the Light (#78):** raffle for a large cross installed in yard, handcrafted Jesus goodies and crosses.

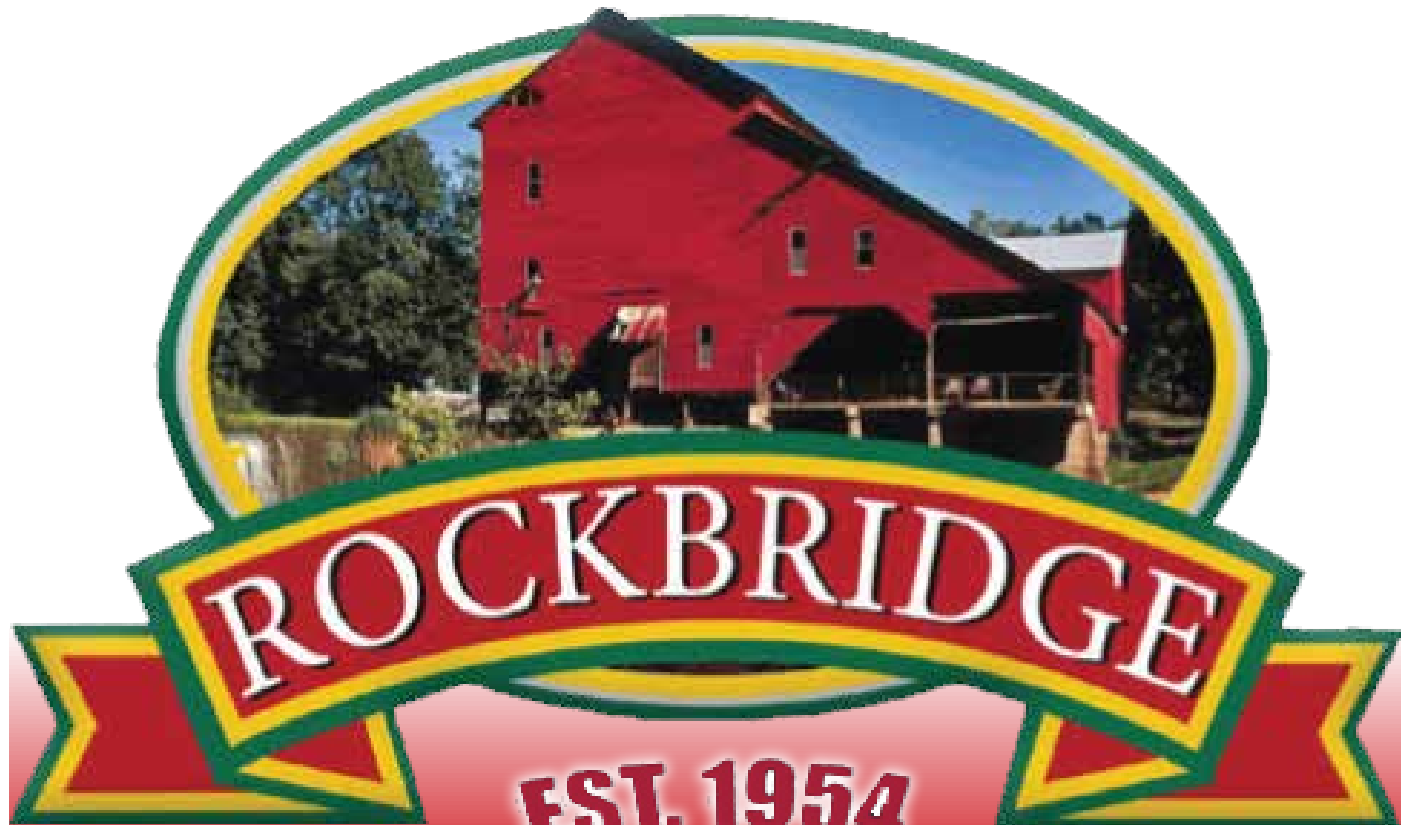
Crafts

- **Belle & Them Co. and SB Leather Co. (#79):** handmade jewelry, purses, bags and wallets.
- **Bite This Baits and Alanna's Auto Aromas (#106):** fishing lures and car freshies.

- **Carol Latham (#3b):** packaged bread mixes, baking mixes, jellies and more (also free samples of homemade bread and apple butter).
- **Cathy Wyatt (courthouse lawn):** homemade lye soaps.
- **Chigger Ridge Fudge/Debbie Jordan (#51-52):** fudge, crocheted items, jelly and water yo-yos.
- **Country Crafters (#47):** stools, tables, shelves, pictures, jewelry.
- **DayStar Shirts/Judy Cowin Evans (#49-50):** Hootin an Hollarin t-shirts, caps and bags.
- **Devil's Backbone Knives and Designs (#82-83):** custom knives.
- **Eagle Ridge Chainsaw carvings (next to Ozarks Wifi, southwest corner of square):** chainsaw carvings for sale and demonstrations.
- **East Wind (#22-23):** hammocks, rope sandals, crafts, jarred nut butters.
- **Get to the Points Knapping (#3A):** stone items including arrowheads, tomahawks, stone knives.
- **GHS Scream Team (#87):** temporary tattoos, tickets/wrist bands for inflatables and rock climbing wall.
- **Grandma G's (#53-54):** jewelry, sewn items, tumblers, sun/dream catchers.
- **Hadley's Laser Creations (#95):** engraved wood and leather items, beanies, car accessories, and seasonal decor.
- **Honey Layne/Abby Hobbs (#27):** bracelets, prints, journals, car charms.
- **Jeanine James (#102A):** bows, tumblers, resin art, keychains.
- **J Buck Woodworking (#35):** wood-working crafts, benches, tables.
- **Jessica's Creative Designs (#36):** embroidery items, custom tumblers, pens, hair accessories.
- **Kingdom Daughters (#60):** Glow items and other toys.
- **Lasting Scentsations (#63a/b):** cool ties, wire rings, cloth totes, jewelry.
- **Loblolly Soap Company (#62):** bath and body products.
- **Miller's Leather Shop (#97-99):** belts, wallets, leather goods.
- **Nini and Poppy's Side Hustle (#85):** wooden growth charts, chunky knit blankets, apparel.
- **Painted artwork by William Betian (#77):** oil/acrylic paintings on canvas

or bowling pins, diamond dot artwork.

- **On Angel Wings (#16-17a):** tutus, women and kids' accessories.
 - **Ozarks Heritage Botanicals (#71):** plants, seeds, herbal blends/tinctures, pottery, soap, publications.
 - **Ozark Local (#61):** custom Bull Shoals Lake items, Ozark County boards and signs, charcuterie boards, custom on-site laser engraved tumblers.
 - **Oak Ridge Homestead (#107):** handwoven items, hooked items with fiber and fabric, hand crochet. There will also be demonstrations of spinning, weaving and locker hooking arts.
 - **Piper's Attic (#18-19):** wood signs, tumblers, jewelry.
 - **Pixie Kreations (#76):** small shelves and plaques.
 - **Renea Vaughn (#28):** Crochet wearables, towels, scrubbies, rugs, seasonal items.
 - **Robin Hill Family Creations (#12):** quilts, blankets, kids' toys, kitchen, baby items.
 - **Rose Family Wood Products (#57-59):** Hiking sticks, canes, log jewelry boxes, handmade knives, wooden toys, wooden home décor, jam.
 - **Sarah More (#41):** handmade cups, tumblers.
 - **Sewing Kreations by Kathi (#100a):** quilted items, table runners, quilts, pot holders, aprons, dresses.
 - **Stitches by Kylie (#20):** crocheted bags, keychains for sale; crochet demonstrations.
 - **Stone Circle Crafts (#100):** wood cooking utensils, macrame.
 - **Tabor Creek Customs (#80-81):** custom cutting, cheese and charcuterie boards.
 - **The Artsy Way/Ally Britt (#26):** sculptures, paintings, prints and drawings.
 - **Tina Riffey, author (#37):** books, bookmarks.
 - **Willow Branch Market (#10-11):** home decor, clothing, holidays, arrangements.
 - **Wolf's Broom Shop (#9):** assorted handmade corn brooms.
 - **Wooden Diversions (#86):** wooden crokinore game boards.
- **A variety of demonstrators will also be setup, see page 14.**



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2024 Hootin an Hollarin Booth Layout

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Corner of Third
and Main Streets

64B
Lutie
Bounce
House,
face-
paint,
bakesale

Town & Country
S. Main Street

Third Street

64A	Eagle Ridge Chainsaw Carving
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School/Church Fundraising Booths

64	65	66	67	68		69	70	71	72	73	74	75
Lutite FFA & Cheerleaders — Train	GHS Juniors Cotton Candy, soda, water, duck pond	GHS Seniors Dart Booth	GHS Music—Nerf guns, ring toss	Options Pregnancy Snow Balls	Planter	Lutite 9th & Music Purr-purr game, ring toss	Lutite Juniors Corn Hole	Ozark Botanicals Plants, seeds, herbal blends/infusions, pottery	Saints of Valor Gun Raffle	Snider's BBQ Ribs, Turkey Legs, Brisket, Pulled Pork, Nachos, Fries, Roast- ed Corn on the Cob		

Corn Hole Tournament
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Amyx Parking Lot

Friday & Saturday 4 p.m.
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for Kids Amyx Parking Lot

Main Street

Bleachers

City Hall

Main Street

Hillbilly Kettle
Corn, Pork Rinds

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Renee Vaughn Crochet items, rugs, towels, face paint, +	28
Hillbilly Grub Shack <i>Burgers, Corn Dogs, Breakfast Items</i>	29 A & B

Cabin
Demo Moonshine
Still, Terry Wyatt
Lye Soap Making
Cathy Wyatt

**Co
&**

Stomp to elevator

Court House & Courtyard

Mountain Man Cam
*Demonstrating primitive
guns, fire making, dutch
oven cooking*

12	Robin Hill Family <i>Quilts, blankets, baby/</i> <i>kitchen items, toys</i>
11	Willow Branch Market <i>Home décor,</i> <i>clothing, wreaths</i>
10	
9	Wolf's Broom Shop <i>Demonstrating</i> <i>Making corn brooms</i>
8	Billy Jack's Root Beer <i>Homemade Root Beer</i> <i>& Floats</i>
7	
6	Our Place Food Hibachi <i>Chicken, steak, fish,</i> <i>shrimp, rice,</i> <i>noodles, egg rolls,</i> <i>crab rangoon</i>
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76a	VFW Post 5366 Raffle
76	Pixie Kreations <i>Small shelves/plaques</i>
77	Painted Art Work <i>By William Betian</i>
78	Unite the Light <i>Jesus goodies, cross</i>
79	Belle & Them Co. <i>Jewelry, purses, bags +</i>
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Entrance to bank parking lot

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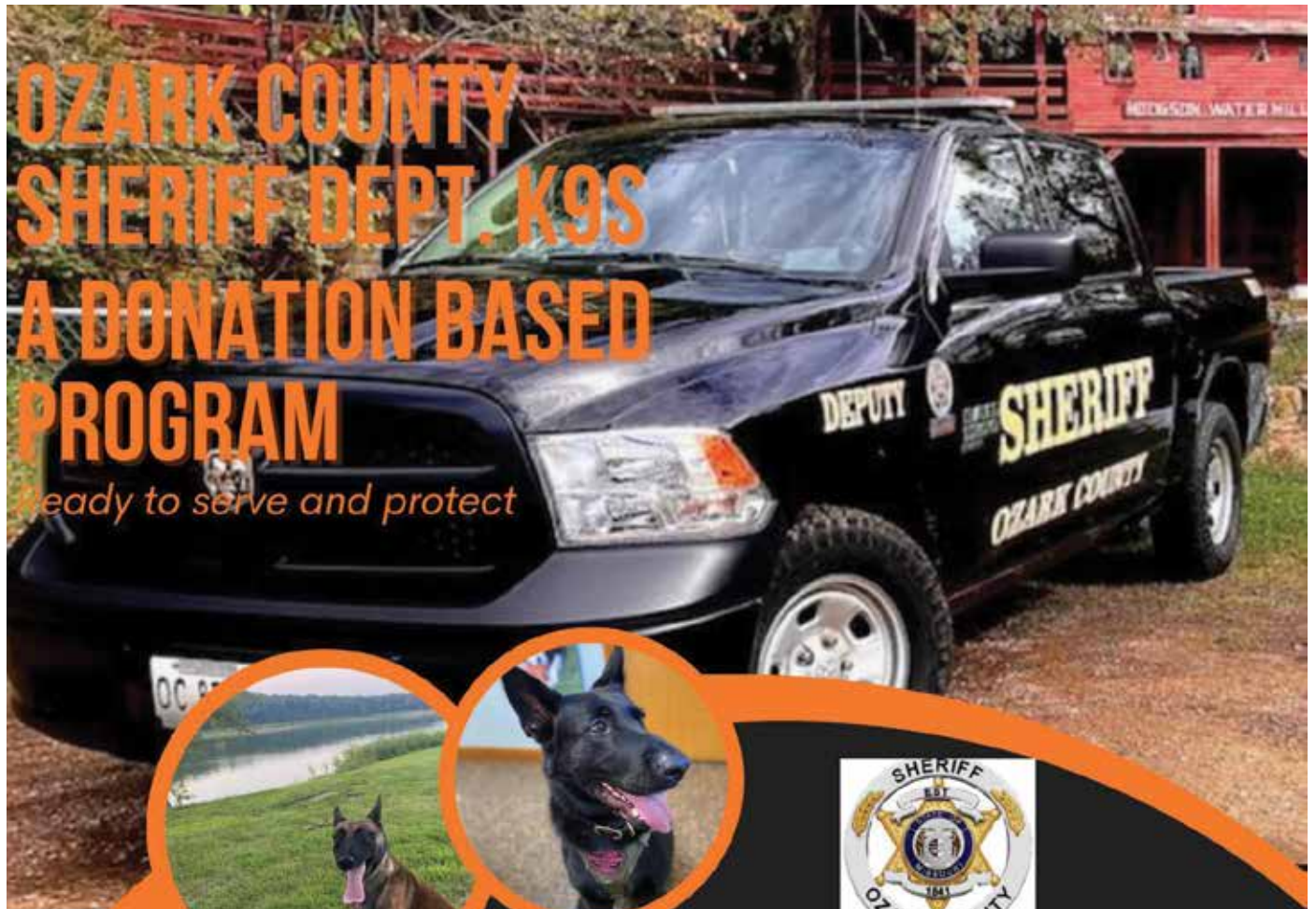
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cious items before spectators' eyes.

Those who would like to volunteer to demonstrate at a future festival can contact Barb Luna, 417-712-1946.

The following demonstrations are scheduled to be at this year's festival. See the map on page 11 for location of demonstrations:

- Breadmaking
- Moonshine still
- Lye soap making

- Primitive gun making
- Mountain man attire
- Traditional teepee
- Rope making
- Flint knapping
- Spinning
- Weaving
- Hooked item making
- Fly tying
- Leather working
- Ragdoll making
- Chainsaw carving
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Mountain man Kevin Smith will be on the courthouse lawn between the gazebo and the back of the main stage with a traditional teepee. He will demonstrate the art of building primitive firearms and making fire.



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LIVE ENTERTAINMENT



The Baker Family

THURSDAY

5 p.m. - Festival welcome
National Anthem
and young musician
showcase on Main stage

- National Anthem by Jessica Suit
- Performance by "Stick Season," duo Jessica Suit and Ainsley Luna
- Finn Wade performing on violin



6 p.m. - **The Baker Family**
bluegrass, gospel and classic country
music on Main stage

7:30 p.m. - **Queen pageant**
Girls age 14-18 compete for crown

9 p.m. to midnight -
Square dancing to live music
Keeping with the true spirit of Hootin an Hollarin, square dancing is held each night with live music by David Scrivner and Ashley Forrest on fiddles, Joel Hinds on guitar and Nathan McAlister on banjo.



Molly Clair and Co.

FRIDAY

11 a.m. - **Layton Hollow Gals**
classic country on Main stage

Noon - **Homestead Holler**
bluegrass music on Main stage

Afternoon - **Gazebo pickin'**
held in gazebo on courthouse lawn

1 p.m. - **Molly Clair and Co.**
Bluegrass, country, gospel
music on Main stage

2 p.m. - **Lil' Cedar Pete and Lil' Miss Addie Lee**
contest for boys and girls ages 4-5

2:45 p.m. -
Princess pageants
Contest for girls in 1st to 6th grades

4 p.m. - **Stringed Union**
Bluegrass, country, gospel
music on Main stage

5:30 p.m. - **Backyard Bluegrass**
Bluegrass, country, gospel
music on Main stage

7:30 p.m. - **Psychobilly Cadillac**
Upbeat modern country hits
on Main stage

9 p.m. to midnight -
Square dancing to live music
platforms in front of main stage



Chelsey James

SATURDAY

9:30 a.m. - **Pet show**
open to all animals, on Main stage

11 a.m. - **Costume contest**
open to all ages, on Main stage

Noon - **Ridgerunner Cloggers**
performing on platforms
in front of Main stage

Afternoon - **Gazebo pickin'**
held in gazebo on courthouse lawn

1 p.m. - **Marriott Brothers**
old-time fiddling on Main stage

2 p.m. - **Parade**
Circling the square

After parade - **Magic show**
on Main stage

4 p.m. - **Calling contests**
on Main stage

5 p.m. - **Scarlet O'Hara**
70s pop and classic rock ballads
on Main stage

7 p.m. - **Chelsey James**
country and classic rock music
on Main stage

9 p.m. to midnight -
Square dancing to live music
platforms in front of Main stage



THE PERFORMERS

Youth Showcase

5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19

The Hootin an Hollarin festival will kick off at 5 p.m. with a welcome by Mayor Gail Reich, followed by the National Anthem performed by Jessica Suit. After that, a youth musical showcase will feature the following performers:



Stick Season

Jessica Suit, 14, and Ainsley Luna, 12, will perform a few songs together as part of the vocal duo, "Stick Season."



Finn Wade

Finn Wade, an 11-year-old from Pontiac, will perform a few tunes on the violin.



Wyatt Dodge and Colton Wood

Wyatt Dodge, 14, right, and bass player Colton Wood, 21, will take the stage to play bluegrass and country music.



The Baker Family

6 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 19

The Baker Family, a high-energy bluegrass band from Birch Tree, is returning to Hootin an Hollarin this year for the first time since their 2017 performance.

The band has been featured on various TV shows including America's Got Talent, PBS's Great American Bluegrass and RFD-TV's The Bluegrass Trail.

The Bakers entertain crowds at bluegrass events throughout the country, and the band and its individual members have lengthy lists of national and state awards.

Trustin, 24, who plays fiddle and banjo, was named the grand master fiddle champion in 2018 and 2022 at the Nashville Country Music Hall of Fame. He also has at least a dozen and a half other awards, attesting to his talent.

Carina, 21, plays mandolin and fiddle, as well as singing lead vocals and harmony (and is a jig dancer to boot!). She was named Oklahoma State Junior Fiddle Champion in 2016 and was nominated for female vocalist of the year in 2014 by SPBGMA.

Elijah, 19, plays upright bass, lead guitar, lead vocals and harmony. He is the three time BMAI bass player of the year and 2016 Missouri Junior State Fiddle champion.

Their mother, Carrie, plays guitar and upright bass in the band.

Layton Hollow Gals

11 a.m.,
Friday,
Sept. 20



Melinda Mullins (vocals/guitar) and Emily Higgins (vocals/guitar/mandolin) are the Layton Hollow Gals duo, named after the birthplace of Melinda's father, the Ozarks' Grammy-nominated songwriter elementary school janitor, Johnny Mullins. Johnny penned hit songs for the likes of Loretta Lynn, Porter Wagoner and Emmylou Harris, among many other artists.

Since 2013 Melinda has been on a legacy mission to share her late father's body of work, much of which she has unearthed from "the shoebox stash" of old cassette tapes containing previously undiscovered songs. The Layton Hollow Gals share "Johnny songs" with harmony, passion and a good dose of fun.

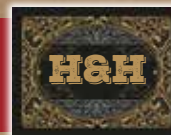


Homestead Holler

Noon, Friday, Sept. 20

Homestead Holler, an up-and-coming bluegrass band, will take the Hootin an Hollarin stage Friday at noon. The band was featured as part of the lineup at Silver Dollar City's Bluegrass & BBQ festival in May 2024.

THE PERFORMERS



Molly Clair & Co.

1 p.m., Friday, Sept. 20

Guests can expect a memorable performance from Hootin an Hollarin newcomers Molly Clair & Co., who will be playing a variety of bluegrass, country and gospel music Friday afternoon.

The front woman, Molly Clair-Elizabeth Corman, is a 17-year-old musician from Pomona, who has been playing with her band at venues in Missouri, Illinois, Arkansas and in Nashville, Tennessee, since she began her music career a year and a half ago. She is the daughter of Gene and Anna Corman.

Molly recorded her first album, which is expected to be released in September, with top country and bluegrass artists including Grammy award winner Clay Hess, a guitarist and former band member for Ricky Skaggs and Kentucky Thunder; Tim Crouch, renowned multi-instrumentalist who has performed and recorded with bluegrass and country music royalty; Grand Ole Opry "queen of bluegrass" Rhonda Vincent; and Maddie Dalton, vocalist and bass player for the bluegrass band Sister Sadie.

Molly is the junior vice-president for TBS (Tomorrow's Bluegrass Stars). In October, she will be inducted into the George D. Hayes Society at the Historical Star Theater.



Gazebo pickin'

Friday and Saturday afternoons

The annual gazebo pickin' jam sessions are held Friday and Saturday during the festival. The pickin' begins in the afternoon in the gazebo, located on the northwest corner of the courthouse lawn, and continues throughout the day. Other impromptu sessions may be held throughout the festival as musicians gather and play. Bring a chair and an instrument, and join in on the fun.



Stringed Union

4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20

Stringed Union performs at 4 p.m. Friday, playing bluegrass and bluegrass gospel music with a few original songs and some folk tunes thrown into the mix. The band consists of Alan Strickland of West Plains on banjo, "Mandolin Matt Maydew" from Republic, along with Sharry Lovan of Willow Springs, on bass, and Gene Collins of Ozark, on guitar.



Backyard Bluegrass

5:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20

Backyard Bluegrass takes the stage at 5:30 p.m. Friday. This local bluegrass band is a favorite and has been a mainstay at the Hootin an Hollarin festival, entertaining crowds for several years now. The band is pictured above playing at the 2023 Hootin an Hollarin festival.



Psychobilly Cadillac

7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20

Psychobilly Cadillac was a crowd favorite last year, bringing the crowd to their feet for an extra energetic show! They will again take the stage at 7:30 p.m. Friday and play until around 9 p.m. with a variety of country music favorites and a few surprises thrown into the mix. This band will get you on your feet and dancing!



THE PERFORMERS



Ridge Runner Cloggers

Noon, Saturday, Sept. 21

Based in Harrison, Arkansas, the Ridge Runner Cloggers is a national award-winning traditional clog dancing group. They are returning to Hootin an Hollarin this year after they gave crowds here a lively performance in 2022.

You won't want to miss the high-energy show, taking its roots from the traditional art of folk dance that has inspired many in the Ozarks through the years.



Marriott Brothers

1 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 21

Tanner and Preston Marriott, an 18- and 19-year-old award winning brotherly fiddle duo from Ava, will take the stage at 1 p.m. Saturday. Both brothers are multiple state champions in Oklahoma, Missouri and Arkansas, and entertain crowds all over the country. Tanner was named the junior division world champion fiddler in 2018, has won several world competitions and has won the grand masters fiddling competition in Nashville.



Magic show by Randy "The Magic Guy"

After parade, Saturday, Sept. 21

The fun addition of a kids' magic show was added to the Hootin an Hollarin festival a couple years ago. In the past, the show, sponsored by Douglas Hawkins-Shelter Insurance Company, was held in the Shelter office after the Hootin an Hollarin parade; however, the show became so popular that the crowd could no longer fit in the space, so they're moving the act onto the Main stage this year. The free show will be directly after the parade, likely around 3:15 p.m.



Scarlet O'Hara

5 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 21

Scarlet O'Hara is a powerhouse singer/songwriter from Nashville whose songs are nostalgic of the late 70s pop scene and classic rock ballads. She is an "old soul stuck in a modern body, writing and producing songs with an intent to keep the classic essence and real authenticity in her work..." her website scarletohara.com says.



Chelsey James and Josh Cherry

7 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 21

Hootin an Hollarin festival goers can expect a high-energy show from vocal powerhouse country music artist Chelsey James, who likes to throw a little classic rock into her shows too.

She's bringing along friend Josh Cherry (pictured below), a local musician from Reeds Spring who Chelsey describes as "an incredible vocalist."

"He will be singing some songs and performing some duets with me during the show. It makes for a super fun and dynamic show," Chelsey said. "We have been looking forward to this show all year!"

Chelsey has Ozark County connections, as she is married to Lucas Phillips, the grandson of the late John and Susan (Amyx) Ault of Gainesville and son of Jana (Ault) Phillips. "So, we hope to see a lot of family and friends at the show!"





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It's a long-standing tradition for Hootin an Hollarin festival-goers to kick up their heels on the square dance platforms in front of the Main stage. This photo, taken by Karla Smith at a festival a couple years ago, shows a wide view of the dancers on the platforms. Last year's festival had a very large crowd of square dancers, which extended beyond the platforms and into the streets.

SQUARE DANCING

9 p.m. to midnight • Thursday, Friday and Saturday

To find the heart of the Hootin an Hollarin spirit, look no further than the swirling, twirling groups of folks out on the old wooden platforms dancing the night away under the starry September sky. Every night from 9 p.m. to midnight, Hootin an Hollarin turns its focus to one of its most fun and festive features – square dancing.

Want to join the fun? Here's how Hootin an Hollarin square-dance regulars recommend you get your start. Usually there's a big group of youngish square dancers on the south platform, the one farthest from the stage. It's generally accepted that everyone is welcome on that dance floor, and those young whippersnappers are good at teaching novices of all ages the basics of how to step, twirl and allemande through the caller's commands.

When you're ready to try to participate with the more experienced dancers on one of the platforms closer to the stage, wait 'til they're taking a break between songs and then ask one of the dancers if you might join their square for a song or two. You'll soon be do-si-doing with the best of 'em (literally!), and having a great time doing it. It's what Hootin an Hollarin is all about.

Have you heard the latest news?



Like these beauties from Ozark County's days gone by, local young women still dress up in their finery for Hootin an Hollarin's annual queen pageant, sharing their stories, songs and other talents in a country-style pageant to kick off the festival.

When you visit Hootin an Hollarin, be sure to stop by the Ozark County Historium to see a display of scrapbooks that tell the celebration's story as it has evolved through the years, including many photos of the queen pageants. The Historium, home of the Ozark County Genealogical and Historium Society, holds a wealth of information about our county and the general area. Dozens of historic photos are on display, and there's a bevy of beautiful quilts for your viewing pleasure. The Historium also just happens to be a welcoming, easily accessible place to sit a spell and cool off.

The Historium will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day of Hootin an Hollarin. We are also open regularly from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, except for holiday and weather closures. We'll make you welcome anytime you come!

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ART IN FABRIC



The 2023 Hootin an Hollarin quilt show "judge's choice" title was awarded to Barbara Luna of Gainesville, for her quilt, patterned after Lori Holt's "Vintage Block Along."

QUILT SHOW

5 to 7 p.m. Thursday • 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday • 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday

This year's Hootin an Hollarin quilt show, sponsored (as always) by the Friendly Neighbors Extension Club, will be held in a building behind the Main stage bleachers on the east side of the square (look for a sign on the window).

Lily Branco, one of the show's organizers, says the quilt show, always one of the highlights of the festival, exhibits "awesome quilted items made by ladies, men and children, sometimes as old as 90 and as young as 10,

who spend many hours creating works of art in cloth."

The only requirement for the show is that the quilt being entered has not been entered in a previous Hootin an Hollarin quilt show.

"The show is an inspiration to those who have yet to catch the bug of quilting. So don't be shy; bring your creation for the visitors to admire," Branco said.

Quilts to be judged need to be brought to the show site between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 17 to be entered.

Quilts will be available for viewing from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

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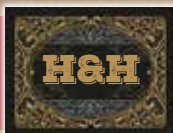


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SMALL TOWN ROYALTY

QUEEN PAGEANT

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19 • Main stage

The Hootin an Hollarin queen pageant will be held at its usual time of 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19. The pageant is open to girls who are 14 to 18 and are either homeschooled or attending high school at the time of the festival. Contestants must either live in or attend school in Ozark County.

The pageant usually includes a good mix of returning queen candidates and new participants who don old-timey dresses and step to the microphone, one by one, to answer questions designed to let them show their creativity and imagination.

A panel of judges choose the queen and the queen's court, including a deputy queen and three princesses. Another honoree, Miss Sweetie Pie, is chosen by the contestants themselves after voting in secret for the contestant who has been kindest and most supportive to the group.

Hootin an Hollarin queen committee chairmen are happy to help any qualified contestant with their dress, sponsorship or transportation needs to the pageant or rehearsals.



The 2023 Hootin an Hollarin queen was MaryJane Flygare, third from left. She is pictured here with her court: from left: Princess Lakely Anderson, Princess Emily McClure, Queen MaryJane Flygare, Deputy Queen Carrie Richer, Princess and Miss Sweetie Pie Joslyne Trout and Princess Cheyenne Wachtel.

Each contestant receives a Hootin an Hollarin T-shirt and other gifts, and the contestants will enjoy a pizza party and mini photo shoot by Karla Smith during rehearsals.

The queen receives a cash prize and a tiara. She will also win (new this year) a \$500 scholarship to Arkansas State University-Mountain Home and a full photoshoot donated by Karla Smith. Special charms are given to the queen and her court.

The citizen of the year, Hootin an Hollarin parade marshal and 50-year Gainesville Lions Club member Pat Funk will be honored on stage while judges are tallying the votes. Also, occurring at that time, the Hootin an Hollarin stage will be dedicated to the late Dr. Bob Main (see page at right).

For more information on the queen pageant, contact Becki Strong at 417-989-9617 or Jerri Sue Crawford at 417-331-6538.

Past Hootin an Hollarin queens include:

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1965 Barbara Mahan Sutherland,	1972 Sidney Duncan Casey,	1983 Melanie Forrest Deweese,	1993 Angela Smith Broomer,	2005 Misty Campbell,	2015 Andrea Belt Fowler,
1966 Glenda Evans Douglas,	1973 Sheila Parsley Calhoun,	1984 Kim Dillsaver Liss,	1994 Jade Tetrick, 1995 Katie Huggins,	2006 Charley Haskins,	2016 Ryia Hoversen Mendoza,
1967 Karen Flanagan Barton and then Delores	1974 Jane Ewing, 1975 Connie Horn,	1985 Jolene McFarland	1996 Alma Squires Reder,	2007 Tyne Rose Burns,	2017 Payton Hubbard,
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1971 Loretta Terry	1980 Pam Morrison McGlynn,	1991 Cari Lewis McMahon,	2002 Jessica Long Dreckman,	2012 Kursten Suter Hamm,	2023 MaryJane Flygare.
	1981 Brenda White Warren,		2003 Melissa Young,	2013 Kendra Tetrick Neal,	

STAGE DEDICATION



This year, the Hootin an Hollarin stage will be dedicated to the late Dr. Bob Main during the Thursday night queen pageant. The stage will now be known as the "Main stage" in honor of Dr. Bob, who worked tirelessly for nearly 40 years to assemble the festival stage and help lay the square dance platforms. Dr. Bob is pictured above, second from left, at last year's festival instructing members of the GHS FFA through the process of laying the platforms. He's shown at right shoring up the platforms to level for square dancing.



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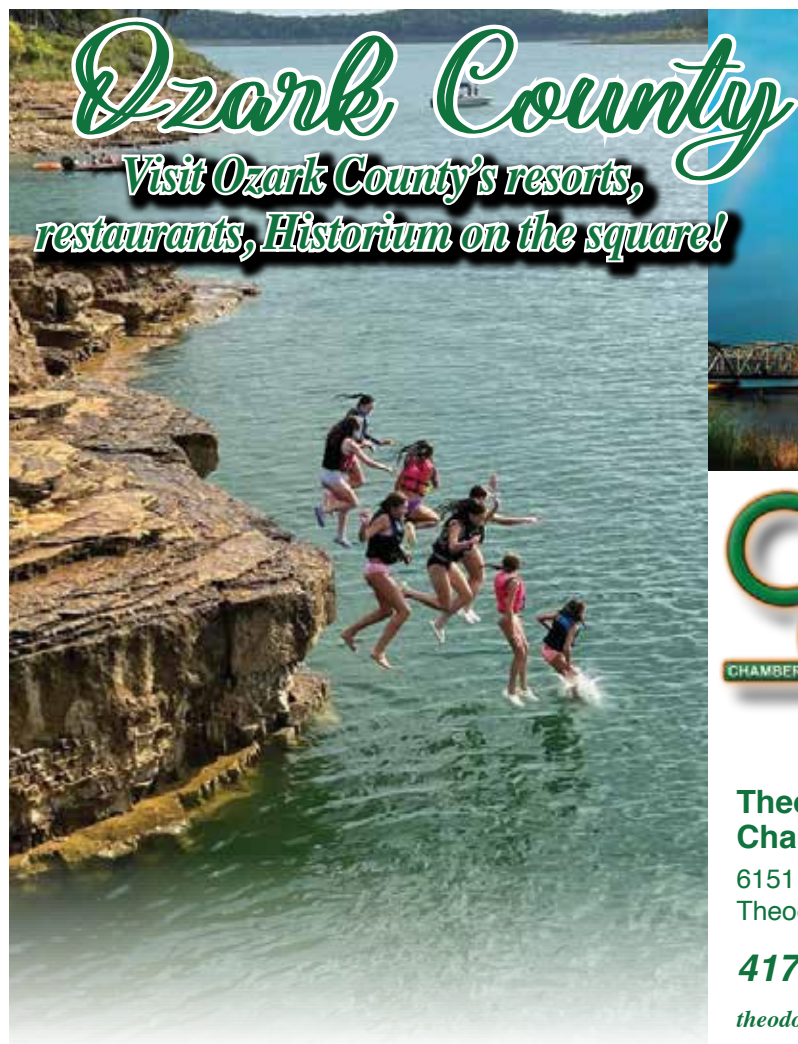


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The free kids games and activities at the kids corner will be available from 10 a.m. to noon Friday and Saturday. The exact games and fun are a surprise, but sponsor Doug Hawkins promises it'll be a great time for all. Look for the signs. All games are free, and kids of all ages are welcome.



TERRAPIN RACES

10:30 a.m. Friday and Saturday • Sign up at 10 a.m.



The annual Hootin an Hollarin terrapin races, sponsored by the Douglas Hawkins-Shelter Insurance agency, is an especially exciting time for kiddos each year during the festival. The popular event is free to enter.

Participants should bring their own terrapin or turtle to compete in either Friday or Saturday's 10:30 a.m. race - or both.

Sign up begins at 10 a.m. in front of Shelter Insurance. Once all contestants have gathered, each child places his or her racing terrapin into a center circle and lets them loose! The first terrapin to reach the outer circle wins. Cash prizes will be awarded to first, second and third places. A unique trophy, handmade by Todd Freise of the Bargain Bin, will also be awarded to first place each day.

Organizers ask participants to not paint or alter terrapin's shells and return turtles to where they were first picked up after the race to help ensure the creature's wellbeing.

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At the ragdoll booth (#96), guests can assemble their own ragdoll to take home. Pre-made kits with instructions will also be handed out to those who wish to make dolls at home. Abby Durr will operate the booth from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The booth, sponsored by the Hootin an Hollarin committee, was added in 2018 to demonstrate old-time ways.

The leatherworking booth (#95) is sponsored by MDC and will operate from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday only.

Ropemaking will be available at Lynn and Charlotte Taylor's booth #84.

**OLD-FASHIONED
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*4 to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday
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Don't miss out on this dose of extra free fun for kids attending the festival, geared toward kids age 4 to 12. Old-fashioned kids games will be held from 4 to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday in the parking lot off the northwest corner of the square, adjacent to City Hall. The games are headed up by Renee Hambelton, and medals will be awarded to winners. All equipment will be supplied.



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KIDS CONTESTS



This group of youngsters participated in the 2023 Lil Cedar Pete and Lil Miss Addie Lee contest.

LIL CEDAR PETE & LIL MISS ADDIE LEE

2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20 • For boys and girls ages 4 and 5

The Lil Cedar Pete and Lil Miss Addie Lee contest leads the lineup of children's celebrity competitions, beginning at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20, on the Main stage. (Sign up beside or behind the stage 15 minutes before the contest).

Sponsored by the Ozark County Chamber of Commerce, the contest, for boys and girls ages 4 and 5, commemorates two of the founders of Hootin an Hollarin. Addie Lee Lister is known as the "First Lady of Hootin an Hollarin," and credited artistic woodworker Ed Petterson with thinking up the name Hootin an Hollarin.

Petterson also designed the

whimsical hillbilly character Cedar Pete, who served as the festival's first logo.

The young contestants will be interviewed on stage by an emcee, who will gently ask them all the same questions, usually about things like their favorite color, family, animals and pets. Then the emcee will ask if they kids would like to share anything else – a song, joke or story. (Someone will meet the contestants backstage before the judging to tell them what she'll be asking and to encourage them to have fun.)

Old-time costume is optional, but serves as a fun added element for participants.



Noah Vanderveen was named Lil Cedar Pete and Sabra Bryant was named Lil Miss Addie Lee during the 2023 Hootin an Hollarin festival.

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KIDS CONTESTS



The 2023 Hootin an Hollarin Junior Princess was MaKadah Lockett, second from left. First runner up was Avianna Novak, second from right, second runner up was Finlee Hale, far left, and third runner up was Modestne Bradley, far right.

PRINCESS PAGEANTS

2:45 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20 • For first through sixth grade girls

The Hootin an Hollarin princess pageants, which begin at 2:45 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20, on the Main stage, feature Ozark County girls sharing their most adorable Hootin an Hollarin personalities.

The category of Lil Princess is open to first and second graders. Those contestants will say their first name and three hobbies or interests - or they can choose to tell a 15-second story.

The Lil Miss category is open to third and fourth graders, and Junior

Princess is open to fifth and sixth graders. Contestants in both groups can tell a 20- to 30-second story. They are also able to bring a prop on stage to talk about. There is no dancing, singing or playing an instrument allowed, and contestants cannot use live animals in their performances.

Stories will not be officially timed.

All contestants must pre-register. The deadline for signing up is Friday, Sept. 13.

To pre-register, call Janette McDaniel at 417-255-3312 and leave a message in her voice mail or text her with this information: the girl's name, grade and three interests or hobbies.

Judging will be based on 25 points: 5 for dress (old time or Sunday), 10 for personality (while talking) and 10 for poise on stage.

All contestants are welcome to ride on the princess float in the big parade on Saturday afternoon.

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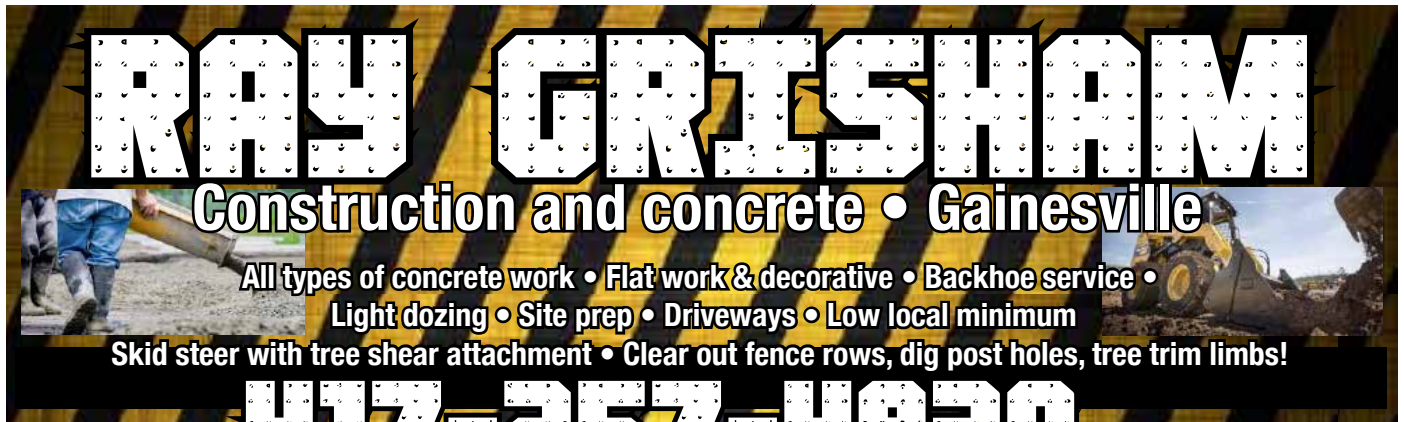
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HILLBILLY RACES



During last year's festival, the Gainesville FBLA team took home second place in the bed races with a team that included, from left, Jarrett Uchtman, Easton McGee, Carrie Richer (on the bed), Brock Roberts and Garrett Tabor.

BED RACE

5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20 • Southwest side of the square • Sign up in front of Molly's Salon

When's the last time you saw a bunch of runners pushing a bed down the road, lickety-split?

If you're a regular Hootin an Hollarin visitor, you know it happens every year on the west side of the Gainesville square.

This sleep-defying spectacle, sponsored by the Gainesville PTO and open to those age 10 and older, begins at 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20, when dream teams show their high-performance bed-pushing techniques – or model their creative nighttime attire and story lines.

Teams consist of five members (four pushers and a rider). The high-speed, super-sport racing bed

is provided. Organizers suggest participants wear sneakers or tennis shoes. No house slippers please!

Teams start their nap, er, lap at the stop sign on the southwest side of the square and zzzzzzooom up Main Street to the finish line at City Hall. Bystanders are cautioned to stay well out of the way. The bed's steering system is a nightmare (and nonexistent)!

Teams can choose to prioritize speed or to ham it up with costumes, dances and skits in the middle of their run to keep things lively and the crowd entertained. The more original, the better!

Cash prizes will be given to

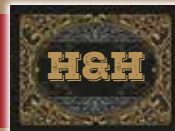
first-, second- and third-place teams in the timed event, and another prize is awarded to the best-dressed team (for those who prefer to saunter down the street in dreamlike-style rather than run like crazy).

Chairperson Paula Rose appreciates pre-registration (417-989-1282), but it's not mandatory.

Sign up forms are available at the *Ozark County Times* office. Entry is free. Last-minute entries are welcome.

Teams should gather on the southwest corner of the square in front of Molly's Salon at 4:30 p.m. Friday before the 5 p.m. starting time.

HILLBILLY RACES



This team of outhouse racers is pictured on their way back down to the finish line in front of City Hall.

OUTHOUSE RACE

5:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20 • northwest side of the square • Sign up in front of City Hall

For those who really need to go, the Hootin an Hollarin outhouse race fills a thrilling need.

This one-of-a-kind competition, also sponsored by the Gainesville PTO and **open to those age 10 and older**, combines athleticism and laugh-invoking urgency. It can be especially thrilling, given that spectators closely line the race course and the racing vehicle, the ultimate in “portable” potties, has no brakes and no steering.

The runs start in front of City Hall. Teams streak to the stop sign on the opposite side of the

square, pushing on past it before making a quick change of riders. Then they bring ’er home, skidding over the finish line back at City Hall for the victory - or not.

The 2024 race will be held around 5:30 p.m. immediately after the bed race, and teams are encouraged to participate in both events. There’s no entry fee.

Cash prizes will be given to first-, second- and third-place teams in the timed event.

Chairperson Paula Rose appreciates pre-registration (417-989-1282), but it’s not mandatory.

Sign up forms are available at the *Ozark County Times* office. Entry is free. Last-minute entries are welcome.

Teams can be school, community or business groups, families, friends or strangers. You just need four pushers and a rider agile enough to hop off the pot halfway through the race and swap places with a pusher.

Sturdy running shoes are recommended, as are creative team names – but race coordinator Paula Rose reminds teams their name “must be something that can be announced to the crowd.”



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BULLRIDING SHOW



The fourth annual FFA Bull Blast will be held on Friday night of Hootin an Hollarin, Sept. 20. This photo was taken at last year's event of winner Quincey McDonald by *Times* editor Jessi Dreckman.

OZARK COUNTY FFA BULL BLAST

7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20 • Saddle Club Grounds • FFA sponsored

Ozark County's four FFA chapters will sponsor the third annual Ozark County FFA Bull Blast, a bullriding competition, at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20, at the Gainesville Saddle Club arena. The entrance to the arena is located on Main Street less than a half mile off the northwest side of the square.

The show is being held during Hootin an Hollarin but is not affiliated with the event.

FFA members are selling sponsorships and advertisements on the show bill as part of their fundraising work related to the event.

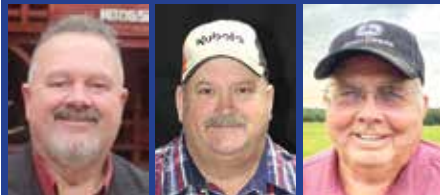
Gate admission will be \$5 for students and \$10 for adults. The event is open to everyone. The bulls will be provided by Roughstock Unlimited out of Harrison, Arkansas.

For more information, call your local Ozark County FFA Chapter.





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STRETCH YOUR LEGS

HOOTIN AN HOLLARIN 5K RUN/WALK

8:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 21 • Sign up in front of City Hall

Runners and walkers are invited to participate in Ozark County's oldest 5K, the Hootin an Hollarin 5K, set for 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 21. "This is the granddaddy of them all," said 5K coordinator Doug Hawkins. Walkers are also welcome and are encouraged to participate.

Proceeds from this year's event will benefit the Gainesville High School running programs with funds split between the GHS track and field team and the GHS cross country team.

The race is a pet-friendly event, Hawkins said.

Sign up is at 7:30 a.m. race day next to Gainesville City Hall, or participants can pre-register by mail with registration forms that can be picked up at 5K sponsor Shelter Insurance or at the *Ozark County Times* office before the Hootin an Hollarin festival.

Mail the completed form to Doug Hawkins, Shelter Insurance, P.O. Box 115, Gainesville, MO 65655.

Registration is \$25 per par-



The Hootin an Hollarin 5K run/walk is set to kick off Saturday's festivities with an 8:30 a.m. start time. Sign up begins at 7:30 a.m. in front of City Hall, on the northwest corner of the square. The event is Ozark County's oldest 5k and raises money each year for a local cause or charity. This year, the funds will be donated to the Gainesville school running programs.

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SHOOTING COMPETITION



The Hootin an Hollarin shotgun and bow shooting competitions are held Saturday morning in the grassy area across Highway 160 from the square. Here Missouri Department of Conservation agent Tom Leeker and archery contestants check out the competitors' shots.

SHOTGUN & BOW SHOOT

9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 21 • In grassy area across Highway 160 from square

Hootin an Hollarin sportsmen and sportswomen can show off their shooting skills at the annual Hootin an Hollarin shotgun and archery shoot, which begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 21.

The event, sometimes referred to as the "turkey shoot," is always well attended by spectators as well as participants. It's held across Highway 160 from the Gainesville square in the grassy area near the Barney Douglas Bridge.

Missouri Department of Conservation agent Tom Leeker will oversee this year's shoot with help from MDC's Mark

Henry.

The event features shooting competitions in 12- or 20-gauge shotgun and bow categories.

In the shotgun competition, shooters test their skill by taking aim at paper targets. For the archery portion, competitors shoot 3D targets (generally three different animals and one block target).

Multiple matches in each category will be held to involve all participants who want to compete. Competitors can choose to compete in one or both categories.

It costs \$3 each to enter each

round of competition (per shot for shotgun and per four targets on archery), and there is a 100 percent payout in Town & Country Supermarket gift certificates for the winners.

Those wishing to participate should register just before 9 a.m. at the competition site.

Participants in the archery category should bring their own bow and at least four arrows. Participants in the shotgun competition should bring their own firearm; shotgun ammunition will be provided.

The event generally takes less than an hour to complete.

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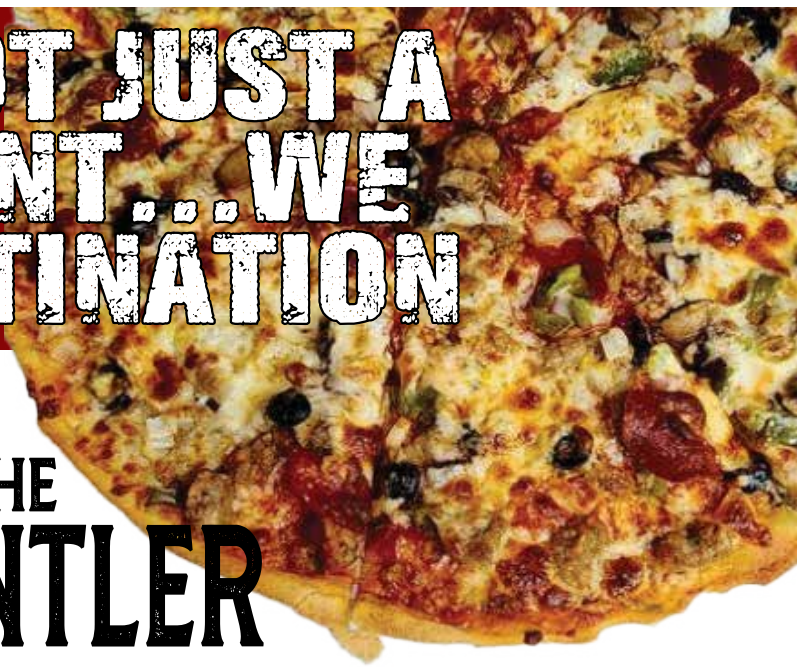


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9:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 21 • Sign up 8:45 to 9:15 a.m. • Main stage

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Contestants and their owners are asked to sign up in front of the Main stage on the east side of the square between 8:45 and 9:15 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, before the pet show that starts at 9:30. No contestants will be allowed to sign up after 9:15 a.m. due to the tight festival schedule Saturday morning that includes the 11 a.m. costume contest following the pet show.

Some pets come in costume, some show off fancy tricks and others wow the judges simply by being adorable.

Bring your companion of any species, show the crowd and the judges what it can do, and share in all the fun and animal love.

Pet show judges are quite imaginative in creating categories and awards so most contestants win a ribbon or a title of some kind.

Past categories have included hardest working, best behaved, best wagger, most unusual, best costume, best personality, most talented, friendliest and best in show. Who knows what title your pet might win?

All animals must be restrained. Konnie also emphasizes that temperatures inside vehicles quickly reach dangerous levels, and pets should not be left inside them before or after the show.

A container of drinking water is provided for pets at the show.



Kelton and Carter Solomon with their bucking stock calf Lola won best in show during the 2023 Hootin an Hollarin pet show.



Kara Frankovich and her cocker spaniel, Shakespeare, won the red ribbon for Best Behaved.



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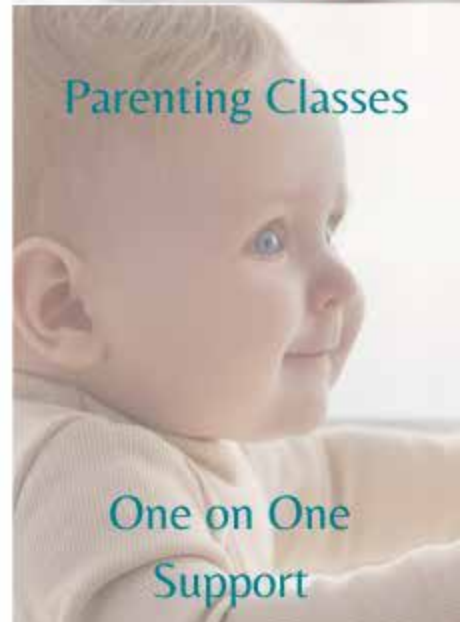
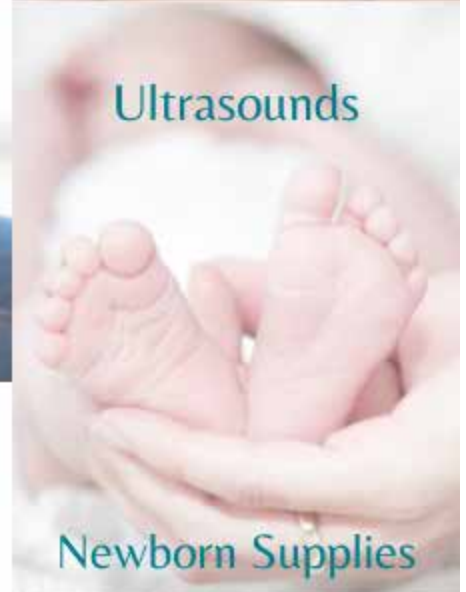
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CORNHOLE GAMES



A cornhole tournament will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday in the parking lot across from City Hall, just off the northwest corner of the square.

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

10 a.m. Saturday • in parking lot across from City Hall just off the square

The third annual Hootin an Hollarin cornhole tournament will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, in the parking lot of Donald Amyx's building, off the northwest corner of the square, across from City Hall.

Teams consisting of two people are encouraged to register in advance; however, preregistering is not mandatory, and competitors can sign up just prior to the event.

There are no differing age categories, so teammates can be of any age. There is no entry fee.

Tournament organizers say there will be several cornhole boards and bags available for use, allowing multiple games to be conducted at the same time. Gift bags with prizes will be awarded to first and second places.

To preregister contact Renee Hambelton at 417-989-0116 or Gabe Blackburn at 417-838-3369.

Cornhole is a lawn game in which teams of two take turns tossing fabric bean bags at raised, angled boards with a hole in the far end. The goal of the game is to

score points by either landing the bean bag on the board or through the hole.

Although cornhole has become increasingly popular across the country in recent times, it's said that it originated from an 1880s game called Parlor Quoits, which was similar to the modern game with the exception that the boards had a square hole instead of a round one. It's 19th century start and current popularity make it the perfect fit for the Hootin an Hollarin festival.

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COSTUME CONTEST

11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 21 • Sign up at 10:30 a.m. • Main stage

One of Hootin an Hollarin attendees' favorite events is the annual costume contest, when folks young and old – and sometimes whole families – dress up in old-fashioned attire to wow the spectators and judges.

The contest is held on Saturday morning to allow more students who

are normally in class on weekdays to participate. The time and shady location behind the stage usually provides mild temperatures for participants who are many times wearing heavy and hot costumes.

Participants can sign up behind the Main stage beginning at 10:30 a.m. At 11 a.m., the

costumed participants will be led in front of the main stage to have an opportunity to step up before the judges and give 'em his or her best smile.

Children and adults of all ages are welcome to join in the fun and enter the competition, which is broken down into these categories:

- Judges' Choice
- Large group (4 or more)
- Small group (3 or fewer)
- Girls age 0-3
- Boys age 0-3
- Girls age 4-7
- Boys age 4-7
- Girls age 8-12
- Boys age 8-12
- Girls age 13 and older
- Boys age 13 and older
- New dress
- Old dress



Libby Miller won the girls 8-12 year old division in the 2023 H&H costume contest.

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TASTIEST EVENT OF ALL



ANNUAL PIE CONTEST

11:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 21 • Shelter Insurance building, Third Street

The 2024 Hootin an Hollarin pie-baking contest will be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at the Shelter Insurance office on the southwest corner of the square.

Area bakers are encouraged to show off their pie-baking skills with any type of pie. Past contests have included pot pies, mincemeat pies, berry, strawberry rhubarb, cream pies and more.

Pies will be accepted beginning at 10:30 a.m. There are no age limits, residency requirements or other qualifications for entrants.

A panel of judges will sample all of the pies and choose a grand champion as well as first, second and third places.

Pies are judged on appearance, taste and crust.

After the winners are announced



The 2023 Hootin and Hollarin pie contest judges were, from left, Greg Zubrod, Jerri Sue Crawford, Doug Hawkins, Rep. Travis Smith, and Kaitlyn Schumacher and Alyssa Kelly, hosts of KY3's "The Place" lifestyle show.

on the Main stage, the office will be opened (likely around 12:30 p.m. or so) for guests to come and sample the winning pies.

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SNAZZY RIDES



Hootin an Hollarin car show organizers Mike and Heather Gardner will be bringing their 1926 three-door roadster to display at the car show and to ride in the parade. The one-of-a-kind vehicle was produced by Gardner Motor Car co., an automobile maker based in St. Louis from 1920 to 1931. Information about the unique and well-kept ride will be available at the car show.

HOOTIN AN HOLLARIN AUTO ROUNDUP CAR SHOW

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21

Check in at 9 a.m. • Join parade at 2 p.m. • 102 First Street, Gainesville (in lot west of 160 Pit Stop)

This year the Hootin an Hollarin committee has added a new event to the lineup for the 2024 festival - the Hootin an Hollarin Auto Roundup Inaugural Car Show, organized by Wasola residents Mike and Heather Gardner.

The car show will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21 (with car check-in at 9 a.m.) in the parking lot on First Street that sits between 160 Pit Stop and the Phillips 66/White Oak Station convenience store (formerly J-Mart). The location is perfect to allow car show participants to pull out and participate in the Hootin an Hollarin parade

(see page 59), which begins at 2 p.m.

The show has five categories:

- Current rides: 1995-2024
- Stylin' classics: 1994-1975
- Anne-Teaks: 1974-1962
- Cedar Pete Specials: 1961 and earlier
- Custom: any age customized automobile

The event is open to all ages. The cost to enter is \$20 per vehicle, which can be paid at the time of the show.

Children are encouraged to bring their Power Wheels or other branded electric or motor-powered ride-on vehicles to enter into the car show

- and the entrance fee is waived for those entries. All children who enter that type of a vehicle will receive a gift bag.

Prizes will be awarded at 1 p.m. The top three people's choice winners in each category will receive a plaque.

All proceeds from the event will benefit Gainesville High School students with the funds split between project grad and the auto mechanics class.

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SATURDAY BIG PARADE

2 p.m. Saturday • Floats judged at 12:30 in lot off First Street (see below)

Hundreds of spectators line the streets of Gainesville on Saturday, Sept. 21, afternoon of Hootin an Hollarin as the Big Parade steps off at 2 p.m..

This year's lineup promises to be another crowd pleaser, with five marching bands expected, imaginative floats, antique cars and other vehicles, horses and all sorts of other entries.

Parade co-chairs Kerrie Zubrod and Heather Bushner say more floats are needed for this year's parade. Keeping in mind this year's festival theme – "A Harvest of Memories Past," – area organizations, families and individuals are encouraged to round up friends and neighbors, tap into their inner creativity and build a float on a pickup bed or a flat-top trailer (or whatever) to join the parade. There's a good chance your float will win something: the \$150 grand prize, \$100 first place, \$75 second place, \$50 third place or \$25 fourth place.

The prizes, not to mention the fun of waving to all those smiling faces, makes Hootin an Hollarin floats worth the effort.

Floats must be available for judging at 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the parking lot off First Street between 160 Pit Stop and White Oak Station/Phillips 66 (formerly J-Mart/Bullseye) behind the tiny log cabin in that parking lot (This year's Hootin an Hollarin inaugural car show will also be housed in this parking lot). Judged floats will wait there for their turn to enter the parade lineup.

Parade attendees can expect a



traffic jam of antique cars (with the exception of those in the car show), horses, fire engines and a roaring-good assortment of other vehicles and contraptions, maybe even some hot-rod lawn mowers. Those vehicles and all other entries should check in behind Dollar General and line up on Highway MM just west of the entrance to the MoDOT shed. Line-up begins there at 1 p.m. with step-off an hour later.

Horse riders can wait in the grassy area near O'Reilly Auto Parts for their turn to enter the parade lineup.

The 2024 Hootin an Hollarin queen and her court, the 2024 Lil Cedar Pete and Lil Miss Addie Lee and the 2024 Lil Princess pageant contestants will be among the smiling and waving parade people. And of course the winners of Saturday morning's costume parade are invited to stroll around the square to

show off their prize-winning attire. Costume winners can gather at Clinkingbeard Funeral Home to walk in the parade from that point.

The parade route proceeds east on First Street from Highways 5 and MM, turning onto Main Street in front of Town & Country Supermarket and entering the southwest corner of the square, going around it and then exiting the square onto Third Street and dispersing from there.

Former Senator Karla Eslinger, now Missouri's Commissioner of Education, will serve as this year's parade marshal (see page 69). She will be joined by a host of other folks waving from all sorts of vehicles, including Kerrie Zubrod, the Barney Douglas Citizen of the Year (see page 65) and Ozark County's 2024 Farm Family couple Eric and Jaime King (see page 72).

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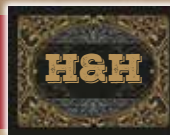
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You may want to try your hand at the skill too. There

have been years when inexperienced city-slickers have taken home trophies after letting loose their inner-hillbilly voices on the Hootin an Hollarin stage.

The four calling categories include cow, pig, turkey and husband.

Those who wish to participate should sign up behind the Main stage just prior to the show. Then, when your turn comes, step up to the microphone and let loose your best hill country call.



Beth Schneider was the 2023 Hootin an Hollarin husband calling contest winner.



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CITIZEN OF THE YEAR



BARNEY DOUGLAS CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Tecumseh resident Kerrie Zubrod is the recipient of this year's Gainesville Lions Club Barney Douglas Citizen of the Year Award.

Kerrie and her husband Greg moved from Wisconsin to Ozark County in 2005 when she was extended a job offer from Century Bank of the Ozarks. She was initially hired as a training officer. Since that time she has added marketing and Bakersfield branch manager to her duty list as well.

Although Ozark County has grown to be a home the couple love, Kerrie said the tiny town-life took a little getting used to.

"The Sunday before I was to begin my first day at the bank, we drove to the square and found it completely empty except for two people riding on horseback around the square. I remember at the time, thinking 'What have we done?' but now I can't image ever wanting to live anywhere else," Kerrie told the *Times*.

She now fits in perfectly well with her friends and co-workers at Century Bank, but she said in the early days of living here, it was sometimes apparent that she hadn't grown up in Ozark County.

"Shortly after starting at the bank, my co-workers were talking about all the different ways they cooked with bacon grease. I had no



**2024 Barney Douglas
Citizen of the Year**
Kerrie Zubrod

idea what they were talking about and very seriously asked 'Where do you buy bacon grease?' I've never lived it down, and now I use it all the time when I cook."

The Zubrods have two sons, Andrew and Jake, and two grandchildren, Zander and Eliza. They celebrated their 30th wedding

anniversary this year. They have a little hobby farm in the Tecumseh area with miniature horses, dogs, cats and chickens.

Since moving to Ozark County, Kerrie has become a very involved member of the community. She has served on the following committees and clubs:

Gainesville Lions Club, 2006 to present: Kerrie has served as president of the club twice and annually serves on the Lions Club scholarship committee. She helps with the annual Lions Club auction and also helped with the Pete's Place concession stand at the ball-field when the Lions Club manned it, along with helping during Hootin an Hollarin.

Ozark County Chamber of Commerce, 2007 to present: Kerrie has served as secretary in the past and is currently on the chamber's board. She has helped with the Lil' Cedar Pete and Lil' Miss Addie Lee contest (sponsored

by the Chamber) during Hootin and Hollarin for many years, as well as helping to set up and take down the Christmas decorations on the Gainesville square every winter.

Ozark County Community Foundation, serving as president 2010 to present. Kerrie has helped facilitate and distribute annual funding for grants and scholarships benefitting Ozark County for the last 14 years.

Gainesville Saddle Club, active member (and prior board member) 2008 to present. Kerrie wrote two grants (not offered through the Ozark County Community Foundation) to improve saddle club grounds and facilities, she has served as announcer at the monthly Saddle Club fun shows and helped in the "cook shack" (which is now a much nicer building thanks to improvements made recently) during rodeos and truck pulls.

Hootin an Hollarin Committee, member from 2007 to present; Kerrie is currently serving as the parade co-chair with Heather Bushner.

The Gainesville Lions Club's Citizen of the Year Award is named for the late Barney Douglas in honor of his many years of service to the community in an endless variety of volunteer activities including helping with Hootin an Hollarin setup and cleanup. The Gainesville Lions Club chooses the citizen of the year from nominations made by the community.



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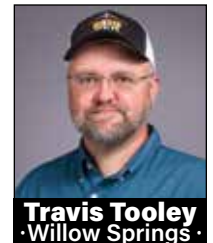
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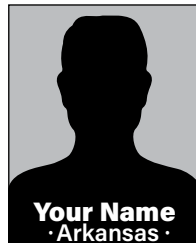
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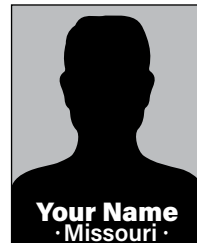


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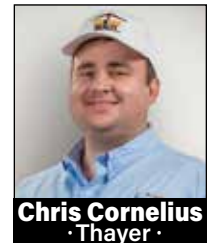


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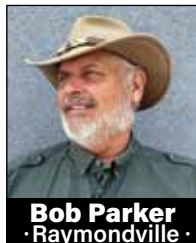
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PARADE MARSHAL



2024 HOOTIN AN HOLLARIN PARADE MARSHAL



The 2024 Hootin an Hollarin parade marshal is Wasola resident Karla Eslinger. She is pictured here with her grandchildren, from left: Saylor Chapman, Hayes Chapman (being held by Karla), Ellie Gilmore and Parker Gilmore.

Karla Eslinger, a lifelong resident of Ozark County and a 1977 graduate of Gainesville High School, was named the 2024 Hootin an Hollarin parade marshal.

After graduation at GHS, Karla attended College of the Ozarks and went on to become a teacher, principal and superintendent within the Lutie, Gainesville, Ava and West Plains school districts. She currently serves educators across the state as the Commissioner of Education for the Missouri Department of

Elementary and Secondary Education.

Prior to her role as commissioner of education, Karla represented District 33 in the Missouri Senate from 2020 through 2024, and District 155 in the Missouri House of Representatives from 2019 through 2020.

Karla is a resident of Wasola, where she and her husband David have owned and operated a small business for over 35 years. They have two daughters, Chelsey

Gilmore, a business teacher at Gainesville High School and wife to Justin Gilmore, superintendent of Gainesville Schools and Katy Chapman, elementary principal for the Ava School District, wife of Garret Chapman, loan officer at Century Bank of the Ozarks in Ava.

Karla will be the first to tell you that her greatest pride and joy comes from her family, children and four grandchildren: Parker, Ellie, Hayes and Saylor.



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This year's farm family of the year is the King family of Dora



Eric and Jaime King and their sons Jedsen and Jesse

Editor's note: The Kings will be recognized on the Main stage at Hootin an Hollarin just before the 2 p.m. parade Saturday, Sept. 21.

The King family resides in Dora where they run a cow/calf operation, Eric King Auction Service, volunteer with the Back to School Basics of Ozark County and buy

and sell farm equipment.

Eric has been a salesman for Glazers in Mountain Home for several years, and Jaime has been a teacher at Dora R-III School District for many years.

Eric and Jaime include their two young boys in the day-to-day operations on the family farm, and the boys love helping with the cattle

and using equipment. Jedsen is a fourth grader at Dora who plays basketball and baseball when he isn't home trying to drive whatever his parents will let him. Jesse is three. He loves riding in the tractor with his dad or Papa Shawn and playing with his chickens. Brush hogging and baling hay are also favorite activities of his.

Farm Family Day is a partnership with Missouri Farm Bureau and other key industry organizations. For 64 years Farm Family Day at the Missouri State Fair has been recognizing Missouri's Farm Families, and the role they play in our state's economy and vitality. Nominated families from each county are selected to represent their county for this honor, based on their farming operation, their activity in their community, their participation in or with 4-H and on upholding the qualities that honor farming's roots. The Missouri Farm Bureau, along with the Missouri Department of Agriculture, the Missouri State Fair and State Fair Commissioners, MU Extension and Engagement and the University of Missouri College of Agriculture Food and Natural Resources, partner annually to put on this traditional event. The families honored represent all the varied farming operations that make up our state, everything from row crops and cattle, pork and chicken operations to organic farms, nut and fruit orchard operations, agritourism and even intercity urban gardening operations — the Farm Families represent a slice of rural life in our state. For a number of years MU Extension and Farm Bureau have worked together to handle the details of the event. Members of MU Extension County Councils from all 114 counties, along with their counterparts in all the Farm Bureau Offices in each county, nominate and vote on that year's honor family. The event itself falls on the first Monday of the fair. On that day, approximately 500 family members that comprise those honor families from each county come together to be honored at a BBQ awards dinner and day at the fair.

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A week after Gainesville's first Hootin an Hollarin in 1961, the *Ozark County Times* reported, "Ozark County festival draws largest crowds in years; may become annual event."

That was Nov. 2, 1961, and Hootin an Hollarin has been drawing large crowds to the Gainesville square every fall since then, with the exception of 2020, when the festival was canceled due to the

covid-19 pandemic.

The festival came about when local Extension agent Fred Oehring and the county agent for community affairs, Doyle Sanders, organized a meeting to bring together three distinctive factions of Ozark Countians – country folks, townspeople and resort owners – around a common "community interest."

Two hundred people attended that first meeting, and among the



This photo of the 1963 Hootin an Hollarin costume contest winners include, from left: Ruth Cowart Gaddy of St. Joseph, who placed first; Bessie Parker of Norfolk, Nebr., last year's first place winner; Mrs. John Walker, Grabeel, second; Mrs. Walter Walker, Gainesville, third; The girls are Susan Hicks, Sylvia Stone and Susan Kirkland.

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ideas shared was the late Addie Lee Lister's of holding a special day with booths to demonstrate early homemaking skills and other crafts. Addie Lee credited the late Ed Petterson, an artistic woodworker, with creating the name Hootin an Hollarin and developing the festival's original Cedar Pete logo.

The first festival was held the last weekend in October with Springfield radio entertainer Loyd Evans serving as master of ceremonies and Rex Ebrite and J. J. Pace serving as announcers.

The schedule was filled with demonstrations by local residents making lye soap, hominy, sorghum, shingle shakes and other old-time items.

A horse-drawn hay wagon took folks on a moonlight ride to the ball-park and back, and Brixey blacksmith Henry Hubbard brought in a forge and shod six horses.

The Pontiac Area Association (now incorporated into the Theodosia Chamber of Commerce) served charcoal-grilled hamburgers and other delicious choices, and on Saturday a "basket dinner" was served on the courthouse lawn, open to everyone. The *Times* reported that the food for the dinner was contributed by the Lions Club and local residents. Servers listed were Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Pace, Lyndell Strong, Dorcas Rackley, Betty Rackley,

Mrs. G. R. Crisp, Mrs. G. W. Rogers, Mrs. Loren Taylor, Helen Marie Luna, Frances Johnson and Lou Anna Wade.

To serve as a landmark for the event, a cabin that was someone's former smokehouse, was moved to the southwest corner of the square by "Roy Smith, who hauled it in almost intact," the *Times* reported. "He was aided by Mel Hambelton, M. L. Kirkpatrick, O'Dean Evans, John Dodson and others. Elbert Owen of Dora supplied a corn-shuck mop and Mrs. G. R. Crisp a gourd dipper for atmosphere. Gordon Archie of Theodosia and Nick Salst of Ocie brought in rails for a stake-and-ride fence."

A moonshine still – or parts of one – stood next to the cabin. Several years ago, Addie Lee Lister recounted how it came to be there:

"What I really wanted was a still. I knew it couldn't actually be a working still, but I thought we could have parts of one to make a display. I asked around town if anyone knew anyone who had a still, and of course everyone insisted they'd never heard of anybody having one. But then one morning I stepped out on the front porch of our house in Gainesville, and here was all this stuff - metal parts and things. It was a still," she said.

Addie Lee hauled the parts to the square and



The bed is a little different than in this 34 year old photo, but the H&H bed races are still a popular event.

deposited them by the cabin. As she tried to set it up, she was watched by "the loafers," as she called the old men who sat on the courthouse lawn benches, whittling and talking.

"They were hollering that I was doing it wrong," she said. "But when I said, 'Well, come over here and show me how it goes,' they claimed they didn't know how it went together – they just knew I was doing it wrong."

The first festival featured coon-dog trials, greased-pig scrambles, a best-decorated hat contest, cake walks and contests judging turkey and cow calling, fox horn blowing, archery, horseshoes, fiddling, square dancing and other skills.

Nighttime entertainment was furnished by

local musicians and out-of-towners too, including Randolph Hutchison, Grant Wallace, Everett Wallace, Hoy Shaw, Leonard Croney, Bobby Sullivan, Theodore Shipley, Willard Cobb, Phyllis Wood, Loyd Evans, Rusty and Vera Cline, Curt Williams, Terry and Jerry Gott and Ezra Hawkins.

Now, 63 years later, today's Hootin an Hollarin still draws large crowds to the Gainesville square. Each year's theme and lineup change while the focus remains the same. The emphasis is still on Ozark County people and their traditions, and on having fun and commemorating the past while enjoying great bluegrass and country music and reconnecting with friends and family.



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BEHIND THE SCENES



The 2024 Hootin an Hollarin committee members are, from left, front row: Mollie Smart, Diana Premer, Sherry Ginthum, Barbara Luna, Linda Harlin, Nancy Walker. Middle row: Paula Rose, Becki Strong, Renee Hambelton, Heather Bushner, Kerrie Zubrod, Heather Gardner, Lily Branco. Back row: Chris Harlin, Janette McDaniel, Gabe Blackburn, Mike Gardner, Doug Hawkins and Abby Durr. Not pictured: Karen Brantingham, Tammy Mitchell, Jerri Sue Crawford, Gary Maupin and Konnie Plumlee.

2024 H&H COMMITTEE

The faces behind all the hard work involved in making the festival happen

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It takes a lot of people working hard all year round to put together a festival with as many components as Hootin an Hollarin. From the bands, to the contests, to the stage decorations and more... each detail is thoroughly discussed and planned with intention. The photo above of the dedicated Hootin an Hollarin committee was taken at one of its meetings last month. The group meets monthly - and then weekly closer to the festival.

In addition to the committee, the festival is made possible by various financial sponsors and donors. For those who would like to make a financial donation for next year's event: make checks payable to Hootin an Hollarin and send to Chris Harlin, Century Bank of the Ozarks, P.O. Box 68, Gainesville, MO 65655.

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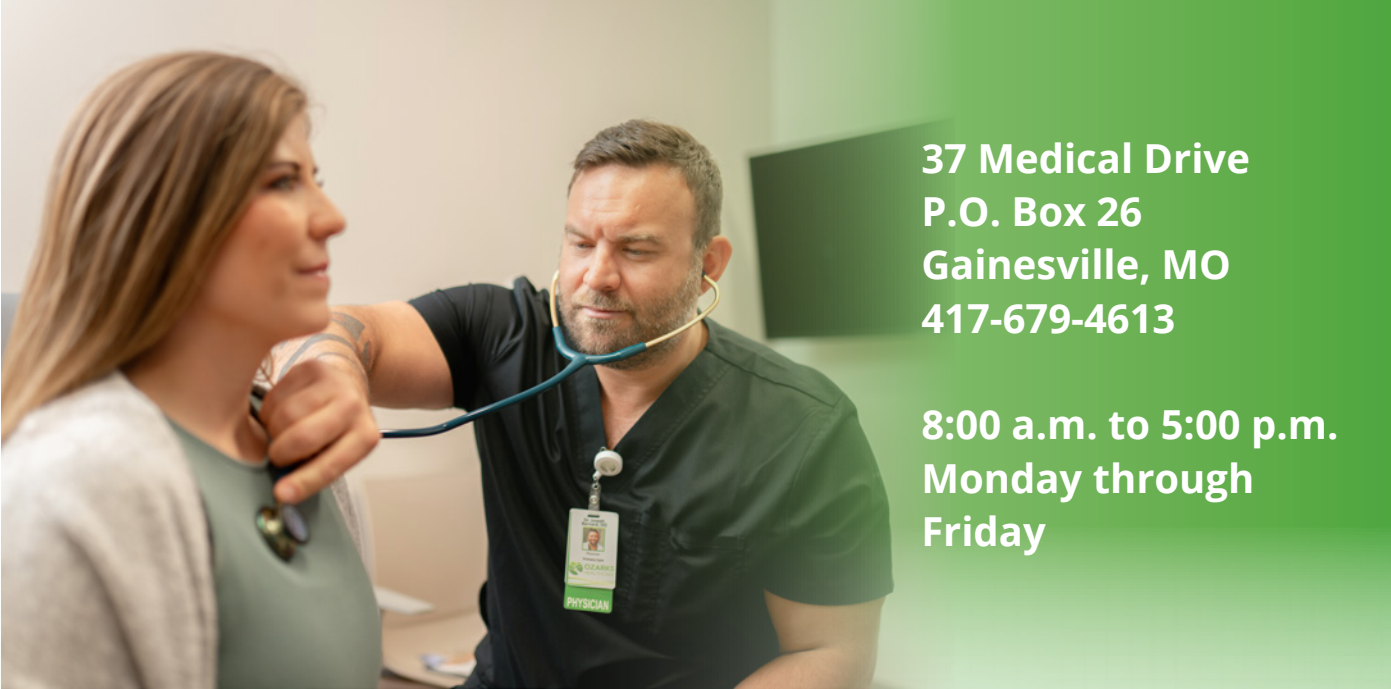
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