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## INSIDER Revelations

Richard Frehofer

Wisdom & knowledge from His Majesty  
the Editor & Publisher

### Hot Winter Fun!

**Y**ou arrived at the perfect time of year for a Branson getaway! True, plenty is boarded up for the winter, but don't let appearances fool you. As you'll see in these pages, plenty of smokin' hot shows are up and at'em to keep the sizzle on for what we call Hot Winter Fun!

The mountains and lakes are winter-

beautiful, the shopping a bargain wonderland, the dining peaceful, the hot tubs cozy, the atmosphere friendly and relaxed.

As your keen eyes will observe, hammers are swinging as construction crews all over town are creating magnificent new attractions and breathtaking beautification projects—so by all means come back and take advantage of these Branson surprises! They will begin to unfold in March and continue throughout this year of transformation. Expect a Branson the likes of which you have never seen before! As usual.

Meanwhile, enjoy the show. ♦



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# Stuff Happens

## January/February

### Jan/Feb

**Hot Winter Fun** . Branson's answer to the winter blues!

**Veterans Observances and Events.** For a complete calendar of events contact the Branson Veterans Task Force (417) 337-8387 [BransonVeterans.com](http://BransonVeterans.com)

### Jan 25

**Titanic's Daddy Daughter "Princess" Date Night** Dads, also known as "Prince Charmings," are invited to escort their daughter to this memorable event at Branson's Titanic Museum Attraction. Explore the ship together, enjoy a yummy dessert & drink, a Titanic flashlight to guide the way, and a personal keepsake photo. Royal couples are encouraged to appear in royal attire. Photo ops are available to capture the magic moments. Space is limited,

reservations required in advance. 800-381-7670

### Feb 1-28

**Sweetheart Month at Branson's Titanic!** A nod to the 12 honeymoon couples and young brides to be who sailed on Titanic's maiden voyage in 1912. Propose, get married, or renew your vows on Titanic's iconic Grand Staircase—the world's only exact recreation available for personal reservation! At Branson's Titanic Museum Attraction 800-381-7670

### Feb 5

**25th Annual Hot Winter Fun Big Show** EEnough variety and talent under one roof to melt away any winter blues! This is the mega star-studded event kicking off Branson's show season with a sneak

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## That's the Spirit

Theo N. Cider

Local expert, part-time preacher.



### REAL NEWS

**H**ere we are just at the top of the year and it already looks like the wheels have done come off! The news has gone loco and the whole world acts like it's just about to come down to two teams headed to the Superbowl!

But never mind the world. You came here cause your world is mostly about you and you are a-hopin' and prayin' the Good Lord will use me to give you a little pick-me-up—because by now you could probably use one!

I know that when the New Year kicked off it probably made you feel like you had another birthday, which reminded you that time was runnin' out. That might explain the lump in the throat when hearin' all that "Happy New Year" noise. And it sure didn't help when the news kept playing their little highlight reels of last year's miseries and woes!

But I know most of you good folks fought back by turning over a new leaf. Some of you headed to the gym, some quit sugar, some cleaned out the barn and some just decided to start over on a clean slate with just about everything.

So now here we are just a ways down the road and already some of the shine has wore off, so to speak.

Well, I got good news for you, 'cause that's what you come here for! Yes, Ladies and Gents, I'm here to tell you I got the cure—and that alone may shock you. But when I tell you what the cure is, I know I gotta brace myself—for the looks you will probably give me might be enough to suck the wind outta my sails! But here goes—

It's time for you and me to grow outta nursery school and graduate to the Big Leagues! It's time we worship and praise our Heavenly Father like never before!

But why? So we feel better? "cause we're 'sposed to? So we can make Him feel better? 'Cause it's our job?

No, no and triple NO! We do so because He first loved us and He sure enough deserves to be loved back! (*1 John 4:19 for you Bible detectives!*)

Now since the Good Lord has made me a straight-A reader of your bless-your-heart sorry looks, I can give the old college try at reading your minds. I'm guessing you're head is full of voices like this: "*But I sing songs to Him in church!*" you say. "*And I thank Him at every meal and before I go to bed! But excuse me,*" you say, "*it's kind of hard to thank Him for the sorry mess this old world is in and for that stack of bills in the kitchen drawer that are stickin' their tongues out at me til harvest! And that ain't even counting the doctor bills—thems are in the other drawer! So yeah, I pray, but I got*

*a prayer list so long I can't get to the half of it before I run outta prayer time and end up wore out and blue for all the trouble!"*

I know it's tough. When a flock of troubles swarm your head like squawking crows, putting on a nice Gospel record and prayin' against that list of troubles seems the way to go. But there's a better way.

It sounds kinda churchy to say this—but praise and worship is what we need. But truth be told, it took me a long time to get the hang of what I'm even talking about here. I was pretty good at clapping my hands and singing along at church, but back at the house I wasn't much good. The best I could do was wait for the wife to be gone, put on a nice Gospel record and then try to sing along. I sure 'nuff tried to praise the Good Lord, but unless I did it in church, I pretty much felt like a robot.

But one fine day I was outside workin' and I saw how pretty the sky had got, so right then and there I told the Good Lord what I thought about it. Bringing that up to Him, suddenly made me add a few other things I thought worth mentioning. And here's the thing—every time I thanked Him for one thing, it was like a door opened up in my head and I'd remember ten more things to thank Him for! Folks, I don't mind telling you—it wasn't much longer before love for the Good Lord started wellin' up on the inside of me so strong that I had to reach for that hankie in my back pocket, if you know what I mean! That's when I started figuring out how to praise Him. That's when I figured out I didn't have to

wait 'til church on Sunday. That's when I figured a lot of things out.

It was from that day on that I started talkin' to the Good Lord all through the day. I thanked Him for anything and everything that would kinda jump out at me. I talked and I paid attention and listened. I asked questions. More and more I began to see what I appreciate about Him and what a genius He is for making all the complicated little outfits that are all over this world, and how endless this universe is to make this world of ours float along in it like a grain of sand in a forever ocean!

But folks, I'm here to tell you—there's more to this story! It's this: when you spend time with The Good Lord, and when you sit at His feet, so to speak, and listen to Him speak in your Bible reading or at your preaching—you will get to know Him more. Get close to Him more. And love Him more. Praising and worshiping Him, even in all those simple ways like simple folk like me do—will cause faith, hope and love to well up in your insides. That's when you can grab that little prayer list and that "faith that moves mountains" runs you through it like a race horse at the Kentucky Derby! In this old world, there is no equal to the peace and joy of staying close to our Heavenly Father. They might not tell us that on the nightly news, but you're getting the real news here. Amen. "*And this is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith!*" (*John 1:5*) ♦

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# 26th Annual HOT WINTER FUN

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WINTER  
FUN!**



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**Hot Winter Fun** is Branson's answer to winter blues! Here, the snowflakes are rare and the sunshine is abundant. Watch a beautiful winter sunset playing against the mountains and lakes! Choose from a variety of awesome shows—all featuring some of the brightest stars in the world of live entertainment. Explore both indoor and outdoor fun—whether it's in Branson's exciting attractions, or in its natural wonders. Relax in a unique restaurant, or by a crackling fire back at the condo. Go on a leisurely shopping spree, where the bargains are bountiful, the atmosphere is friendly, and the experience—uplifting!

## SHOW OF SHOWS

**THE HOT WINTER FUN BIG SHOW** is the kickoff premiere and sneak preview of Branson's 2020 show season, as is well described in the lively ad to our immediate right. But if you happen to arrive in America's "Showtown" a little too early or a little too late—not to worry. As you review the ad studiously,

you will, in a nutshell, be presented with many, if not all the shows open for winter funseekers—you elites who have arrived before the prime time show season begins in March!

## THAT'S THE TICKET!

Better hurry. **THE HOT WINTER FUN BIG SHOW** is a fast sellout! Along with a wide variety of shows and performers jam-packed into one exciting show, there are **souvenirs, special treats and surprising performances!** Ticket proceeds from THE BIG SHOW are used for media campaigns promoting Branson's winter show season. Entertainers donate their performances for the cause, as well as several volunteers and local businesses who likewise donate a generous helping of their time and money. The show is produced by **The League of Branson Theatre Owners & Show Producers**. It offers regular seating for \$35, the first six rows seating for \$45, plus the VIP Balcony package for \$60 which includes **heavy hors d'oeuvres, non-alcoholic beverages, access to a cash bar and meet-and-greets with many of the stars**. For ticket info, study the ad on page 3. There may be a quiz. ♦



# The HUGHES Music Show

When *USA Today* called them “the world’s largest performing family”—that was no “fake news! (Fact check: We are now counting over fifty members of this off-the-charts talented family appearing on stage in each spectacular performance!)”

Although the four Hughes Brothers and their ever-expanding family of star performers have been playing to packed out Branson audiences for over twenty years, we are issuing this **WINTER ADVISORY:** If you haven’t seen

(as usual) for the big 2020! We tried to get some juicy details, but our inside contacts remained tight-lipped, yet were grinning knowingly. We can’t wait, (and that’s putting it mildly)—to see what this year’s massive family entourage of singers, dancers and brilliant musicians roll out for our 2020 audience gatherings of families, couples, and folks of all ages! Experience tells us that we won’t be disappointed—nor shall we fail to be completely blown away!

What can we expect? Well, incredible



The Hughes Music Show lately, then you haven’t seen the Hughes Music Show, that showbiz extravaganza that was the toast of Branson’s 2019 awards season! (**Variety Show of the Year!**, **Patriotic Salute of the Year!** and **Christmas Show of the Year!**) Our stealth reporters have been told that incredible, astounding and unbelievable new show surprises will continue to roll out,

singing, dancing, musicianship—and a full assortment of pop, country, Hollywood, Broadway, forties throwback—*oh, we give up!* Expect anything and everything from a cast of little kids, big kids, Moms & Dads, teens, young adults, babies, and yes, the legendary Hughes Brothers themselves! ♦

## 3-TIME HONORS!



Stars of the Hughes Family Show pose with their honors at The 2019 Branson Show Awards!



## Celebrity Dinner Theatre

Save time, avoid traffic and stress—and enjoy a relaxing gourmet dinner before the show—prepared by acclaimed Swedish chef Reggie Regnall! We will cite the dessert entrée to help paint a picture: luxurious dark chocolate mousse topped with a heavenly light whipped cream & fresh raspberries. Oh yum.



# HUGHES Music Show

## Valentine’s Special Show!!!

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## PAPARAZZI PARTY! SATURDAY, FEB 1

2pm-5pm

Ozark Mountain Craft Mall, Branson

### Your Hosts

Baldknobbers Stars  
**PATTY & TIM "DROOPY  
DRAWERS" MABE!**



**H**ere's a big chance to get up close and personal with two of Branson's brightest stars—PLUS get the inside scoop on what's hot and what's "fashion forward" in the world of jewelry and accessories! We're talkin' "new bling for Spring!"

It all happens when Branson singing star **Patty Mabe** reveals her fabulous collection of glitz and glamour from **Paparazzi**, the prestige designer of jewelry and accessories starting at fashion-friendly prices as low as just \$5.00!

No typo. We aren't kidding. \$5.00! That's all, folks!

But wait, that's not *entirely* all! The venue will ALSO at that time be holding a

### CHARITY RAFFLE!

At press time, cool items continue to pour in! Check it all out and sign up (just \$2 bucks a raffle ticket!)

### HOT SELLER!

Tim & Patty tumblers!  
(Here's a scoop: ask  
about the new KC  
Chiefs tumblers!)

### LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION!

Ozark Mountain Craft Mall is located right on W. Hwy 76 across the street from Grand Country, and right next door to Burger Shack and Taco Bell. Read all about it on page 8!

## WINTER BARGAINS ALL MADE IN THE USA!

**F**orget imports. Wanna see what awesome products your clever fellow Americans are capable of coming up with? Then look no further! 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 all Made-in-the USA! And here's an added treat: if you drop everything and head there right now, red hot winter bargains will await you!

### A SHOCKER FOR VETERANS!

When was the last time you saw veterans' merchandise or even American flags that were actually MADE IN THE USA? Well, you

will in this store's entire department of veterans items! Included is clothing, hats, all kinds of veterans gear, collectables, décor, memorabilia & more!

**STAR ATTRACTION** One item, for real, has been selling like hotcakes ever since our Branson visitors first got wind of it. So far, over 12,000 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! Most homemakers want at least two, or three, or a handful! Need a gift idea? *Voila!*

### THE REST OF THE STORY

Folks like you will also enjoy perusing the Men's, Women's & Children's clothing, the kitchen department's cast

iron cookware, the bed and bath area, the home décor, the Christian themed area, the tools, the old timey candies, spices, gourmet food, gifts, jams, jellies...wow, where do we stop?

**MAN ON A MISSION** Made in the USA's owner Brian Karn aims to do his part to bring back American manufacturing and create new jobs in our good ol' USA! To that idea, we throw in a hearty "Amen!" ♦



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# A LEGENDARY SEASON 2020!



Voila! Legends in Concert to the rescue! In the show's first Elvis performance, we get **Elvis from the Movies!** Remember? **Blue Hawaii, Viva Las Vegas, I Can't Help Falling in Love, Jailhouse Rock, Gi Blues** etc. etc! Of course we could keep going, as could you, but for now, we all get the picture. (Probably because Elvis sang those songs to us in SO MANY pictures!)



**MOVIE ELVIS!**

Then, for Legends in Concert's Grand finale, we get **Vegas Elvis**, complete with the spectacular Vegas jumpsuit, the karate moves, and of course, those legendary showstoppers which include **Suspicious Minds, In the Ghetto**, and the legendary, if not historic medley of **Dixie** and **The Battle Hymn of the Republic!** Getting goosebumps just reporting that.

For what better Grand Finale can there be, than one recreating a breathtaking performance of Elvis Presley, the ultimate legend of **Legends!** ♦



**VEGAS ELVIS!**

## THE STARS OF FEBRUARY/MARCH!

**GARTH BROOKS!**

**FREE UPGRADE TO RESERVED SEATING!**  
(See ad below)

Can you *believe* it? How do they do it? Once again, **Legends in Concert** tops themselves with a legendary lineup for 2020—and folks, this one hits the absolute sweet spot with just about every generation on planet earth!

Produced in Vegas, **Legends in Concert** is a dazzling extravaganza of the world's top tribute artists appearing at Branson's **Dick Clark American Bandstand Theatre!** Backing up these legendary superstars is a smokin' live band of all-star musicians and a full 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!** Concessions include such goodies as Johnsonville Brats, Chili-Cheese Dogs, Ham & Turkey Croissants, Fresh-out-of-the-oven Gourmet Cookies and Chocolate Covered Bananas! **Upstairs Lounge!** Enjoy craft beers, champagne and a variety of fine wines before the show or during intermission 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.

## GARTH BROOKS!

He's the guy who shook up the music world by giving country music a little shot of pop, a little spike of rock, and a whole lot of onstage theatrics that resulted in packed out arenas all over the globe! His record-breaking live performances, off-the-charts record sales, endless awards—all came from his music that to this day remains in much of our world's hearts and minds! How about these few titles for some memory triggers—**Ropin' the Wind, No Fences, Friends in Low Places, If Tomorrow Never Comes, The Thunder Rolls**—can you feel it?

## THE TEMPTATIONS

Next on the Legends in Concert showcard are the legendary **Temptations!** The moves and grooves of their signature "Temptations walk" taught the world that visual music was impossible not to dance to! Let's take a moment to think about these hits: **Cloud 9, I Can't Get Next To You, Ain't Too Proud to Beg, Get Ready, ("Cause Here I Come)**—and of course, **My Girl**. To us, just presenting that list is enough to make a body wanna move and groove!



**THE TEMPTATIONS!**

## THE BLUES BROTHERS

Of course back by eternally popular demand are those furiously dancing and soulfully singing hipsters from Chicago—the fabulous **Blues Brothers!** Honestly, who can resist getting goosebumps at seeing the almost rubber-like moves this dancing duo channels while singing



**BLUES BROTHERS!**

their signature hits: **Soul Man, Sweet Home Chicago, Rawhide** and **Gimmie Some Lovin'!** What other act has such a knack for getting us laughing, singing and dancing all at the same time? Answer: these guys.

## TWO SIDES OF THE KING

Finally, we have two other signature events which happen in this show. It comes in the form of one word: **ELVIS**. It's the word that says it all.

Okay, maybe a couple other words too: The King. To recreate his performances, how can one show project all the different Elvis eras in one superstar supershow?

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# Legends in Concert

### 2020 LINEUP

SPRING	SUMMER	FALL	WINTER
Feb. 1 - May 19	May 21 - Sept. 8	Sept. 10 - Oct. 31	Nov. 1 - Jan. 2, 2021
Elvis (Movies)	Brooks and Dunn	Johnny Cash	Kenny Chesney
Garth Brooks	Taylor Swift (May 21 - July 31)	Liberace	Frank Sinatra
The Temptations	Aretha Franklin (Aug 1 - Sept 5)	Barbra Streisand	Aretha Franklin
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# SUPERSTAR CRAFTERS GET NEW HOME!

**G**ood News! Some of Branson's most popular, (and world-famous) crafters are back! Thanks to the efforts of Ozark craft connoisseurs Mark and Jennifer Grant, Branson's superstar crafters and working vendors have been carefully selected, sought out, and welcomed into their new home at the all new **Ozark Mountain Craft Mall**, located right across from Grand Country on W. Highway 76, (the Branson strip!)

This regathering of crafters, some with a world-wide fan base, includes several whose works were main attractions at both Branson's legendary **Engler Block**, (razed after the 2013 Leap Day Tornado), and the popular **Branson Mill**, (later converted by developers into a trampoline Park). But the good news, like we said, is—*they're back!*

For this we can thank the aforementioned Mark and Jennifer, owners of **Mrs. Brenda's Old Time Photos** (a few doors down) and **Shooters Old Time Photos**, (across from Branson Mall.) As Mark tells us, "Jennifer and I also had an old time photo attraction at The Branson Mill. A lot of real friendships with other vendors came out of that. We were like family. We ate our meals together every day. We worked together. When that location changed hands and broke up that family, it really hurt."

But things would later change—for the better! Over the holidays, an opportunity presented itself in the strip shopping center which was also home to Mrs. Brenda's Old Time Photos. Says Mark, "When we saw that we could bring part of that family of vendors back together in a new location, we jumped on it. Having these crafters, artisans and working vendors come back together, each with their own talents and uniqueness—is something really special. It's representing the heritage of Branson."

Briefly described, every booth in the **Ozark Mountain Craft Mall** features unique items not found elsewhere. Some include classes offered by the crafters themselves. Manning the attraction is Mark's wife Jennifer, a self-described, life-long fan of working with retail items she personally enjoys. When it comes to customer service, Jennifer has no equal. "We really care about our customers," she tells us. "If you're looking for something, we will do whatever we can to help track it down. We'll answer questions. We just want to create a great experience for all ages."

Our conclusion is this: Mission Accomplished. ♦



Mark and Jennifer, seen here with Penelope, the mall's "greeter".



Master Craftsman Gaylen Montgomery (right) disciples a student in the art of the scroll saw.



Local resident Heather Anderson shops quilts.



Meanwhile, Heather's 3-year-old daughter Miah shops the toy department!

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# BRANSON'S WILD WORLD GETS

# WILDER!

## SHARK TANK!

**F**eed sharks. Real sharks. Get eyeball to eyeball with howling wolves, mountain lions, living dinosaurs—all returning stares mere inches away! Hold a boa. Pet dingoes. Try to escape from a Mummy's tomb. Take a 6D motion ride, shooting targets in a 3D movie. Enter a dark world and try your hand at a round of mini golf, while pirates distract—and live animals watch. Welcome to **Branson's Wild World!**

### 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



### GLOBETROTTERS!

World renown attractions designer James Kelly & his wife Lisa.

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, 47 year-old 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.

James began designing attractions as a teenager. It was the beginning of a career that led to building attractions for the top theme parks in North America, as well as for those in Europe, South America, the Middle East and the Orient. No attraction seemed excluded from his portfolio; be it one including animatronics, haunted houses, magic houses or rainforests. "But I've always wanted to mix a zoo attraction with family entertainment," he told us.

It is to our good fortune that James decided to bring that dream to Branson!

### A WHOLE NEW WORLD

Although well established, Branson's Wild World is ever-changing and ever-expanding. New additions and enhancements are being unveiled continuously. In our view: If you haven't been there for a few months, welcome to a whole new world!

### INDOOR FOOT SAFARI

Let's attempt to paint a picture. On your foot safari through Branson's Wild World you are sure to see, (rain or shine) such wildlife (some dangerous, some deadly) as **gators & crocs, sea turtles, a wolf pack, sharks, snakes, eels, talking parrots, dingos, lemurs, living dinosaurs**—and more. You can **swim with stingrays, feed whoever is hungry, play with dingos**—and more. Much more.



### CREATURE COMFORTS!

Indoor safaris here are wheelchair accessible and resting benches are plentiful. Safari Guides also remain close to help with animal interactions, feedings, or educational info.



### Dingo Kisses!



### Snake Hugs!

### CHOOSE YOUR FUN

Fun is abundant and options are many—making it easy to design the fun around every budget. We think we've made our point: this is truly your place for some *seriously wild times!*

### WORLD CHANGERS

All winter long Branson's Wild World has been transforming the environment of this amazing attraction into an all-encompassing, immersive experience. As far as the scenery and theatrical effects, you might at first feel like you've entered a Disney creation. That notion soon evaporates, as the sights, sounds, and atmospheres transport you beyond the realm of fantasy and imagination and into the very worlds where those wild things dwell — a world you can feel, and even touch.

### THE LOST WORLD

Enter a new area called **Living Dinosaurs**, a collection of some pretty scary creatures who have been living on our planet since they shared it with **T-Rex, Raptors and Brontosaurus**. Monster prehistoric sea creatures now inhabit a new 21,000 gallon tank eight feet tall, (with windows), while prehistoric reptiles lurk nearby. Meanwhile, animatronic dinosaurs growl and roar to provide goosebumps and photo ops.



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## WILD VALLEY

For adventurers eager to take on another, somewhat different type of safari, we direct you a few short miles down the road to **Wild Valley** at Branson West, another masterful attraction created and operated by James and Lisa. This one is 100 percent designed around animal interactions, (some at different levels of course, since animals vary from kangaroos to cuddle to lions and tigers to feed from a wise distance.)

For anybody seeking some wild times while on vacation, we recommend heading to where the wild things are. These two places, for example. ♦



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## Stuff Happens

January/February

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preview of the 2019 season! Grab tickets quick—this one sells out fast! Choose VIP seating, table top dining, and a cash bar. Catering is by Florentina's Ristorante Italiano 7:00pm at Dick Clark's American Bandstand Theatre Tickets 417-339-3003 (See story on p. 3)

### Feb 14

**Hughes Music Show Celebrates Valentine's Day** Enjoy dinner before the show and a classic romance movie. Then experience the Hughes Music Show where love abounds! Dinner and movie starts at 6pm, the live show starts at 8pm! For tickets: 417-334-0076 [HughesBrothersTheatre.com](http://HughesBrothersTheatre.com) (See page 7).

- **Valentine's Dinner at the Keeter Center** Enjoy a special Valentine's Day menu at the College of the Ozark's award-winning Restaurant. A candlelit dinner featuring the chef's tasting menu, live music and dancing in a rose-petal setting. Reservations to this sell-out event are required. 4pm 417-239-1900

### Feb 14-17

**Tanger Outlet's Presidents Day Weekend Sale** Find extra winter savings at your favorite brand name stores!  
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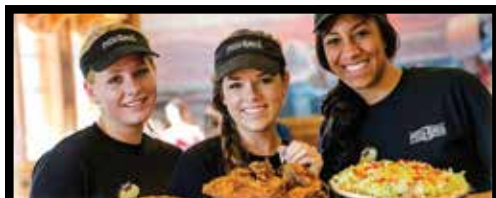
# Pizza Ranch

## BUFFET RESTAURANT

## WITH A WORTHY MISSION!

This amazing all-you-can-eat buffet restaurant/fun zone (which is exploding across the country) has now burst upon the scene in Branson!

Besides being a national foodie sensation, the **The Pizza Ranch** success story also has something to with the company's vision and mission. Of course what gets folks to the Pizza Ranch in the first place is the incredible eats! But it's not long before the mission unfolds and the folks start bonding with everything Pizza Ranch does. And is.



**Service from the heart!**



**Critically acclaimed chicken!**



**Elaborate salads!**



**Endless goodies!**

### ALL-YOU CAN EAT BUFFET YOUR WAY!

It was Pizza Ranch's **"Buffet Your Way!"** that scored the eatery's first home run—the good news that the folks could design any goofball pizza order they wanted and The Ranch would put it right out on the all-you-can-eat buffet at no extra charge! Pickles and sauerkraut pizza, anyone? Macaroni & cheese pizza for the kiddos?)

### ABOUT THAT CHICKEN...

We sent our food critics over to try Pizza Ranch's chicken buffet and of course they came back with rave reviews—just like every other food critic on the Pizza Ranch map! Quotes to note: *"Best ever! Period! Absolutely over-the-top mmmmmMMM! Go try some and prove us wrong! We DARE you!"*



### AND MORE!

With all this comes an elaborate **salad buffet, dessert buffet, (with endless ice-cream), plus endless drinks** at no extra charge. Staff is trained to be living epistles of the company motto: "Service from the heart".

### THE INSIDE SCOOP!

Legendary Branson restaurateur Doug Kissinger gave us the inside scoop of why he threw in to become ranch foreman, (A.K.A. GM/Managing Partner.) "I liked the company," Doug told us. "It's



**Doug reveals the vision—and the mission.**



### KIDS EAT FREE!

Tue after 4pm. 1 kid (12 & under) per 1 adult.

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### THE KID WITH A VISION

Pizza Ranch was founded in 1981 by an eighteen year-old kid from Hull, Iowa named Adrie Groenweg. Young Adrie laid a good foundation for his company.

**Vision:** To glorify God by positively impacting the world

**Mission:** To give every guest a legendary experience.

(See Ad on p. 10 and map grid B-11 on p. 12)

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