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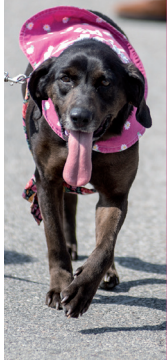
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# Dogwood Festival



## ~ Schedule of Events ~

### THURSDAY, APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup>

#### Carnival, 5-10 PM

Camdenton Middle School Parking Lot  
88 Laker Drive  
(*\$25 Wrist Band from 5-9 PM*)

### FRIDAY, APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>

#### Our Savior's Lutheran Church Garage & Bake Sale, 8 AM-4 PM

442 E. Hwy 54, Camdenton

#### St. Anthony's Church Garage Sale 7 AM – 6 PM

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#### Dinner Theater – 5:30 PM; Melodrama – 7 PM

Camden County Museum  
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#### Carnival, 5-10 PM

Camdenton Middle School Parking Lot  
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(*\$25 wristband from 12pm-4pm or 5pm-9pm*)

#### Outdoor Food & Vendors, 5 - 10 PM

Camdenton Middle School Parking Lot  
88 Laker Drive

#### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT - MAIN STAGE, 6 -9 PM

Middle School Parking Lot - 88 Laker Drive

### SATURDAY, APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup>

#### Our Savior Lutheran Church Garage Sale, 8AM-Noon 442 E. Hwy 54

#### St. Anthony's Church Garage Sale, 7 AM-2 PM 1874 North Hwy 5

#### Dogwood Festival Parade, 10 AM

Camdenton R3 School Campus  
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#### Young Eagles -Free Airplane Rides, 11AM- 2PM

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(*for children ages 8-17years of age*)

#### Carnival, 11AM-10 PM

Camdenton Middle School Parking Lot  
88 Laker Drive  
(*\$25 wristband from 12pm-4pm or 5pm-9pm*)

#### Indoor DECA Arts & Crafts Vendor, 9AM -4 PM

Camdenton Middle School Gymnasium  
88 Laker Drive

#### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT - MAIN STAGE, 12:30 - 9 PM

Middle School Parking Lot - 88 Laker Drive

#### Dinner Theater – 5:30 PM; Melodrama – 7 PM

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Free Admission. Subject to change. For further information, call the Camdenton Area Chamber of Commerce at 573-346-2227. [www.camdentonchamber.com](http://www.camdentonchamber.com)

## On Stage Entertainment

### Saturday, April 22nd

12:30 pm..... Dogwood Royalty  
1:00 pm ..... Baby Contest  
2:00 - 3:00 ..... Helen Russel  
4:00 - 6:00 ..... The Astro Katz  
7:00 - 9:00 ..... Whiskey Trio

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**They recommend the following:**

1. Plant your tree as soon as possible.
2. If you are not able to plant it the day you receive it, place it in the vegetable drawer of your refrigerator. **DO NOT FREEZE.**
3. Select a planting site that will give the tree room to grow and has the correct light conditions.
4. Dig the initial hole as deep as the root system and about a foot wide.
5. Remove the seedling from the bag and place it in the hole. Make sure the roots are spread out and are not crowded or bent.
6. Crumble the soil back around the roots and pack firmly with your hands.
7. Water the tree thoroughly to finish packing the soil around the roots.
8. Mulch the planting area to a depth of 2 inches and to a radius of 9-12 inches around the tree.
9. New trees need the equivalent of 1 to 1.5 inches of rainfall per week during the first four years.

**The Dogwood saplings will be available for pick-up at the Camdenton Middle School Entertainment Stage on Saturday, April 22nd, 2023.**

**\*Limit ONE sapling per household please!**



Cub Scout Pack 229 is sponsored by the VFW Post 5923 and Auxiliary.

## Cub Scout 229 Assisted With Dogwood Festival Preparations

Special Thanks to Cub Scout 229 for their assistance with preparing the Dogwood saplings for distribution for the Camdenton Area Chamber of Commerce for the 72nd Annual Dogwood Festival. Thank you Cub Scouts for a job well done!

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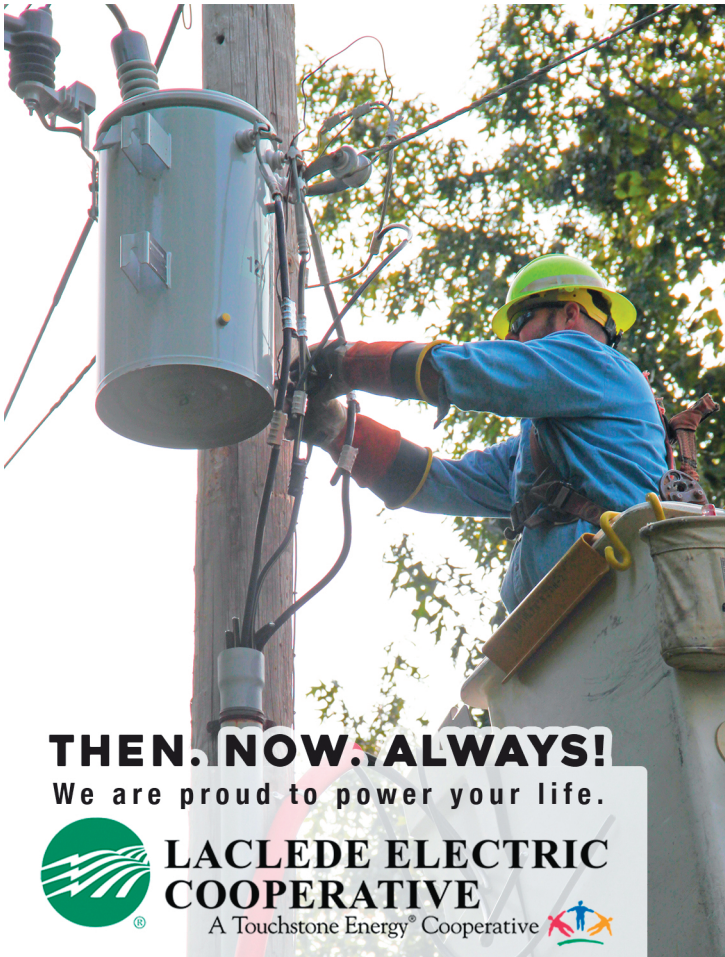
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The second section of the unit will be a moms' nursing and diaper changing station. This space provides a private, comfortable space for new moms to nurse or change their little ones while enjoying this year's festival. We have partnered with The Changing Table to provide diapers and wipes to make life a little more carefree during the festivities.

The Mobile Medical Unit will be open to tours, so stop by to meet our providers and see what services the MMU provides. You can always see pictures on our website of [www.CenterOzark.org](http://www.CenterOzark.org)

**Where to find us: The Unit will be parked near the entrance of the Middle School with the hours of Thursday and Friday 5pm-10pm, and Saturday 12pm-10pm. Look for the big bus with images on the side.**







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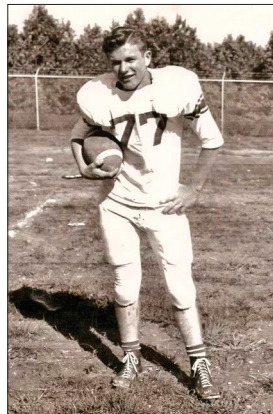
### The Camdenton Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce this year's Grand Marshalls, Mike & Rita Fera.

Mike and Rita are very deserving of this recognition and have amazing history with our community. Rita was born and raised at the Lake. Her family are some of the original homesteaders of Camden County (Morgan & Whitworths). Rita has been attending First Baptist Church of Camdenton since she was 4 years old, Mike since his Senior year in High School. Rita's parents were employed with the school district, her father in custodial services and mother a school cook (known to have the best chili around!). Mike and his family moved to the lake from Kansas City, MO when he was in 6th grade. His parents bought 40 acres in Sunrise Beach and built Briney Cove Resort.

During High School, Mike was one of the very first football captains on the very first Camdenton Laker Football team and still holds the record for the longest quick kick (76 yards). Rita was on the cheerleading team for both basketball and football, and was crowned the basketball homecoming queen her Senior year. Mike and Rita graduated from Camdenton in 1960 and later moved to Kansas City, Missouri for several years. While in Kansas City, Mike worked for Hopcroft Stained Glass Studio and made stained glass windows and lamps. His work can be viewed this day at First Baptist Church of Camdenton, St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Lake Regional Hospital, and several other businesses and homes in the area.

In the 70's Mike & Rita move back to the lake area and opened up the Leather Sole Shoe Store (was located on North 5 now known as the Save-A-Lot shopping center). They also opened up another business shortly after located across the street, the Radio Shack (later known as M&R Electronics) and had owned that until January of this year, when they retired.

When asked what their favorite longstanding memory of the Dogwood Festival is, Rita shared that she



remembered the Dogwood parade taking place for 2 days (Friday and Saturday) and that while in High School, several



of the students were released early the week of the festival to paint and decorate business storefront windows in town square in preparation of the celebrations. Mike remembers the dances that took place at the skating rink, Lake Park camp ground, which was located where Cedar Glenn Condos now reside.

Mike & Rita are honored to be recognized as this year's Grand Marshalls and although Rita shared she feels unworthy of this recognition, we know it's a true privilege to honor them and their longstanding commitment to our community. Be sure to attend the 72nd Annual Dogwood Festival Parade on Saturday, April 22nd and share a friendly wave to Mike & Rita as they pass through in a 67 Pontiac Convertible driven by Al Griman.

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- The Carnival will be held at Camdenton Middle School Parking Lot, North Business Hwy 5, April 20-22.
- Wristbands will be sold for \$25 for unlimited rides from 5 to 9pm each day Thursday through Saturday, and Noon to 4pm on Saturday.
- The Carnival will be open from 5 to 10 pm Thursday and Friday and from 11am to 10 pm on Saturday.
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soaps, boutique style clothing, or other trendy items, you're sure to find something you will love! The DECA Arts and Crafts Show is a spectacular representation of craftsmanship and artwork with many fun and unique products to choose from.

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They meet the 3rd Monday of the month at the Community Christian Church, 1064 N Hwy 5 in Cam-denton.. Meetings start at 7:00 PM and typically end at about 8:30 PM. They offer a monthly newsletter which goes out to every member via email or "snail mail".

Membership dues are \$20 per year from January to December 31.



### Benefits include:

- Learn/Enhance your skills
- Have fun
  - Receive instruction from professional carvers
  - Bring joy to others in the community.

To join contact: Lake of the Ozarks Wood Carvers, PO Box 1372, Camdenton, MO; Doug Bible, President. 573-286-1049 or dbibles@charter.net

Be sure to visit their demonstrations on Friday, 5:30 – 8:00 PM Saturday, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. at the Camdenton Middle School cafeteria. The Lake of the Ozarks Wood Carvers Show/Sale and Competition is scheduled October 15th -free admission - Community Christian Church, 1164 North Business Highway, Camdenton.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

**SATURDAY 2:00 PM**

## Helen Russel

Helen Russell is excited to be entertaining at the 2023 Dogwood Festival on Saturday, April 22nd at 2pm! A longtime cast member of the historic Lee Mace's Ozark Opry, she will be playin' and singin' all your favorites!



## Mitch Shields and Melani Biggers Along With Special Guest

**FRIDAY 6:00 PM**

Mitch Shields is a local entertainer performing an eclectic ever-changing collection of music...including rock, country, oldies, new music and even do some Sunday morning favorites. Covering a large spectrum of most of his life and plays multiple instruments and over the years he has played a wide variety of bands. As a drummer Mitch has even opened for Molly Hatchet, and shared the stage with Roy Nichols [lead guitarist for Merle Haggard] just to name a few...These days he is more at home on the guitar and singing close to home.

Melani Biggers is the step-daughter of Mitch and is also an entertainer. She had been a cast member for The Main Street Music Hall for almost a decade and now teaches music at Macks Creek School. Mitch and Melani also perform together at various events around the Lake area. Together they performed at the tailgate party for Alabama at the Ozarks Amphitheater a few years back. The two also host an after school program at Macks Creek School called Rock U. This program teaches students about the entertainment industry and helps them form a band. They will have a few of the students in the Rock U program joining them today to share their talents.

*Rock U would like to thank Oak Star Bank (Camdenton and Macks Creek) for providing funds to purchase guitars for the Rock U students. They'd like to also thank Lowes (of Lebanon) for providing buckets for the drum students.*



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**FRIDAY 7:00-9:00 PM**



## Oliver Penn

Combining his reverence for traditional music with his interest in modern technique, Oliver has created a distinct sound that is sure to keep evolv-ing. He is on a continuous pursuit to create honest music that celebrates blues, country, and retro-soul music.

Oliver performs engaging acoustic solo and duo shows as well as energetic, full band shows. He has enjoyed sharing the stage with similar acts like Charley Crockett, Shinyribs, and Randall King at renowned venues including Luckenbach Texas, Gruene Hall, and many others.

**SATURDAY 7:00 PM**

## Whiskey Trio

Whiskey Trio is the Lake's premier country party band!! Established in 2017, they have been making boots stomp all around the midwest for 5 years. Strap on your spurs and dust off that Stetson and listen to hits from Brooks and Dunn, Chris LeDoux, Garth Brooks and more!!! Time to get them boots stomping to some roo-tin' tootin' good ol' country music with Whiskey Trio!



**SATURDAY 4:00 - 6:00 PM**

## AstroKatz

The Astro Katz is a quartet from the Lake of the Ozarks. We are a tried and true rockabilly band bringing you songs from the 50's and early 60s. Think Elvis, Jerry Lee Lewis, Chuck Berry, and Johnny Cash. We also play classic surf tunes!



# 2022-2023 Miss Dogwood Contestants

The Camdenton Area Chamber of Commerce would like to recognize our 2022 Dogwood Royalty for all of their time and contributions to our community in the last year. We were honored to have your participation at our community events and want to commend you for your stewardship holding the Dogwood Royalty title.



# 72<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL DOGWOOD LAKE PARKE SENIOR KING & QUEEN

## *Gene Scheiter and Eileen Butts*

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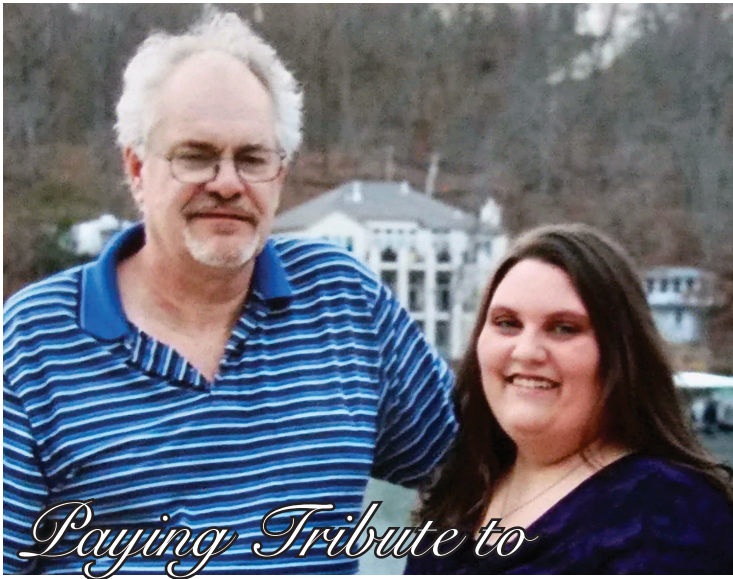
CDR. Gene Louis Scheiter was born October 8, 1933 at Quincy, Illinois to Norman and Helen Scheiter. In June 1951 the day after his graduation from Quincy High School, his family moved to Hannibal Mo, where his dad worked for CB&Q Railroad. Gene attended Hannibal-LaGrange Junior College. In 1953, he was accepted into US Navy Aviation School at the outbreak of the Korean War. He spent 25 years as a Naval Aviator primarily as the antisubmarine warfare pilot, living in eight states and visiting 30 foreign nations. In 1957, he married Mary Margaret Kolarik of Ilasco, Mo and during their 63 years together they had 5 biological children (3 boys and 2 girls) and adopted 1 foster child who died at the age of 3 years old following surgery. Margaret passed in November 2020 from cancer. Gene still has 4 living children, 8 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. In 1978 he retired from the Navy, got Master's Degree in Engineering Management at University of Missouri, Rolla, and in 1980 moved to Camdenton Mo, where he worked for University of Missouri Extension serving 16 South central career centers as Business Specialist before retiring in 1993. Gene has been recognized and received various awards for his love, support, service and volunteering that even at age 89 he continues to exhibit in the local community. He now lives comfortably at Lake Parke Assisted Living. He enjoys sports such as Lakers Football Games and social events. He is an active member at Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, a member of Camdenton Rotary since 1986.



### **EILEEN V. BUTTS:**

Eileen Butts was born on June 22nd 1926 in Roseland, Missouri. Eileen is 96 years old. In high school she fell in love with a good looking basketball player who got her attention. Not only was he good looking, he was also the only boy with a car. Flavel and Eileen were married 47 years. When she finished cosmetology school she went to work with her mother at the LA Fair Beauty Shop. She was later hired by Lee Farmer at First National Bank and worked there for many years. After leaving First National Bank she was hired at the Medical Center and worked several years

for Dr. Halley and Dr. Garrison. Flavel and Eileen Butts lived a busy, loving life. They built Butts Barber Shop and their home. They had one son Joe Butts who married his high school sweetheart, Ellen Blair. Eileen has two grandsons Brian and Chris along with four great grandchildren. Eileen's family are all Camdenton Lakers presently going to Camdenton and previously graduating from Camdenton. Her life has been a happy one with a lot of hard work, a wonderful husband and a happy home life. Through it all love was the main gift. She makes her home at Lake Park Senior living in Camdenton. They provide sweet loving care, good food, entertainment. We are all truly blessed.



*Paying Tribute to*

## DARREL SHELTON

Earlier this year our community lost a dedicated and generous community member, Darrel Shelton. The Camdenton Area Chamber of Commerce and Dogwood Festival Planning Committee would like to pay special tribute to Darrel as a previous Chamber Board Member, and longstanding Dogwood Festival Chair. Those that knew Darrel knew he was actively involved in many community events and heavily engaged with other various Camdenton Chamber efforts. From 2003 until 2015 Darrell chaired the Dogwood Festival Planning Committee, and even outside of those years, was heavily involved with the festival in addition to other activities such as the Lake of the Ozarks Air Show and Christmas on the Square. The apple doesn't fall too far from the tree, Darrell's daughter, Tara Robinett, had been working alongside her father regarding the festival's entertainment for many years and took over as Festival Entertainment Coordinator in 2016. Darrell committed countless hours to our community, and for that, our community is forever grateful.



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Camden County. The 2023 Season will debut several new exhibits and reveal some of the many renovations done over the winter months. The Society is not tax-supported and receives much of its budget revenue through the many and various activities held at the Museum during the year. All interested residents and visitors are welcome to visit the Museum during the regular hours (10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday) or to attend any of the events that are scheduled. For more information visit our website at [www.camdencountymuseum.org](http://www.camdencountymuseum.org)

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The Camden County Historical Society will present their annual Melodrama Friday and Saturday, April 21st and 22nd, at the Camden County Museum in Linn Creek. "A Fate Worse than Death" by Dustan Weed will be presented at 7 pm each evening following a 5:30 pm Spaghetti Buffet. This is Community Theater in its finest form. The actors are all local residents. Some have been appearing on our stage for several years and several will be appearing for their very first time on any stage. Community Theater brings together folks from all walks of life to entertain neighbors and friends in a friendly, relaxed venue.

The Melodrama is the first play of the 2023 Theater Season. Season tickets are also available at this time.

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