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Thru January 7

Ozark Mountain Christmas! The festive time of year when all Branson gets magically transformed into a Christmas wonderland of holiday shows, dazzling lights, Christmas trees, Christmas treats and a shopper's dream! And it all includes honoring "the reason for the season!" Acclaimed by *USA Today*, *The Wall Street Journal* and the A&E Network as one of America's top holiday destinations! Events include several in Branson's historic downtown.

Thru January 4

An Old Time Christmas © at Silver Dollar City The 7-Time Winner of America's Best Holiday Event is once again Branson's legendary 1880s theme park! Celebrate the true meaning of this magical season amid the glow of over 6.5 million dazzling lights, including the awe-inspiring NEW



VETERANS HOMECOMING! NOV 5-11

Living Tree Lighting Ceremony! This season, experience an all NEW stage production in Red Gold Heritage Hall—*Heart of Christmas!* Starring **Lindley Creek** (thru Nov 26. After Thanksgiving, *Heart of Christmas* returns (thru January 4) with special family memories and music from the **Queen of Bluegrass Rhonda Vincent!** Other holiday highlights include *A Dicken's Christmas Carol* at The Opera House, the park's Broadway-style production, *Frontier Fa-la-la*, *The Living Nativity*, *A Timeless Story* starring the **Spoken 4 Quartet**—and of course a nightly "*Rudolph's Holly Jolly*" *Christmas Light Parade* with musical lighted floats and dozens of costumed characters! Voted the #1 Best Theme Park Holiday Event in America in *USA Today* readers choice poll!

Holiday FUN!

■ **Let There Be Lights! Christmas Drive Thru Display & More!** At Branson's Promised Land Zoo. Get close to the animals and enjoy the Christmas spirit! 2751 Shepherd of the Hills Expy 417-337-9453

■ **Shepherd of the Hills Trail of Lights A festive drive-thru celebrating its 30th year of holiday fun!** Millions of multi-colored lights, themed and animated displaces. Free hot chocolate afterwards at the outside Snack Shack! (Single axle vehicles only.)

■ **Thru Jan 5: Lights of Joy!!** All over Branson! lightsofjoydrivethru.com

■ **Thru Dec 31 Branson Limousine Christmas Light Tour** Celebrate with a Christmas light tour of beautiful Branson! Sit back and enjoy some of your favorite Christmas music all in one of our warm and luxurious limousines, Executive Vans, sedans or SUV's. (417)-331-1316

Nov 2 - Dec 7

Branson's Jammin for Jesus Concert

(benefiting MO Veterans Home) Free Admission with donation of postage stamps and full size personal care items. (Separate love offering will be taken.) Performing: a full cast of Branson entertainers. 2pm show. At Hughes Brothers Theatre 417-231-4999 bransonjamminforjesus.com

Nov 11

Branson Veterans Day Parade 11am in downtown Branson, a true highlight of Veterans Homecoming Week! (read all about it in *Veterans Homecoming Week*)

Nov 14 - Dec28

North Pole Adventure at Shepherd

of the Hills Read all about it at theshepherdofthehills.com/north-pole-adventure. For tickets, call (417) 334-4191

Nov 22-23

Barn Dance at Hartwood Barn! Dance at the ranch! Instead of having a barn dance instructor, the DJ will play the music for guests to dance to! Open to guests of all ages. Pizza Food Truck will be open. Admission \$13.00, ages 3-11 \$7 Sycamore Creek Family Ranch, Hollister 417-278-6675 sycamorecreekfamilyranch.com

Thru Jan 4

Candy Houses Grand Reveal at Chateau on the Lake. An annual life size candy house village expertly crafted in-house by pastry chefs and a culinary team. Free and open to the public.

Dec 7

Adoration Parade Celebrating the true meaning of Christmas, the parade features performances by local high school marching bands, a variety of floats created by community organizations from several states, and an appearance from St Nick himself! Begins at 5pm in the Branson Convention Center Parking lot, goes through historic downtown Branson. And finishes along Branson Landing Boulevard.

Dec 31 - Jan 4

New Year's Week in Branson! Special shows, parties, fireworks and more! Many shows, attractions museums, shops and accommodations are open for your special getaway. Start the new year with a fun New Year's Week! *



■ For more information, go to

www.bransonveterans.com Although Branson honors Veterans every day of the year, Veterans Homecoming Week is a special annual event for service members and their families. This special week will host many different occasions for veterans and their families to be part of including mini reunions, memorials, a military ball and the Veteran's Day Parade. **NOVEMBER 5-10 Veterans Village** gathering area at Ballparks of America, Bldgs 2 & 3, 9:00 am — 4:00pm **NOVEMBER 5, WEDNESDAY Opening Celebration** at Branson Veterans Task Force America 913, Patriots Park, College of the Ozarks, 10:00am, **Branson Veterans Task Force Celebration Show**, Pepsi Legends Theatre, 2pm. A Musical celebration of freedom and community. For info: call 417-332-3557, **NOVEMBER**

6, THURSDAY, Opening Ceremonies,

Americana Thtr 5pm-6:30pm No charge. Open to all veterans and their families **POW/MIA Service of Remembrance** 8am, College of the Ozarks. For info, call Mary at 417-336-4232. **Vietnam Veterans Reunion**, Americlnn by Wydham, 275 Tanger Blvd, 11am-3pm. Hot meal, entertainment, door prizes. RSVP Dee at 870-421-3511 **NOVEMBER 7, FRIDAY Pizza Ranch Branson Fundraiser**, - Sandbox Party at Mel's Hard Luck Diner, Grand Village. Breakfast for Vets from Gulf War or after. No admittance charge. RSVP Dee at 870-421-3511 **Homefront Hero's (Spouses) Salute**, Americanlnn by Wyndham, Noon-3pm Entertainment, door prizes and hot meal. RSVP by calling Dee at 870-421-3511 **Pueblo: A Year of Crisis in America**,

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THE REAL ONE

Well as most of you good folks have figgered out right about now—these parts around here pretty much turns into Christmastime the day after Halloween, although I haven't yet figgered out how this town can have all them pumpkin and spooks all turn into Christmas trees and Christmas lights the morning after all them tricks and treats before midnight, but anyhow, from now on til the rest of the year I'm happy to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy year after this one is done. So now that we've all buried that

a Santa Clause to get yer picture took with as you gave him your list, so it got real clear early on that Mr. Clause had a whole army of helpers. But to be honest, where's the real one? Was we to think that the whole sky Christmas Eve was filled with helpers tryin to visit every house and Christmas tree on this whole earth?

I then decided that the real one (who was The Boss) just decided himself where he wanted to go—but he'd change it all up every year. For me, I pretty much decided it didn't really matter if the real one came to my house or not. As long as I got what I wanted, I was okay. But I did hope I was special enough to at least one time get visited by the real one. Actually, the best part would be seein' that sleigh and reindeer up on the roof or out in the

"For me, I pretty much decided it didn't really matter if the real one came to my house or not. As long as I got what I wanted, I was okay"

ol' Halloween spirit and can jump into that Christmas Spirit, it can't help but stir up a whole movie of Christmas memories in this ol' part-time preacher's head.

To be honest, back in the day I didn't know why Mama & Poppa forced this ornery youngin' to go to church with them at Christmas Eve service. I just wanted to stay home and keep a lookout. But while ridin' in the back seat of that ol' station wagon, my face was glued up against that icy cold window as I kept my eyes on the skies. I was hopin' and even prayin' to catch a sight of that magical character and his magical deer as they passed this way on their magical night which made no sense when I stopped long enough to think on it. How can he possibly visit every single house on this whole earth all in one night?

Then I remembered. The answer to that question was plain and simple. Every store in town had

yard, then watchin' it all fly up into the night sky! But all would be okay for now if I'd just get what I wanted Christmas morning.

Still, on that ride to the church service Christmas Eve, as the ol' station wagon jerked and swayed on them cold, icy roads, the wind blowin', the moon and stars shinin' bright, I couldn't stop pressin' my face against the cold window as I stared at the sky hopin' to see that flyin' sleigh pulled by what I figgered was about eight of them flyin' reindeers.

But after comin' out of the cold wind and goin' into the church, it suddenly felt warm and cozy. It smelled good. It smelled like candles, trees, sweet perfumes and even hot chocolate. Whatever it was, it smelled good. And ever'thing felt warm and happy inside. The Christmas music was good. Ever'body seemed happy to

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INSIDER Revelations

Richard Freihofer

Wisdom & knowledge from His Majesty
the Editor & Publisher

Ozark Mountain Christmas

That Christmas spirit sure seems to pack a wallop the minute any of us begin our cruise along the streets of this Ozark Mountain Christmas village of Branson, Missouri! The sights and sounds all around certainly declare it. And in the shows, attractions and even in the lodgings, restaurants and stores—we can even feel it!

Whether landing in town the day after Halloween or on Happy New Year's day, that Christmas spirit is tangibly upon us!

Yet it's certainly no accident. In spite of those sights and sounds being all around, there's more to this story—that "more" being the feeling we get here that might be different than elsewhere.

That feeling comes because this town is pretty much all on the same page, as they say. Besides songs and décor about everything else, the dominant music and décor here is a celebration of the One this season is really all about. And being in that kind of place is the ticket to enjoying a truly Merry Christmas.


So shop for your holiday fun throughout these festive pages as we wish (and pray) you have a merry one, as well as a happy (plus joyful and blessed) New Year! ♦

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New Year's Eve Shows!



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HOLIDAY STAR REVUE: LEGENDARY SUPERSTARS AT THE MANSION

The Mansion Theatre is home for a wide range of shows and performances for all! Whether it's the kids experiencing holiday shows, or family and friends enjoying some classic country music—all are coming to the right place! Stay tuned for upcoming shows and get tickets for current shows TODAY before they run out!

Jimmy Fortune November 6, 13, 20

Jimmy Fortune toured, sang and performed with the legendary Statler brothers for 21 years. He joined them first as a temporary replacement for Lew DeWitt, after DeWitt heard him singing at a ski resort and recommended him. Due to the debilitating effects of Crohn's Disease, Lew was unable to return to the stage with the Statlers and Jimmy was hired as a permanent replacement in August of 1982.....



TOAST The Ultimate BREAD Experience! Nov 1

The number 1 tribute to an iconic rock band! *Make it With You, Baby I'm-A Want You, Suite Surrender* are just some of those unforgettable hits performed *live on stage!* As for the sound of this band's performance—audiences consistently rank it “spot on” to Bread's original recordings, (which, by the way, generations still cherish!) Over their career, Bread scored 13 hits on Billboard's Top 100, most being aired on many a radio station to this day. Keeping the BREAD experience alive, this “feel good” show that includes all the group's top hits and gets all us fans flooding with memories in a heartbeat! TOAST is just one of those concert experiences that consistently becomes a fan favorite!



The Oak Ridge Boys American Made-Farewell Tour Nov 7

They created one of the most distinctive and recognizable sounds in the music industry! Their four-part harmonies and upbeat songs have spawned dozens of Country hits, a Number One Pop smash, earned them Grammy, Dove, CMA and ACM awards and garnered a host of other industry and fan accolades! Every time they step before an audience, the Oaks bring four decades of charted singles and 50 years of tradition—to a stage show widely acknowledged to be among the most exciting anywhere. Now that we get to see them on their farewell tour, well, now's our chance!!!



LARRY, STEVE & RUDY: THE GATLIN BROTHERS Nov 14



Larry, Steve & Rudy: The Gatlin Brothers are Grammy® award-winners who have dazzled audiences for more than 65 years! They have accrued a lifetime of noteworthy achievements in their storybook career, including a **Grammy® for Best Country Song (*Broken Lady*)**, three ACM awards for **Single of the Year (*All The Gold In California*)**, **Album of the Year, (*Straight Ahead*)** and **Male Vocalist of the Year**, along with five nominations for CMA Vocal Group of the Year, Single Album. The brothers have accumulated eight

#1 singles, 30 Top 40 records; 24 studio albums, and five BMI Million Air Awards. For the music of “Country” and “Christmas”—here's our ticket!

THE BELLAMY BROTHERS Nov 21

The Love still flows! Howard and David's 40 years of success began on the pop charts in the '70's—then took a winding turn into country music in the '80's, paving the way for so many other duos to come. The group's 1976 hit *Let Your Love Flow* was the first of many chart-toppers to follow—including over 20 international hits, including *If I Said You Had A Beautiful Body (Would You Hold It Against Me?)*, *Dancing Cowboys*, *Sugar Daddy* and many more. Their latest project is an album aptly titled *40 Years—an anniversary collection* which contains 20 of their biggest hits and 20 brand new songs!



GENE WATSON Nov 8, 22

One of the most masterful voices in country music today, Gene Watson still sings in the same key as 30 years ago and continues to prove why he is rightly referred to as “The Singer's Singer”. His powerful voice and multi-octave range allows him to sing some of the most challenging songs with ease that comes from pure, natural talent as well as from his many years performing onstage!



Daniel O'Donnell Nov Select Dates

Irish singing sensation, PBS star and a legendary Branson favorite, Daniel O'Donnell performs our favorite Irish, American, and international classics in a heart-stirring holiday show that has become a traditional gathering of his multitudes of fans—(whose numbers never stop growing!)



Praisefest Joy Dec 10-12

This 3 day Gospel Festival Celebration is perfect for the season! 4 Sessions filled with inspirational messages and music for one price! This joyful gathering includes **Jubilee Christmas, The Booth Brothers, Greater Vision, Legacy Five, David Phelps, The Collingsworth Christmas Tour**, caroling and inspirational speakers!

David Phelps Dec 12

The acclaimed Gospel singer, songwriter and recording artist sang for years with the legendary **Gaither Vocal Band** before his tenor vocals eventually led him to a solo career that quickly climbed the charts! His accolades include **12 Dove Awards** (with the Gaither vocal Band) a **4-time Grammy Award nominee**, and a catalogue of several platinum-selling albums. Among his classics are some which are perfect for the season: ***O Holy Night, The Ultimate Christmas Playlist, It Must be Christmas***, and ***Catching Santa***, (a song featured in a Google ad for smartform). As for enjoying a concert of David Phelps—'Tis the season!



Home Free Let Me Come Home Tour Dec 14

'Tis the season—the perfect time to enjoy a festive stop on this legendary group's holiday tour—a tour named after their touching original track from their brand-new holiday album ***Any Kind of Christmas!*** Known for their jaw-dropping harmonies, signature country charm and a uniquely festive spirit, Home Free brings audiences a seasonal experience like no other! They're decking the halls

with a joyful mix of holiday favorites and moving originals, all brought to life in perfect harmony. Topping it off, ***Let Me Come Home*** is truly a song for the season!

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T-SHIRT HEAVEN!

(& SOUVENIR PARADISE!)

Yeah, that headline pretty much explains **Ozark Mountain T-Shirt Co.**, which is quite the eye-catcher on the Branson “strip”, (right across the street from Grand Country and next door to that big Duck Boat)! (See ad below)

FUN FOR ALL!

True statement! Fun for guys and gals, kiddos and Grandfolks—the whole *enchilada* (so to speak). That’s obvious the minute one steps inside this fun spot put together by some of Branson’s most popular locals, who’ve been providing shopping fun in Branson since who knows when!

THE T-SHIRT HEAVEN

Pick any size or color, then pick from a zillion awesome designs (plus entertaining images and statements to appear on them)) or have something made personal—then watch while your T-shirt or sweatshirt is created right in front of you within minutes!



Have fun shopping with these famous fun sisters; owner Jennifer Grant, (right) and Sister Tina Sisco!



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ZILLIONS OF DESIGNS!



HATS!

JAMS & SAUCES!



As for designs—like we’ve said, *zillions* to choose from! **Custom made or ordered in bulk!** But that’s just the *beginning* of this vacation shopping attraction!

THE ULTIMATE SOUVENIR SHOP!

Wow, where do we begin? Before we describe the insides, please note that in the midst of having fun, there are refreshments of snacks and sweets to take care of you. That should add some relaxation to your shopping fun!

So let’s paint a picture here: lots of men’s, women’s, kid’s and baby’s clothing: vacation clothing and more. (Hoodies, jackets, shorts, swimsuits all kinds of stuff!) **Note: Those Kansas City Chiefs tumblers are made here. You won’t find them anywhere else. Just sayin’!**

Obviously we can’t share all the store insides right here, but some of these pictures might offer some clues. So check out the ad next door, then just go and have yourself some fun—cause you’re on *vacation* here, right? ♦



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"The Biggest Rock Party in Branson" showcases the number one Hits from the most famous bands of the 20th century, including Queen, The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, Bon Jovi, Led Zeppelin, Journey, Aerosmith, and many more. Songs include, "Don't Stop Believing", "Another One Bites the Dust", "Dream On", "Jump", and "Hotel California" among others, in this exciting high-energy production that will have you dancing and singing along to the greatest Rock hits of all time in this magnificent Rock experience.



New Jersey Nights is a true celebration of the music of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons. This show takes the audience on a nostalgic musical journey through the career of one of the biggest selling groups of all time. Packed with incredible production numbers, this vibrant production show features all of The Four Seasons' greatest hits, including timeless classics like "Sherry," "Rag Doll," "Big Girls Don't Cry," "Can't Take My Eyes Off You," and "Walk Like a Man."

DUBLIN'S IRISH TENORS & THE CELTIC LADIES

A Celtic Christmas

A CELTIC CHRISTMAS is filled with songs that'll bring joy and the true spirit of Christmas to your holiday season. Listen in amazement as these talented singers take you on a breathtaking uplifting musical journey of traditional Irish Classics, as well as covering Christmas favorites like, *Christmas in Killarney*, *Mary Did You Know*, *O' Holy Night*, *What Child is This*, *O Come All Ye Faithful*, and *Ave Maria*.



SPIRIT OF AMERICA

Spirit of America will captivate guests with its thrilling performances, showcasing some of the most iconic songs that have shaped American culture. From the patriotic anthems that have defined the nation's spirit, to timeless chart-topping songs, this show is a celebration of the music that has brought Americans together for generations.

You can enjoy Spirit of America during Branson's Veterans Week in November 2025. Spirit of America returns to King's Castle Theatre March 1st through Veterans Week in 2026, as we celebrate the United States 250th Birthday!





AND THE WINNER IS...

21st Annual Star Showcase
September 7, 2025
Pierce Arrow Theatre

To be honest, the real answer to that headline's question is this—we are. The audience. *We're the winners. We're the lucky ones who get to enjoy the performances Branson entertainers try so hard to entertain us with—performances designed to make us all reach the point of leaving theaters absolutely dazzled, amazed and hungry for more!* So let's have some fun with these paparazzi pics of all the glitz and glam, the entertainment, (obviously), the dramatic, nailbiter unveiling of this year's recipients—and the event's relaxing "afterglow" on this starry night in Branson!

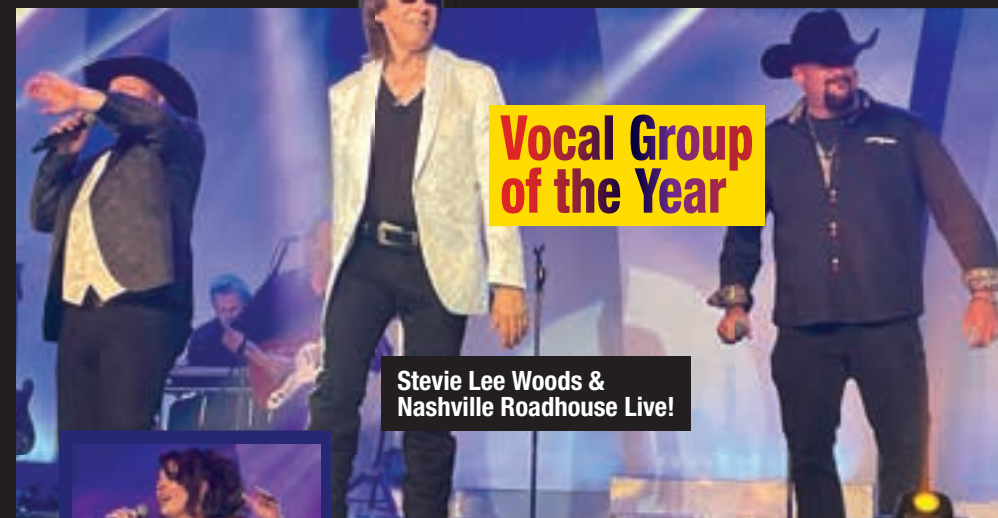
NOW... ON WITH THE SHOW!

What better stress reliever can there be in between awards announcements than for entertainers to put on a show for their fellow entertainers! Actually, entertainers are so busy entertaining on a daily basis, they rarely have an opportunity to take in a fellow entertainer's Branson show! Until nights like this. So, while they're wondering if their name will be announced and they are called to mount the stage, accept their award, and nervously recite that acceptance speech they've been practicing all afternoon—kicking back to be entertained for a few minutes is a stress reliever for them, while being a SUPER SHOW of Branson entertainment for the rest of us!

SHOW HOSTS



Michael Wackerly, (Left) son of the charitable scholarship event's founder, the late Gary Richard Wackerly. Beside Michael is event co-host and co-owner **James Kast**.



Vocal Group of the Year

Stevie Lee Woods & Nashville Roadhouse Live!



Female Entertainer of the Year Cadence Miller, performer and producer of Cadenza Productions, which include *Tribute to The King*, *Classic Rock Icons* and *Once Upon a Fairy Tale!*



Award-Winning Duo!

Nashville Roadhouse Theater's Fiddler of the Year Wayne Massengale and **Female Vocalist of the Year** Anna Maria Watson!



Awarded the Patriotic Salute of the Year, Johnny Cash & Friends Tribute stars Dan Wagner and Diana Lynn fire up the awards show audience with a heart-stirring performance.

AND THE WINNER IS...



VOCAL GROUP OF THE YEAR PLUS EVENING SHOW OF THE YEAR

NASHVILLE ROADHOUSE LIVE!



BAND OF THE YEAR

THE PINK FLOYD EXPERIENCE of The Columns Event Center.



FEMALE ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR

CADENCE MILLER of The Majestic Theatre.

WINNERS ARE...

COUNTRY LEGENDS!



LEONA WILLIAMS!



MARY LOU TURNER!

AFTER SHOW AFTERGLOW!



Nashville Roadhouse gathers for the cameras as the award celebrations begin



Garth Tribute star Rich Watson rocks the house!



PATRIOTIC SALUTE OF THE YEAR

DAN WAGNER of *Johnny Cash & Friends Tribute Show of The Majestic Thtr.*



ILLUSIONIST OF THE YEAR

RICK THOMAS of The Grand Shanghai Theatre.



MATINEE SHOW OF THE YEAR:

MJ: THE ILLUSIONS Reliving the King of Pop of The Reza Live Theatre.



FIDDLER OF THE YEAR

WAYNE MASSENGALE Nashville Roadhouse Americana Theatre.



TRIBUTE ARTIST OF THE YEAR

MATTHEW BOYCE A Tribute to the King, Classic Rock Icons.

Congrats to The Branson Show Awards, and of course congrats to all nominees and award recipients being recognized in this community of amazing entertainers! Well done!

47th ANNUAL BRANS

Sunday, September 28, 2025, Hughes Brothers Theatre

Photos by Jennifer Grant

It's an awards show which began back in 1977, making the one this year, (according to our smartie phone calculator)—the 47th one! It began as a joke, when **Fort Worth DJ Terry Beene** caught an awards show on TV and decided to announce on his radio show a Terry Awards Show of his own. That announcement threw the radio station and the venue where he said it would happen in an absolute tizzy! After being flooded with calls for tickets, both contacted Terry immediately, begging him to call off the joke! Terry humbly apologized for the joke, then delightfully went right back at it the next day! Which ended up turning into a real event! One which became legendary. Due to his love for the music industry and his love for Branson, Mr. Beene, (who today lives way down yonder in Georgia), eventually brought the industry event to us here in Branson and re-named it *The Branson Terry Music Awards!* Lucky us! And with that big move came Terry's big agenda—to raise money for **charities** dear to his heart.

As for Terry's love for the music industry, that's no joke. Besides spending four years in the **United States Navy**, he also spent several years as a professional drummer, traveling America and drumming for the likes of **Jerry Lee Lewis, Tammy Wynette, Faron Young** and even our own **Barbara Fairchild**, (just to name a few!) But then things started to take a turn for the worse. Fortunately, however, the sad story of that turn resulted in a transformed life that Terry celebrates today wherever he goes. It's even celebrated on the cover of the **Branson Terry Awards program** handed out to all attendees. Front and center, big and bold are the words *"Serve the Lord with Gladness: His presence with singing. -Psalm 100:2* Read a tad more about Terry's amazing story on page 29.

RED CARPET ROYALTY!



Secret Agent Rick McEwen sneaks in the cards revealing recipients of this year's Terry Awards. Yet unbeknownst to this handy helper, his name is *also* in the cards!



Nashville Roadhouse

Nashville Roadhouse star **Stevie Lee Woods** is surrounded by his stellar entourage as they all strike a red carpet pose for our cameras!

NO ILLUSION!



Tribute artist **Michael Knight** really does look like him! Here he and his entourage give the paparazzi a "money shot" of MJ: The Illusion, the show that recreates riveting performances of the legendary Michael Jackson, "King of Pop".

PRESS POSE!

Elvis tribute artist **Dean Z** has definitely got the moves—even when it's just for the cameras!



Baldknobbers star **Ashley Dawn** and her entourage—(with fellow Baldknobber star **Shane VanCamp** peeking in!)

High flyin' comedian **Mike Bliss** comes in for a red carpet landing!

ON TERRY MUSIC AWARDS!

THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT!

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YOUR HOSTS!



JAMIE HAAGE
Award-winning
Comedian!

BARBARA FAIRCHILD
Award-winning
Gospel Singer!

AFTER SHOW AFTERGLOW!



Terry Award namesake
Terry Beene and **Liz Summit**
arrive for the festivities!



Nashville Roadhouse stars
Rich and Anna Maria Watson
pose for the press before...

Branson's Famous Baldknobbers
show us the latest award for
Branson's first show, this one being
"Matinee Show of the Year!"

they can't resist a
SMOOCH!!!

Stevie Lee Woods and the stars
of **Nashville Roadhouse Live!**
pose for the press with their
"Band of the Year" Award!

AND THE 2025 AWARDS GO TO... *continued on page 13*

IT'S A HAPPY BIRTHDAY SEASON 66 FOR BRANSON'S FIRST SHOW!

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Christmas Show!

Here it is in a nutshell: Award winning musicians, vocalists and comedy, plus huge new production enhancements of sound, lights and whiz-bang special effects!

THE FIRST HALF:

Top country hits, traditional country favorites, southern rock, gospel, patriotic salutes, hilarious side-splitting comedy and more—the “more” being about the hottest musicians, vocalists and country comedy in this particular galaxy! Expect some of that “outlaw country” with “attitude”, some bluegrass, and even some classic rock!



Award-winning singing stars:
3rd Generation Baldknobber
Brandon Mabe and Brandon's
lovely wife Megan!

THEN COMES CHRISTMAS!

As generations of Baldknobbers fans have known ever since 1959, something always happens to this wild bunch at this time of year. And it happens right before our eyes!

After a full blown funfest of music, laughs and Baldknobbers just being Baldknobbers, the Christmas Spirit suddenly descends on these outfits—first, with a holly, jolly North Pole Revue, then, with words and music that leads all hearts and minds to a starry night, to a holy land, to a tiny village, then to a stable, where inside, in a manger built for animals to feed, there lay a child who would change the world that was, the world that is, and the world that is to be—forever. Feel it. Experience it. Right here. Where it comes alive, and where the comfort, the joy and the “reason for the season remains long after the curtain closes.

THE 2025 PRODUCTION

Step inside the completely revamped and remodeled theater lobby. That should tell you something.

Now for the show. Heading up the show is **Brandon Mabe**, son and grandson of the family that “started it all”. At Brandon’s side is his lovely wife, leading lady, and **Branson’s 2021 Female Vocalist of the Year Megan Mabe!**

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THE TAKE-AWAY

It’s unheard of for a show to stay popular for over 60 years. That is an historical fact. But this isn’t just a show with a history. Whenever the curtain rises, this show aims to *make* history! ♦



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by Megan McCombs Mabe

Star of *Branson's Famous Baldknobbers* and TV's *Branson Famous!*

THIS CHRISTMAS

God is beginning His magic! He's brushing the leaves with colorful strokes of artistic genius on His unique canvas of our Ozark Mountains! He is creating the picturesque backdrop of autumn! Many will find themselves knee deep in "IT'S FALL, Y'ALL" décor of falling leaves, pumpkins, chilly mornings and harvest moons.

When I see the first kiss of fall's colors, I hear sleigh bells. As an entertainer in Branson, Christmas begins in late September, and by the first of November we are in full merry-making mode!

When I see the first kiss of fall's colors, I hear sleigh bells

I love Christmas. I always have. I have my tree set up before the last pumpkin and flowerless mum has been thrown out. I love all the smells, the lights, the music. It's undeniable magic. Yet, as I have grown older, Christmas has become a bittersweet holiday for me.

With the changing of life's seasons, it too has evolved and slowly morphed from what once was. The magic is still there, but it's different. The canvas around me is painted with new and sometimes unfamiliar colors and designs. Certain special faces are no longer with me. Once beloved traditions no longer take place. New people have entered into our family and added their own Christmas flair. The excitement and anticipation is still sprinkled with glitter and topped with bows, yet I am left with that feeling I had as a child after the last present

was opened—a longing to rewind and do it all over again.

Simply put...

It isn't what it used to be.

We hear this same phrase from some of our Branson guests. "Branson just isn't what it used to be." "It isn't how I remember it." "We loved the show, but it has changed."

I used to labor my thoughts attempting to understand and find some sort of solution to these feelings. It hasn't been until recently that I realized there really isn't one. Just as I feel the melancholy of the change in my own family's

Christmas itinerary, so too are some of our guests feeling that same sadness with the changed experience of their Branson tradition. The change, however, is not so much the destination, but the faces in the photographs taken there.

What makes Christmas special—"the way it used to be"—is the people with whom we share it. What creates the memories is the magic of how it feels to be in that moment in time and life with those special people. Memories experienced by families during their Branson vacations are no different. As children grow and as family members leave us, the experience changes.

The fun and excitement of vacation doesn't go away. The shows are still full of the same talent and quality entertainment guests have always

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Stuff Happens Veterans Week

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International film festival winner. 5pm College of the Ozarks. **13th Annual Navy Memorial Service**, Westgate Branson Woods Resort, 8:30 am, Honoring the lives and service of Naval shipmates. Coffee, a keynote speaker and entertainment. For info: Call Becky at 417-332-3557. **Medics, Nurses and Combat Vets Mini Reunion**, Grand Pavilion at the Westgate resort. 2pm-4pm. Free and open to the public. For info: Call Becky at 417-332-3557. **Nov 9 WWII and Korean War Veterans Mini Reunion**, AmericInn by Wyndham, 2pm-4pm. **NOVEMBER 9, SUNDAY Worship Service with Barbara Fairchild**, Clay Cooper Thtr. 10am All are welcome. **29th Annual Military Gala & Banquet** Chateau on the Lake 5pm-11pm. All branches, all wars welcome. Public invited. Dinner, DJ/Dancing, fireworks, Business attire, After 5, Uniforms, Mess Dress and formal wear will be the dress code. Reservations required: Tickets \$69 each. Contact Mary at 417-336-4232. **NOVEMBER 10,**

MONDAY Veterans Show, Clay Cooper Theatre. 10am. Ticket info: 417-879-7070. **Annual Walmart Tribute to the Veterans Show**, Mansion Thtr, Expressway Lane. 8:30am-11am. No charge. Co-hosted by the incredibly talented Barbara Fairchild and Roy Morris. Special Guest Speaker, Award-winning Military Film Documentary Producer, DAR Medal of Honor recipient, Bill Lowe. **Walmart Tribute Lunch following**, at Branson Meadows on N. Gretna Rd, 11:30 am-1:30pm. **Pizza Ranch Branson Fundraiser**, State Hwy 248, 4pm-8:30pm All tips and 10% os sales benefit the POW Network to pay for all our events and activities for Veterans Homecoming Week. For info: 417-336-4232. **Missouri National Guard's 135th Army Band Celebrate Service Concert** Branson Convention Center 6pm. **NOVEMBER 11, TUESDAY Veterans Sunrise Service**, 7am College of the Ozarks. **Annual Veterans Day Parade**, Historic Downtown Branson. 11 am ♦

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Backing up these superstar legends is a smokin' live band of all-star musicians and a stellar cast of backup singers and amazing dancers!

During evening performances, guests can add to the fun by opting for dinner and cocktails. Now that's entertainment!

Legendary Eats!

Concession include such goodies as Johnsonville Brats, Chili-Cheese Dogs, Ham & Turkey Croissants, Fresh-out-of-the-oven Gourmet Cookies and Chocolate Covered Bananas! Mmmm!

Upstairs Lounge!

Enjoy craft beers, champagne and a variety of fine wines, (before the show or during intermission)—all in a relaxing lounge decorated with Dick Clark's priceless memorabilia. Guests can also choose the VIP balcony, where drinks can be served during the show!

A MERRY COUNTRY CHRISTMAS!

Celebrate the magic of the season with **Legends in Concert's** legendary holiday cast! This year, we get to enjoy a **Merry Country Christmas** with the stars! Each of these illustrious tribute artists will be performing their star's favorite Christmas songs along with the hits that made them famous! But that's not all! We even get to ring in the New Year with these entertainment legends!

THE JUDDS!

The world of country music was literally taken by storm when this mother and daughter singing duo from Ashland, Kentucky burst upon the scene—an event which quickly made that twosome one of the most successful acts in country music history! Recipients of **5 Grammy Awards, 9 CMA Awards, charting over 20 Billboard singles, (14 being #1), Naomi Judd** and her guitar-strumming fellow vocalist (and daughter) **Wynona** literally ruled on the country music charts. And about those songs—*Love Can Build a Bridge, Mama, He's Crazy, Grandpa (Tell Me 'Bout the Good Ol' Days)*. and so many more, all brought to us

by acclaimed tribute artists Stacy Whitton Summers and Janae Longo!

SHANIA TWAIN!

Her hits have made her one of the best-selling female artists in country music history plus one of the best selling music artists of all time (due to her many crossover hits!) It's both her words and music that so deeply touches hearts—all coming from a life that began in hardship yet fought the good fight to victory! A few of her hits are clues to what we might experience live on stage! *You Win My Love, You're Still The One, That Don't Impress Me Much, Man! I Feel Like a Woman!* And the list goes on, thanks to tribute artist Stacey Whitton Summers!

TOBY KEITH!

This dominating force in the world of country music was born and raised just down the road from us in nearby Oklahoma. To put it mildly, as all fans know, he was "the real deal" as they say. Highschool football star in the town of Moore, worked in the oil fields, formed a band, played the "honky-tonk" circuit, went to Nashville, performed on Music Row, got discovered—and the rest is history. His long list of chart-toppers began with *How*

Do You Like Me Now? Then continued with *Should've Been A Cowboy, Courtesy of the Red, White and Blue, As Good as I Once Was* and so many more. Sadly, our hearts were truly broken when we lost him last year, yet the amazing music he left us with lives on —now brought to us live on stage by popular Branson star Shane VanCamp!

THE BLUES BROTHERS™

Of course back by eternally popular demand are those furiously dancing and soulfully singing hipsters from Chicago—the fabulous Blues Brothers!

ELVIS GOSPEL!

Elvis; the superstar whose popularity has transcended the generations. There's just something about that voice—the moves. Then there's the side of Elvis that not everyone saw, or even knew about. With friends, or sometimes even alone, he sang the music that gripped his heart throughout his entire lifetime. It was music that was found on his record player upon his passing. It was the music of his life. You can feel it in his voice, or during heart-stirring visits to Graceland. Expect to feel it in this show, especially at this time of year! ✦



Holiday fun with those "soul men" from "Sweet Home Chicago!"—the fabulous Blues Brothers!

Rockin' New Years Eve Show!

Dec 31 9:30pm



Since hindsight is 2020, (or technically, 2024), it would be best not to miss the New Year's Festivities at Legends in Concert, where the Legends guest stars will ring in 2026 with a fun fest surely to be long remembered! Pretty cool, that we get to party with **Garth, Carrie, Alan,** those **Blues Brothers**—and yes, even **Elvis!** Happy 2026! Party on!

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found in Branson. The go-karts run just as fast. The mini golf courses are just as infuriating with their clever bumps, twists and turns.

The change is in the twinge of sadness parents feel as toddlers turn into teenagers, less eager to vacation with Mom and Dad. Or there's the change in parents aging and now no longer able to travel. The family ticket count declining can even result in family members feeling an almost unbearable weight of loss.

The hand of time cannot be stopped and it is often cruel. It robs us of the "what used to be" in life.

BUT, in all its Christmas glory, there is the silver lining! When we look at the generation behind us, we must realize we are major characters in the chapters of their

memories. We are carrying on their traditions. We are their "remember when". We are their future "what used to be".

We are still part of the magic! It may feel different. It may not be what it once was. Our hearts may ache for the past and the loved ones we can't get back. We can, however, look at the canvas and see the beauty of new colors and the joy it will bring to the next ones in line. We can appreciate the new and unfamiliar because every generation's "what once was" comes from another generation's new. We have a responsibility to carry on the magic. Our eyes must be set on the joy of new traditions and finding the beauty in today, for today is all we really have. ♦

"Mankind is a great, immense family. This is proved by what we feel in our hearts at Christmas."-Pope John XXIII

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The Americana Theater 2905 W Hwy 76 • 417-544-8700	americanatheatre.com	E-6			
CJ Newsom's Classic Country & Comedy	patsyclineandfriends.com			THRU OCT	
America's Top Country Hits				THRU DEC	
Awesome 80's				THRU DEC	
Aaron Wayne Comedy Hypnosis Show	cleancomedyhypnotist.com			THRU DEC	
Broadway to Buble: George Dyer				OCT	
Southern Gospel Sundays with The Frosts	frostrio.com			THRU DEC	
Branson Hot Hits Theatre 206 South Commercial Street • 417-337-7426	bransonhothits.com	A-9	22		
Best of Dean Martin			22	THRU DEC	
Godfather of Soul: Tribute to James Brown & More!			16, 22	THRU DEC	
Patsy to Patsy hosted by Ermal "John Wayne"			22	APR-DEC	
Platters Golden Sounds of the 50s			22	THRU DEC	
DooWop & More			22	THRU DEC	
Motown Downtown			22	THRU DEC	
Jukebox Live with Mark Alred			22	THRU OCT 11	
The Cabaret 3292 Shepherd of the Hills Exp • 417-230-7798					
Garry & Janine: Comedy Magic Dinner Show	escaperealitymagic.com			THRU OCT	D
The Columns Concert & Event Center 3750 W 76 Country Blvd • 417-544-1515	bransoncolumns.com	C-3	6		
Sharp Drezzed			6	THRU DEC	
Branson Comedy Factory			6	THRU DEC	
Grand Ole Country Legends			6	THRU DEC	
Mayham in the Morning			6	THRU DEC	
Eclipse Dinner - Fine Dining in Total Darkness!			6	THRU DEC	L,D
A Tribute to Elton John			6	THRU DEC	
John Denver Songbook			6	THRU DEC	
Lasting Impressions Show starring Mike Walker			6	THRU DEC	
On Fire! The Jerry Lee Xperience			6	THRU DEC	
The Pink Floyd Experience			6	THRU DEC	
Clay Cooper Theatre 3216 W. Hwy 76 • 888-222-8910	claycoopertheatre.com	E-5			
Clay Cooper's Country Express				THRU OCT	
#1 Hits of the 60's (& 50's too)!				THRU OCT	
Dean Z - The Ultimate Elvis				THRU OCT	
The Haygoods				THRU OCT	
Hot Rods & High Heels (Fabulous 50s!)				THRU OCT	
Special Shows and Events (See website for info)				THRU DEC	
Matt Gumm & Company (Sel. Dates. See Website for info)				THRU DEC	
Dolly Parton's Stampede 1525 W. Hwy 76 • 417-336-3000		E-10			
Dolly Parton's Stampede	dpstampede.com			THRU OCT	L,D
Goldwing Express				CALL THRU	
The Dutton Family Theatre 3454 W Hwy 76 • 417-332-2772		E-3			

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The Duttons	theduttons.com			THRU-OCT	
Where Jesus Walked				THRU NOV	
<i>Freedom Encounter Theatre</i> 3220 Falls Parkway • 417-544-0372	<i>freedomencounter.com</i>	G-5	24		
The Freedom Journey Show			1, 24	THRU NOV 11	
Freedom Journey Experience			1, 24	JUNE-DEC	
A Time for Freedom			24	JUNE-AUG	
Pilgrim: The Musical			24	CALL THRU	
An American Christmas			24	DECEMBER	
Grand Country Music Hall 1945 W. Hwy 76 • 417-335-2484	GrandCountry.com	E-10			
Branson Country USA live TV Broadcast				THRU DEC	
Comedy Jamboree				THRU DEC	
Down Home Country				MAY	
Grand Country's Pets and Giggles				THRU DEC	
Grand Jubilee				THRU DEC	
New South Gospel				THRU MAY	
Ozarks Gospel				THRU DEC	
Ozarks Country				THRU DEC	
Pets & Giggles				THRU DEC	
Hamner's Variety Theater 3090 Shep. of the Hills Expy • 417-334-4363	hamnersunbelievable.com	C-6			
Hamner's Unbelievable Variety Show				THRU OCT	
Abba Tribute: Thank You For the Music	abbtributebranson.com			THRU DEC	
Beach Boys "California Dreamin"	beachboysbranson.com			THRU DEC	
Back to the Bee Gees	backtothebeegees.com			THRU DEC	
The Sound of Simon & Garfunkel				THRU DEC	
<i>The Hughes Brothers Theatre</i> 3425 W. Hwy 76 • 417-334-0076	<i>Hughes-Brothers.com</i>	E-4			
The Hughes Music Show				THRU OCT	LD
Hughes Brothers Country & BBQ				THRU JUN JUL-OCT	LD
Re-Vibe!				THRU OCT DEC	D
Branson's Famous Baldknobbers 417-231-4999	<i>baldknobbers.com</i>		1, 2, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16	THRU-OCT	LD
Branson's Famous Baldknobbers Christmas	<i>baldknobbers.com</i>		1, 2, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16	NOV-DEC	LD
Vintage Baldknobbers Show	<i>baldknobbers.com</i>		1, 2, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16	THRU OCT	LD
Vintage Baldknobbers Christmas Show	<i>baldknobbers.com</i>		1, 2, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16	NOV-DEC	LD
Escape Reality Magic Starring Garry Carson				THRU DEC	D
Country Evolution starring Dalena Ditto	countryrevolution.net			THRU-DEC	L
Branson's IMAX™ Little Opry Theatre 3562 Shep. of the Hills Exp • 417-335-4832	bransonimax.com	B-4			
Absolutely Country, Definitely Gospel	acdgbanson.com			THRU-DEC	
Smoke on the Mountain				THRU OCT	
The Petersens: American Roots Music	petersenband.com			THRU OCT	
Rick McEwen Presents "The Gambler"				APR- DEC	

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Jerry Presley's God and Country Theatres 1840 W. Hwy 76 • 417-334-6806	GodandCountryTheaters.com	E-10			
Cowboy Church				THRU DEC	
Elvis LIVE: In Concert -starring Jerry Presley	GodandCountryTheaters.com			THRU-DEC	
Elvis LIVE: Aloha from Hawaii -starring Jerry Presley	GodandCountryTheaters.com			THRU-DEC	
Elvis LIVE: Madison Square Garden Concert starring Jerry Presley	GodandCountryTheaters.com			THRU OCT	
A Neil Diamond Tribute	aneildiamondtribute.com		13	SEPT-OCT	
A Neil Diamond Christmas	aneildiamondtribute.com		13	NOV-DEC	
Carpenters Once More	backtothe70stributes.com		12	SEPT-OCT	
Carpenters Christmas Once More	backtothe70stributes.com		12	NOV-DEC	
Crooners Jazzy Christmas				NOV-DEC	
Majestic Crooners Serenade				APR-DEC	
George Strait: Strait to Branson				APR-DEC	
John Denver Songbook				APR-DEC	
The Morace Family: Listen to the Music	moracefamilyshow.com			MAY-OCT	
King's Castle Theater 2701 W. Hwy 76 • 417-334-2500	kingscastletheatre.com	E-8	1, 7, 14, 17		
Anthems of Rock			7	THRU DEC	
The Ultimate 70's Show			7	THRU-OCT	
Dublin's Irish Tenors & Celtic Ladies			7, 14	THRU DEC	
Kings Castle show #1			7	THRU DEC	
Kings Castle show #2			7	THRU DEC	
New Jersey Nights: Music of The Four Seasons			7	THRU-OCT	
Spirit of America All American Musical Celebration			7	SEP-NOV	
Branson's Christmas Wonderland			1, 17	NOV-DEC	
Pepsi Legends Theatre 1600 W. Hwy 76 • 417-339-3003	legendsinconcert.com/Branson	E-10	3, 15, 17		
Legends in Concert			3, 15, 17	THRU OCT	D,A
Legends of Country			15, 17	DEC 26-30	D,A
Legends Christmas Spectacular Show			15, 17	NOV-JAN 3	D,A
Legends – Tribute to Taylor Swift			3		D,A
SIX	thesixshow.com			THRU OCT	
Majestic Theatre 2849 Gretna Rd. • 417-231-2420	themajesticbranson.com	C-7			
Branson Wild West Murder Mystery Dinner Show 417-849-8331	bransonmurdermystery.com			THRU OCT	D,A
Country Forever	matthewboyceentertainment.com			THRU DEC	
A Tribute to the King	cadenzaproductionsbranson.com			THRU DEC	
British Invasion	cadenzaproductionsbranson.com			SEP-NOV	
Matthew Boyce's Retro Christmas Spectacular	matthewboyceentertainment.com			NOV-DEC	
Johnny Cash and Friends				SEP-DEC	
The Mansion Theatre 189 Expressway Lane • 417-385-1118	themansiontheatre.com	B-9	5, 14		
Guest Stars			5, 14	THRU DEC	
Special Events			5, 14	THRU DEC	
Mickey Gilley Grand Shanghai Theatre 3455 W Hwy 76 • 417-336-0888		D-3			

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Grand Shanghai Circus				THRU JAN 1	
Rick Thomas, Illusionist: Mansion of Dreams				THRU DEC	
Nashville Roadhouse Live Theatre 3069 Shep. of the Hills Expy • 417-336-8742	nashvilleroadhouse.com	C-5	8-11, 13, 19, 20, 23, 25		
Nashville Roadhouse Live starring Stevie Lee Woods			8-11, 13, 19, 20, 23, 25	THRU DEC	
A Garth Tribute			8-11, 13, 19, 20, 23, 25	THRU DEC	
The Queens of Soul: Aretha Franklin & Friends			8-11, 13, 19, 20, 23, 25	MAY-DEC	
Pasghetti's 3129 W 76 Blvd • 417-335-0690		D-4			
Branson Riga-Tony's Murder Mystery Dinner Show				THRU NOV	
Presleys' Country Jubilee 2920 W. Hwy 76 • 800-336-4874	presleys.com	E-6		THRU DEC	
REZA LIVE Theatre 645 Hwy 165 • 417-404-3434	rezalivetheatre.com	F-4			
Reza: Edge of Illusion				THRU DEC	
Pierce Arrow Decades				THRU-OCT	
Pierce Arrow Country				THRU-OCT	
Pierce Arrow Gospel				THRU-OCT	
Pierce Arrow Ozark Mountain Christmas Spectacular				NOV-DEC	
MJ The Illusion: Reliving the King of Pop				THRU DEC	
The Doug Gabriel Ultimate Variety Show	douggabriel.com			THRU OCT	
Phil Dalton: Theatre of Illusion	50magicshows.com			THRU-DEC	
Shepherd of the Hills Outdoor Thtr. 3260 W. Hwy 76 • 417-334-7469	ShepherdoftheHills.com	A-3			
Shepherd of the Hills Outdoor Drama				MAY-OCT	D
Shepherd's Christmas Carol Dinner Show				NOV-DEC	D
Branson Comedy Bash				THRU NOV	D
Million Dollar Quartet Dinner Show				THRU NOV	D
Redneck Comedy Tour with Jarrod Dougherty				THU DEC	D
Whodunnit Hoedown Murder Mystery Dinner Show				THU DEC	D
An Old Trail Christmas Chuckwagon Show				NOV-DEC	D
A Christmas Story Dinner Show				NOV-DEC	D
Showboat Branson Belle 4800 W. Hwy 76 • 800-475-9370	bransonsilverdollarcity.com	J-3		THRU DEC	L,D
Sight & Sound Theatres 1001 Shep. of the Hills Expy • 800-377-1277	sight-sound.com	B-8			
David				THRU JAN 3	
Sun Show Room at Branson Meadows 4600 Gretna Rd • 417-527-1089		C-9			
On Fire: The Jerry Lee Xperience				SEP-DEC	
Ray on My Mind				SEP-DEC	
Yakov Theatre 470 St. Hwy 248 • 417-336-3838	yakov.com	B-12			
Comedy Star Yakov Smirnoff				MAY-DEC	

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TV cameras dolly-in for closeups of Stevie Lee Woods and The Nashville Roadhouse for Season 3 of the hit show lighting up the global TV networks!

GUEST STARS

Show host Stevie welcomes guest stars in each episode—first with performances, then with a lively sit-down interview and chat. Seen here (L. to R.) is international Country legend **Cerrito** (*Hot Pepper Doll, You and Your Sweet Love*), Branson star illusionist **Phil Dalton** and Country star **Sean Poole** (*She Won't Listen to a Word I Say*)



Stevie interviewing Cerrito.



GRAND FINALE!

Closing out the show, Stevie and the Nashville Roadhouse bids us all a friendly goodbye—at least 'til the next amazing TV episode (*or live performance in Branson!*) which we all can't help waiting for!

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CARPENTERS CHRISTMAS ONCE MORE MUSIC, AND A LIFE, THAT CHANGED EVERYTHING!

It's Christmas time! If we stop and listen to the music serenading us these days, whether it be on the radio, at the shopping mall, the hair salon or on earphones plugged into whatever they're plugged into—we will no doubt hear an awful lot of **The Carpenters** once more. To this day, The Carpenters remain prominent on the soundtrack of our lives, ever popular, and ever-uplifting. Bringing to life this music that generations of us all love is multi-award winning singing star **Diana Lynn**.

About The Carpenters

You might not remember her name, but trust us, you know her hit songs and you know her story—one which frankly, changed history.

Unusually, **Karen Carpenter** was both a singer and a drummer. She and her brother **Richard**, (**The Carpenters**) used their own

voices to create multi-track masterpieces that dominate the airwaves even to this day. That innovation literally changed the world of music. A few examples: (**They Long To Be Close to You**, **We've Only Just Begun**, **Top of the World**, **Hurting Each Other**, **Merry Christmas Darling**, and so many more.

The Shock!

When Karen's young life succumbed to the effects of **anorexia nervosa** at the tender age of 33, the world was shocked. Until then, the eating disorder, (**anorexic**) was largely unheard of among the general public. But that was then and this is now. It was the tragic loss of Karen Carpenter that educated us all. It literally changed the world. As Diana reminisces, "You know how when a star passes, you remember exactly where you were? When I learned of Karen's passing on February 4, 1983, I was at home

listening to the Carpenters Christmas Album and writing my Carpenters Once More tribute production. I was devastated." Yet Diana's sorrow, thankfully, turned into a living tribute helping to keep Karen's legacy very much alive.

We've Only Just Begun!

The show begins with a gentleman taking a seat at the piano to portray Karen's brother **Richard Carpenter**. He begins to play. Then we hear the real **Karen Carpenter** begin to sing. Diana suddenly appears and Karen's voice becomes hers. It's seamless. It's the voice, the stage presence and the captivating personality that draws us into the talent of Karen Carpenter channeled by the amazing talent of Diana Lynn!

The Dream

Diana grew up in a family of entertainers



and has been an entertainer all her life, (even during those years as a registered nurse, but we digress, for that's *another* amazing story.) Her showbiz experience comes across the moment she takes the stage, for her sunny personality, both warm and upbeat, is literally contagious. Audiences love her. Throughout her life, Diana has performed in shows of every kind. But her lifelong inspiration, was Karen Carpenter. She and Karen both share the same vocal range. Says Diana, "I always say, I was taught by Karen Carpenter. And I've always dreamed of performing her music."

It's obvious, Karen was taught good. And some dreams do come true. ♦

THE AMAZING CAST!



WES LARSON - (aka **Richard Carpenter**) **Keyboard & Vocals** Wes has been an actor, musician and a well-rounded entertainer for many years. He has also produced several stage productions- **Two from Galilee**, **Passion plays**, **patriotic productions** and many more. He also loves to teach vocal, keyboard, guitar and bass guitar lessons. Check out **WES LARSON VOCAL COACH** to get started today!



JAY DAVERSA **Music Director, Trumpet** Jay has performed on several legendary TV shows -- **The Mary Tyler Moore Show** and **The Bob Newhart Show**, to name a few. But WOW, Jay has also played with such music icons as **Barbara Streisand** and **Elvis!** **THE Elvis!** As a studio musician, he is featured

on numerous albums, including several tunes of **The Carpenters!** Yes, **THE Carpenters!** But one of Jay's most memorable performances is in the theme song of the legendary TV show **The Waltons!**



MARY ANNE DAVERSA **Vocalist** Mary Anne performed with **Andy Williams** for 15 years! She also has performed with **The Texas Tenors**, **The Lennon Sisters**, **Marvin Hamlisch** and **Mary Wilson** besides serving as **Music Coordinator for 6 PBS Specials!**



JAMES MCCALL **Master Percussionist** His storied musical career includes playing with rock legend **Leon Russell**. Currently, James plays for **A Neil Diamond Tribute**, **Chicago Tribute** and several rock bands.



TIM POPE **Music Director, Arranger & Drummer** The Compton, California

native originally played with the legendary **Ray Charles!** (He is also featured in Ray's Coke commercials! Check them out on **youtube!**)



JAY PARKS **Trombone** Jay began his career in the **Army Band at West Point!** He went on to play in **several Army Bands** for over 20 years, as well as with **Bobby Vinton** and the **Glenn Miller Orchestra!**



BOGIE BOHINC **Lead Guitar** **Bogie** came to us from California with **Tony Orlando** and later joined **Andy Williams** at Andy's **Moon River Theater**. He also plays for **A Neil Diamond Tribute** and several traveling shows.



SHANNON KNUDSON **Background Vocals & Percussion** Shannon hails from California and Vegas where she

performed with the **Sweet Adeline's** and **The Merry Ole Carolers**.



TERRY LAIRD **Lead Guitar** Performing in Branson for over 39 years, Terry has been music director for such shows as **The Chicago Tribute** and has worked with **The Lawrence Welk Show**, and **Silver Dollar City**.



ROBERT TERRY **Bass Guitar** Robert has played with **The Osmonds**, **The Lennon Sisters** and currently with **A Neil Diamond Tribute** and **The Hughes Brothers**.



BILL REDER **Flute & Saxophone** Bill was famously a resident musician at Las Vegas's famous **Caesars Palace!** He has played with **Tony Bennett**, **James Brown**, **Lynyrd Skynyrd**, **Johnny Mathis**, **Glen Campbell**, **Liberace**, **Chuck Berry** and many more!





HIT SHOW RETURNS WITH BAND OF ALL-STARS!

As might be guessed by all genuine Branson Insiders, Keith's return is in the company of his lovely wife **Diana Lynn**, who opens her own award-winning **Carpenters Once More** show at the same power-packed performance venue as her husband—namely, **Jerry Presley's God & Country Theatre!** (More about Diana's show on the previous page)

After packing out performance venues throughout North America for the past two years, **world renown Neil Diamond tribute artist Keith Allyn** has landed once again in the town where adoring fans flocked to his show (**A Neil Diamond Tribute**) for a whopping *ten years straight!*

But wait—*this time*, the fans are in for a surprise, for now Keith is backed up by a band of all-star musicians who, like Keith, are legendary performers in their own right! (More on that a tad later.) But as we probably too often like to say—“folks, that’s not all!”



10 PIECE ALL-STAR BAND!

Some in Keith's backup band have played with **Andy Williams**, some with **Ray Charles**, **Tony Orlando**—and the list just goes on and on. In conclusion: these backup A-listers have SO got Keith's back!

WHO'S NEIL DIAMOND?

When you hear the songs he wrote and sang—our guess is that you'll find yourself singing along and knowing the words that you never even knew you knew! Prediction: at the end of this show, you'll be on your feet singing your heart out. And at this particular time in our world, you may have to fight to hold back tears. More on that later. Here are some of Neil's songs which create the soundtrack of our lives: **Cherry, Cherry, Sweet Caroline, I am, I said, Solitary Man, Cracklin' Rosie, Holy, Holy, Shilo, Soolaimon, Brother Love's Traveling Salvation Show, Hello Again, Forever in Bluejeans, Song Sung blue, Pretty Amazing Grace**, and one we are saving for the end of this story. Stay tuned.

WHO'S KEITH ALLYNN?

Besides being an amazing Neil Diamond tribute artist, Keith Allyn is one of the most captivating entertainers you are likely to ever experience. Entertaining is not just his vocation—it's his lifelong passion. He's brilliant, he's warm, he's funny, he's full of mesmerizing Neil Diamond stories, and he literally “owns” not only the stage, but the hearts of most all of us audience types. Example: He recently performed a one-nighter for 5,000 people. No band. Just him and a guitar. The audience was so overwhelmed, the venue pleaded that Keith would stay for another show. Then another. 5,000 packed out each one. That says it all.

END OF STORY

At the show's finale, drums begin pounding. On screen is a flag waving. Keith begins singing—“*Far, we've been traveling far, without a home, but now without a star. Free, only want to be free, we huddle close, hang on to a dream. On the boats and on the planes, they're coming to America. Never looking back again, they're coming to America. Home, don't it seem so far away, Oh, we're traveling light today, in the eye of the storm, in the eye of the storm. Freedom's light burning warm. Got a dream to take them there, they're coming to America. Got a dream they've come to share, they're coming to America. My Country 'tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing—*”

During these times in which we live, the words, the music, of Neil Diamond's **America**—resonates deep in our heart of hearts. The drums are pounding as the music swells, the audience rising to their feet. Many are wiping away tears. There is scarcely a dry eye in the house. End of story. ♦





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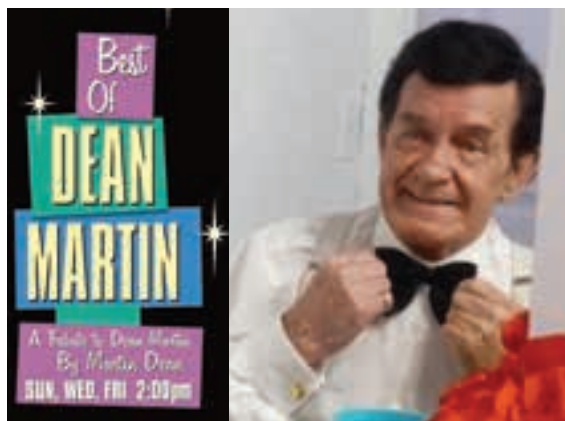
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Layin' Down Tracks!



Lucky us for getting a chance to sneak into a recording studio where we get to witness all the musical creativity going on as **Nashville Roadhouse Live** star **Stevie Lee Woods** and his crew “lay down tracks”, (as those professional music people say.) Our translation: they are creating, experimenting and recording pieces of music that will eventually all get spliced together to make a complete song, then a record—and in this case, music that this crew’s fan base will absolutely love enough to wanna dance to! As is obvious here, Stevie is overseeing it all.



Nashville Roadhouse lead guitarist **Mark Boyd** listens to the playback of guitar licks he’s created for these tracks in progress, all the while deciding if they pass his test. Or should be embellished upon. That’s pretty much a picture of creativity in progress.



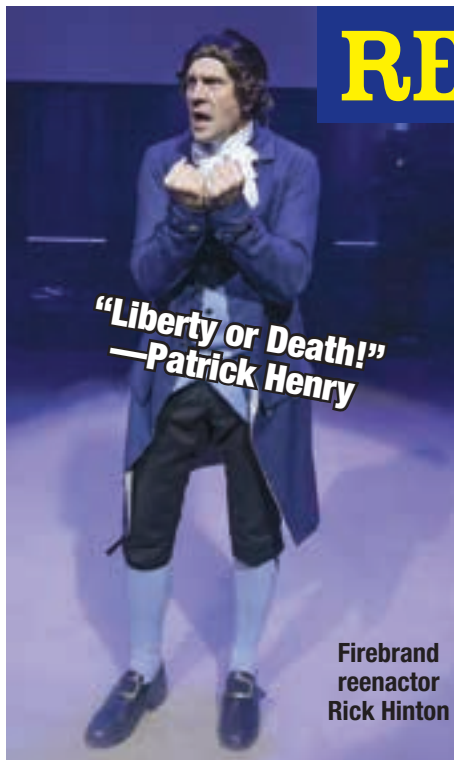
Acclaimed recording producer/engineer **Chris Omartian** took a short break to smile for us as his name instantly rang a bell in our reporter’s head. Turns out, Chris is the amazingly talented son of legendary Gospel recording artists **Michael and Stormie Omartian** (his Mom also being a best-selling Christian author; (*The Power of a Praying Wife*, *The Power of A Praying Parent* and so many more.) Looks like a lot of Chris’s amazing skills comes from being raised in that amazing Omartian family! ♦

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the faith required in this epic struggle. Included are modern testimonies of immigrants who escaped tyranny to come to America, as well as a tribute to **Veterans, Law Enforcement, and First Responders.**



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Part of our Freedom Journey Experience is a fun visit to a Colonial era schoolhouse where we learn our lesson of "Freedom Vs Tyranny"!

performers!! We also get to enjoy Dolby Atmos sound in the **Liberty Theater**, a lesson from an 1800's teacher in the **Wilderness School**, and holograms of Pastor Jonas Clarke and Samuel Adams in the Colonial Church! Now *that's* a great American experience!



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in to having fun with us audience types!

As for the music, it's mind-blowing musicianship and a visual feast of boot-scootin-cowgirls, poodle-skirt Rock 'N Rollers and stunning ballet that literally takes the breath away!

ABOUT STEVIE LEE WOODS

He's charted hits all the way to #1 (*Is there anything left?*) for

example—and for years was the likes of **Lorrie Morgan, Martina McBride, Dunn, Diamond Rio** and just about everyone in-between. On stage, he's explosive—consuming it like a hybrid of **Mick Jagger, Garth Brooks** and maybe even **Brooks & Dunn**.

Much of this comes from the fact that Stevie's showbiz roots run deep. His Dad played guitar with the legendary **Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs**, then later with fellow legend **Eddy Arnold**. Besides charting country hits, Stevie also hosted **Today's Hot Country** on **TV's Nashville Network**. Looks like the wheel is coming full circle! ♦

Photos by Jennifer Grant

Also at Nashville Roadhouse Theatre:



Sade Shine: Queens of Soul!

Sade Shine, (*pronounced "Shar-day" Shine*), has been captivating audiences ever since her early days singing in church at the age of six!

After years in Branson's *Motown Downtown* show, Sade this season headlines her own! Queens of Soul is a tribute to such music legends as **Aretha Franklin, Gladys Knight, Etta James, Whitney Houston** and *more!* Not only is Sade the first African American woman to own her own production in Branson, she has also been nominated for **Female Vocalist of the Year** and **Best Little Show!** Now *that's* a star!

A Garth Tribute

When our Oklahoma neighbor **Garth Brooks** hit the country/rock music scene, it was nothing less than a tornado, (as was obvious with his hit song **"Ropin' the Wind"**)

As for some memory triggers, how about **"No Fences", "The Chase", "In Pieces", "Friends in Low Places", "The Thunder Rolls", "In Another's Eyes"**, (a duet with his country superstar wife **Trisha Yearwood**), and the list goes on and on, as does the list of his awards, some being **Country Music Hall of Fame, Songwriters Hall of Fame**, and, well—you name it! Now we get to hear 'em all live on stage, thanks to acclaimed tribute artist Rich Watson! ♦

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ANOTHER WORLD!

As you will quickly discover during your website investigation, Branson's Wild World is no typical zoo and aquarium attraction. Here, wild animals are not hiding under rocks or snoozing in the dark shadows of some faraway corner. Instead, they inhabit beautifully crafted habitat that keeps them comfortable, active and happy while you visit their spaces—up close. Very up close.



CREATING ATTRACTIONS WORLDWIDE

The designer, owner and operator of Branson's Wild World is known throughout our wild world as a leading expert in the design of tourist attractions. After creating over 300 different attractions in over thirty countries, St. Louis native **James Kelly and his wife Lisa** have decided to call Branson home and make Branson's Wild World their labor of love.

A creative visionary much like **Disney**, James seems to be constantly adding new animals and new attractions to Branson's Wild World. As we studiously observed, he seems very "hands on" and "24-7". We couldn't resist asking him—what's the motivation? More visitors? More money? More fame? More anything?

To that, James shook his head "no."

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What is unveiled before our eyes is what creative geniuses have built—*fantabulous* entertainment—*awesome* stuff to do,



80's memorabilia everywhere! Killer cuisine! Trust us, you'll want to take a picture of your serving! 80s faves for every taste. (Alcohol also available) And we're saving the best for last, for **karaoke** is on tap, and **live bands playing nothing but 80s hits** appear all season!

(*totally*), *righteously rad* stuff to see, *bodacious* stuff to eat, and *stellar* 80s stuff to shop through! But people, even *that ain't* all! The attraction's new *bad-to-the-bone* eatery, (**New Wave Café**) will be featuring not only karaoke fun, but **incredible live bands** playing nothing but classic 80s jams! *Woah, dude! That is so fly!*

STUFF TO SEE

Hollywood memorabilia—(like **Mel Gibson's** actual motorcycle from **Lethal Weapon 3**, or that car out front from **RoboCop 2**), boatloads of signed boss movie posters and *rad* record albums (**Madonna**, **Cyndi Lauper**, **Michael Jackson**—and ka-gillions more—corridors of movie scenes, movie characters and iconic pop stars that, interestingly, are the *exact same size* as the celebs in *real life!* Dude, we thought those stars were so *humongous*, but *woah*, they're like regular, or even smaller, like *us!* Trust us, get a picture of you beside some! It's *wicked* true! As for 80s memory triggers, should we name names? Okay. **Top Gun**, **Flash Dance**, **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles**, **Batman**, **Star Wars**, **Indiana Jones**, **Terminator**, **Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure**, **Footloose**, **Beetlejuice**,—oh, let's go on to music—**Bon Jovi**, **Van Halen**, **Blondie**, **ACDC**, **U2**, **Prince**, **MC Hammer**, **Bruce Springsteen**, **Whitney Houston**, oh *duh*, this list could go on forever! Just come see it all!

STUFF TO DO

SLASHER'S HAUNTED HOUSE (Gulp), not gonna lie, it's creepy in there! No, nobody's gonna grab you or anything, but

walking into scenes from **Friday the 13th**, or **Michael Meyers Halloween**, or seeing those scenes from **Chucky**—well, y'all have fun in there! It's fun walking into Hollywood movie scenes, as long as you can walk out at any time! We promise, hand on the Bible—you *can*, unless you prefer to just enjoy the creepy stuff as long as you want!

RETRO ROCKER MINI GOLF Play amongst your favorite 80s rock stars, while your ears enjoy a never-ending soundtrack of 80s

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classics. We've said it before—seeing these characters in almost real life standing before you at their exact height, makes them feel—well, almost like real people. Like the rest of us!

TWO ESCAPE GAMES Fun stuff, but not to panic—technically you can escape at any time, but as all non-scaredy cats know, it's more fun to just try and figure it out!

Escape to the future is based on, yeah, you guessed it—that 80s movie franchise **Back to the Future!** The other escape game, **ALIEN ENCOUNTER** is based on, yeah, you guessed it again—**Alien!** **GREMLIN'S MOVIE THEATRE** Grab a bag of popcorn and enjoy an 80s classic—no extra charge. You can even leave and come back to catch a later show—FREE!

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If you haven't been there lately, then you haven't been there. Giant new add-ons to this mega attraction have been rolling out over the last few months faster than a 1925 Lionel freight train!

Let's get one thing straight—yes it truly is the **World's Largest Toy Museum**, (over 1 million toys), but don't get stuck on that word "museum". This isn't just some relic show. For most folks, a trip here turns into one of the funnest experiences ever—whether the folks be Moms and Dads with the kids in tow, the grandfolks—or even (no kidding) newlyweds! Yes, you heard right—*newlyweds!* Seems toys spark memories that the newbies begin to vocalize—pretty much a giant leap in their new life of getting to know each other!

Fun Stuff Galore!

The minute you step inside this monster attraction comprised of six different inside pavilions, you'll feel more like you've walked into a lively theme park than some still-life-of-a museum!



The family of Doug and Andrea Fritz from Lakeland, Florida gazes excitedly at the attraction's 37 foot long HO gauge train complex. Four year-old Julia looks particularly fascinated, while little one-year-old Olivia appears borderline mesmerized! The exciting "show" includes switchyards running three main lines, freight loading, tunnels through mountains and valleys, and of course the sounds of those chugging locomotives and those "lonesome" whistles!

Among all the pleasant background noises of toys and games both mechanical and electronic, you are likely to hear shrieks

of delight, giggling kiddos—and the unmistakable soundtrack of voices telling the stories this place so magically inspires!

The Inside Scoop

Let's take a look around. To orient ourselves in this huge toyland, know that there are six distinct areas located in three adjoined buildings on three levels, each with amazing gift shops that you're going to love. (A set of chattering teeth, anyone? How about some **Pez? Hot Wheels? Yo-yos? Tinker Toys? Retro Barbies? Lincoln Logs?** Some **magic tricks** the store hosts will be glad to demonstrate for you? Perhaps a set of **ball and jacks**, or a **Daisy BB gun?**

Says longtime museum host Ron Howard, (not the Opie guy), "We've got lots of nostalgia items you won't find anywhere else. Some don't have buttons or screens or batteries," he laughs,—"so kids today sometimes don't know what to do with them!"



Just Go!

Just so you know, this is not just old stuff from flea markets or garage sales. These are enormous collections gathered from all over. First, a little name-dropping here to help paint a picture of what you can expect to see—a giant Star Wars Collection, Star Trek, Marvell, Barbie, TV Westerns from the 1950s, GI-Joes wearing just about every uniform in history, the most spectacular model train set up ever, courtesy of The Roark Valley Modular Railroad Club, model circuses (created by The Circus Model Builders Association), sports memorabilia, Native American artifacts, bicycles, cap guns, car toys, planes toys, farm toys, pedal toys, Shirley Temple, Disney toys – oh we give up! Just GO! ♦



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Neil and Karen Bruner of Little Rock, Arkansas help the kiddos discover the fascinating world of tinker toys and legos at one of the museum's interactive play areas. 8 year-old Gavin seems to be building upwards while 4 yr. old Gabby works on a new set of wheels.

THE STORIED LIFE OF TERRY BEENE

We learned the first chapter of his life back on page 10. Now we get the rest of the story!

Branson Terry Music Awards founder and producer **Terry Beene** has lived a storied life. It was a long and winding road of a life before the **Terry Awards** came to Branson some years ago.

Part of that life was lived serving in the **United States Navy** aboard the **USS Roosevelt, USS Kennedy and USS Enterprise**. Then, several years of it were spent traveling the world as a drummer for some of the biggest names in the world of country music, which later led to years of being a legendary record producer, disc jockey and TV show host in Fort Worth, Texas. It was at that point when famously, as we learned back on page 10—he began The Terry Awards as a joke.

But in the midst of it all, was the bad news hinted at in the previous part of this story. Drugs caused Terry's life to spiral into addiction.

The breaking point was when a friend driving a tour bus in the middle of the night spotted him wandering along a Texas freeway, an event Terry doesn't even remember. "It was a God thing," Terry tells us.

But it was one that landed him in rehab, where he ended up living for an entire year. "For some Godly reason, God was lookin' after me" says Terry.

Fortunately, he came out of rehab, even though many of his friends did not, their lives being snuffed out due to the devastation of their addictions. Terry's life had been on its way to a similar sad ending, yet in contrast, his life suddenly became an absolute joy ride!

The title of his speaking engagements is the big clue—"From Drugs to Jesus."

Since that life

transformation, Terry has been on a different track. Although living in Georgia, his love for country music and for people who need the love of God brought him to Branson to continue The Terry Awards, this time for a completely different reason—to raise money for charity.

Charities is where the ticket money goes—to musicians who need medical bills paid, or whose children need financial help for their schooling, or for others needing car repairs or having other pressing needs. As Terry tells *The Insider*, "We're not doin' it for the money, we're doin' it out of love for people in need."

All year long, Terry is joyfully laboring to produce Branson's annual extravaganza. To cite a quote from Terry himself, The Branson Terry Awards, in the midst of all the glitz, the glamour and fun—is definitely "a God thing." ♦



Branson Terry Awards Founder Terry Beene and Liz Summit pose for paparazzi.

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see each other. I saw lotsa fellers I knew. I felt settled down, not anxious anymore about what toys I was hopin' to get in the mornin'.

Then we started singing Christmas carols. Them songs touched my heart right away. They made me feel even more warm and cozy, like I'd just had a mug of hot chocolate. We sang *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*. Then we sang *O' Little Town of Bethlehem*. And we sang so many more that I already pretty much knew by heart.

Then they let the little kids in choir robes come out and sing *Silent Night*. As they sang, the bigger kids came out with candles and begun

of that station wagon, I gazed up at the sky again. I saw beautiful stars splashed all over that night sky. I felt good. I didn't worry about gettin' ever'thing I wanted Christmas morning. I believed Someone was takin' care of me. And I was thankful. So thankful, that I whispered it to Him where nobody else could hear.

I felt Him with me, even there in that station wagon makin' its way down them icy roads. Mama and Papa was up front talkin' about maybe us havin' a little treat when we got back home, but I was feeling like it was Christmas morning already. I felt like I'd already got ever'thing I was wantin'. I somehow knew it'd be waitin' for me there in the morning, so I had nothin' to worry about anymore. I just felt

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to sing along with 'em. Then the biggest one turned to us all and motioned us to all sing along.

I didn't know why, but my eyes begun to be almost filling up with tears. Then I felt one start to roll down my cheek. I looked for a way to wipe it off without anybody seein'.

Then there was young kids dressed up to be shepherds that all came in. As all of them little youngsters started singing *Away in a Manger*, them little shepherds went to a small manger I hadn't noticed up near the altar and they all got around it singin' to it. Then I noticed what looked like a little doll inside.

After that, Pastor got up to speak. He told a Christmas story.

At the end, they had us all standin' up singin' *O Come All Ye Faithful*.

Afterward, out in the lobby, ever'body was all happy, talkin', kids runnin' around. Nobody was in a hurry to leave.

The ride home, as I pressed my face against the cold, glass window

good and happy. I didn't mind going to bed. In my whole life, I never felt being so thankful that He loved me and was with me, and that He'd be with me forever.

At this time of year, I can't help feelin' that the music, them sweet smellin' evergreen trees and even them hot chocolates all bring me back to that night so long ago when He filled my heart with a love, a peace and a joy that was more than I'd ever felt before. And which still lives with me this very day.

These days there's of course lotsa music, parties, TV commercials and shoppins goin' on, but for me, it all makes me feel so happy that He's here for me. And that I will be with Him and He'll be there with me and for me forever.

That's what makes this such a Merry Christmas. And a happy next year too!

Here's your Bible verses for all this. Luke Chapter 2: verses 8-20. Amen. ♦

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To see for yourself, go directly to **Made in the USA General Store**, inside **The Shoppes at Branson Meadows**! Upon arriving you will no doubt be amazed as you discover here a full buffet of incredible merchandise! And here's an added treat: if you drop everything and head there right now, bargains will await you, as well as a vast treasure trove of awesome items you'd be lucky to find back home! ♦

★ **MUSIC TO A HOMEMAKER'S EARS!** ★

One item in particular is a genuine **star attraction** in this shopper's dream! It's also been selling like hotcakes ever since our Branson visitors first got wind of it! So far, over **25,000** of these have been sold here!—probably because nobody has reported seeing them anywhere else! We're talking about a colorful collection of cotton dish cloths and dish towels which **NEVER** sour, mildew or stink—attributes which, going by the expressions seen on many faces, are music to a homemaker's ears! Most want at least two, or three, or a handful! Need a gift idea? *Voila!*



Brian shows us his star attraction.

★ **A SHOCKER FOR VETERANS & PATRIOTS** ★

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Bed, Bath...

★ THE MERCHANDISE ★

Folks like you will also enjoy perusing the Men's, Women's & Children's clothing, the kitchen department's high-grade cast iron cookware, the bed and bath area, the home décor, the Christian themed area, the vast toy department, the tools, the old timey candies, spices, gourmet food, gifts, jams, jellies... the old time ice-cream parlor & soda shop and--wow, where do we stop?

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SHOWS

At Branson's Hot Hits Thtr F-13

- **Doo Wop & More**
- **Godfather of Soul: James Brown Tribute, plus tributes to Prince, Michael Jackson, Bobby Brown & More**
- **Motown Downtown**
- **Patsy to Patsy**
- **Platters Golden Sounds of the 50s**
- **Best of Dean Martin**
- **Jukebox Live with Mark Alred**

At The Columns Event Center C-3

- **Branson Comedy Factory**
- **Fishin' For Trouble Murder Mystery Dinner Show**
- **Grand Ole Legends Country Music Tribute Show**
- **John Denver Songbook**
- **Lasting Impressions**
- **Madison Galloway Presents Girls Rock Dinner and Show**
- **Mayham in the Morning**
- **On Fire! The Jerry Lee Xperience**
- **Pink Floyd Experience**
- **Sharp DreZZed**
- **Solid Walls of Sound Elton John Tribute**

At Freedom Encounter Thtr G-5

- **Freedom Journey Show**
- **Freedom Journey Experience**
- **An American Christmas Show**

At The Hughes Brothers Thtr E-4

- **Branson's Famous Baldknobbers Christmas**
- **Vintage Baldknobbers Christmas Show**

At Jerry Presley's God & Country Thtr E-10

- **A Neil Diamond Christmas starring Keith Allyn**
- **Carpenters Christmas Once More**

starring Diana Allyn

At King's Castle Thtr E-8

- **Anthems of Rock**
- **Dublin's Irish Tenors & The Celtic Ladies**
- **Spirit of America All American Musical Celebration**
- **Branson's Christmas Wonderland**

At Pepsi Legends Thtr E-10

- **Legends in Concert**
- **Legends of Country**
- **Legends Christmas Spectacular**

At The Mansion Thtr E-9

Guest Stars!

- **The Oak Ridge Boys: American Made Farewell Tour**
- **Daniel O'Donnell**
- **David Phelps**
- **Gene Watson**
- **Home Free**
- **Jimmy Fortune**
- **Praisefest Branson**
- **The Bellamy Brothers**
- **The Gatlin Brothers**
- **Toast**

At Nashville Roadhouse Live! C-5

- **Nashville Roadhouse Live!**
- **A Garth Tribute!**
- **Sade Shine!**

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New Wave Café E-4

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