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OCP SPOTLIGHT

Mike Albright

Mike Albright was raised in Long Island, New York. Around his 6th grade year, his family moved to Macks Creek, Missouri and later to Halltown, where he would spend the next 40 years. He did leave Halltown for 3 years when he joined the Air Force, relocated to the frontlines of the Cold War, stationed at Elmendorf Air Force Base in Anchorage Alaska. In 1987, after returning to Halltown, he would move on to his next career as an EMS and First-Responder.

In the Summer of 2011, Mike rushed to a house where a man had just collapsed with a heart attack. He, and a couple of other paramedics, got there in a moment's notice, strapped the man to a stretcher, and sped off towards the hospital. On the other side of the two-lane highway was a driver who was distracted by his cell phone. As Mike was rushing to the hospital, this other driver began veering into Mike's lane. Traffic had pulled over on the right shoulder giving way to the speeding ambulance leaving Mike with no place to go.

On July 8th of 2011, one dump truck and one speeding ambulance collided head-on, crushing the inside ambulance cab like an empty soda can. The highway became a pile of smashed glass, mangled metal, and burnt rubber. It took an hour for emergency crews to cut Mike out of that deformed cab. To this day, he only remembers being awake long enough to give someone his wife's phone number.

Was it a miracle that Mike was still alive? Or was it a miracle that there happened to be another ambulance just 2 miles behind him? What defines a man is not how he acts but how he reacts to life. It was going to take more than strength and resilience to pull him through this.

Out of this wreck came a determination to live. It would take 4 days and the prayers of many before Mike would awake and another 3 years to recover. He had a traumatic brain injury, broken pelvis, broken elbow, broken wrist, broken ankle, 8 broken ribs, and a punctured lung, spleen, and liver. Through all this, he turned it over to God.

It seemed that his entire life had been centered around helping other people. Whether it was his time in the military or his life work as a first-responder, he was always there to help other people. Now, it was those other people who would be there to help him. Every day was a fresh new day, and as long as God was allowing him to live, he wouldn't

take it for granted.

With his personal determination, the encouragement of his friends and family members, he was finally able to get back to what he loves the most – being there for others. When asked how anyone can make it through this all, he said to “Turn it over to God. He will get you through it. You may not know how or why, but He will.”

If you ask those who work with him how they describe him, they describe him as “caring”, “friendly”, “helpful”, and “goes beyond”. “He’s never turned down anyone who needs help. Whether he’s on the clock or not. If he’s on the park, he goes out of his way to help people.”

He has a new meaning of life. “Don’t take the little things for granted. Live every minute like it’s the last. Cherish the moments because you’re not guaranteed tomorrow.”

Today, Mike and his wife Amy have 5 kids and 9 grandkids. They enjoy full-time RVing and helping-out around Branson Ridge. You may find him running a tractor fixing the roads or hear him behind a chainsaw. Since 2015, he’s been a huge asset to Ocean Canyon and has been a favorite face to many of our members. He has traveled and lent a hand to all of our resorts when we needed him to.

If you were to ask him what he retired from and how he ended up at OCP, you’ll hear him say “Well I kind of got retired by a dump truck!” Thank you, Mike Albright, for all that you do!

For more of this story, find it online at www.oceancanyon.com/2018/8/mike-albright.



“He sees ways and helps improve the company before problems show up. He’s very outgoing - always positive around the team and helpful with the members.” ~Bill Turney

“He’s never turned down anyone who needs help whether he’s on the clock or not. If he’s on the park, he goes out of his way to help people.” ~Pat Patnaude

“Anything that the resort needs, Mike is always willing to help. You will find Mike fixing a water problem at 11 pm. Trees blew down in the middle of the night and he took care of it. He’ll help with electric, water, security, late arrivals, anything. He does it all. He has a good mind to figure things out. Love to work with Mike.” ~Doc



ABITA SPRINGS RV RESORT

Schools are back in session just as the weather is finally starting to cool off here at Abita Springs. The northern winds are blowing a cool breeze and the migrant flocks of birds are headed south for the winter. As the resort slows from the busy summer months, this is an excellent time to bring the pets and come relax, enjoy the peace and quiet, or go for a stroll around the park!

We have been working continuously on updates around the resort. For starters, new picnic tables and a much needed WiFi upgrade have taken place! Perhaps, more noticeable, the entrance to the clubhouse and the parking area have been paved, and several loads of gravel have been brought in to rebuild roads and level sites. In our clubhouse, members are enjoying newly remodeled showers and bathrooms, a new paint job, and a new A/C unit keeping the place nice and cool!

Over the summer, we had several dads impress the judges by participating in the Father's Day barbecue cookoff! The 4th of July was packed with activities ranging from parades and pool parties to cake walks and apple pie contests. Rounding out the summer, members enjoyed a resort-wide luau which included tie dying, dancing, and lots of memories, fun, and laughter!

This fall, we will continue some renovations on cabins and we have plans to renovate the back bath house. Abita Springs' weekends are full of fun activities, including Clint's Canvas Creations and Cajun Line Dancing! September 29th, Tammany Humane Society will be here for a pet adoption day. Members can come and check out the animals and maybe adopt one. Coming up, October is sure to be great fun with our Halloween Celebration and in November, we are having a special celebration for our Veteran's and shortly thereafter, a Thanksgiving Day feast! Come on out and celebrate with us!



REVIEWS

"Awesome beautiful can't wait to come back"

~Mona B.



"We had a great time here. Mary, Janice and John we so helpful when we got there. Made us feel very welcomed. Had a blast with Clint at bingo."

~Angela S.



"We Love this place and the pool is awesome. Very quiet and clean."

~Gloria Robertson



"We love it!!!"

~Donnie Dickerson



SEPTEMBER

1-3 Labor Day Weekend

7-9 Grandparent's Weekend

14-16 Decorating Wkd for Fall

21-23 1st Day of Fall Weekend

28-30 Caramel Apple Weekend

OCTOBER

5-7 Hot Dog & S'mores Weekend

12-14 Health Social

19-21 Festival Time

26-28 Halloween Celebration

NOVEMBER

2-4 Turkey Month

9-11 Veteran's Weekend

17-19 Soup Weekend

23-25 Thanksgiving Weekend



BRANSON RIDGE RV RESORT

Branson is a great city to come and have fun in. As the hustle and bustle of tourist season comes to an end, the car lines are much shorter around town as families are preparing to return to school and work. With the reds and the oranges beginning to paint the hills with the changing of the leaves, the scenery is breath taking.

So far this season, Branson Ridge has been making a lot of updates to the resort. We started things off by replacing the roof and enclosure on our indoor pool, as well as many restorations to the outdoor pool. We've also had a tree removal project taking place, making the park more accessible for our members and guests. Along with renovating our rental cabins and cottages, we have added new horseshoe pits and picnic tables. Rounding the summer out, the resort has undergone a nice WiFi upgrade, making the members very happy!

Here at the Ridge, we're excited as David Jordan and Melanie Brown have joined the activities team. They have been getting to know everyone at many of our events. With so many activities taking place, ranging from watermelon games, pool parties, and bingo, to bonfires and hot dog roasts, they have been working hard to keep us all entertained.

Branson Ridge will be ending the season with an ample activity load. We will be upgrading our activity area and building a new amphitheater for our activities. In September, we are having a USA Week, and Fall Fest. Our famous "Witchy Weekend" will return in October along with a lot of campfire fun. Then, in November, we are honoring our Veterans with our "Thank A Veteran Week". So, come on out and relax with us while you still can!

REVIEWS

"Beautiful rv campground in the Ozarks. Friendly personnel in a full service campground. Outstanding!"

~David B.
★★★★★

"We have been to Branson Ridge many times. Have always had a great time, the employees are great and helpful with any problems. The park manager is a super manager and if you have a problem he will bend over backwards to help you resolve it. The park is in great shape and the lots are good sized lots. I would recomend this park to all who would like to join us here."

~Roger G.
★★★★★

SEPTEMBER

- 1-2 Celebrate Labor Day
- 3-9 Grandparents Are Great
- 10-16 Swap Week
- 17-23 Pirate Week
- 24-30 Share a Craft

OCTOBER

- 1-7 Make Someone Smile Week
- 8-14 Beat Breast Cancer
- 19-21 Witchy Weekend
- 22-28 Board Games
- 29-31 Campfire Fun

NOVEMBER

- 1-4 Campfire Fun
- 5-11 Thank A Veteran
- 12-18 Thanksgiving With Friends
- 19-25 Holiday Crafts
- 26-30 See You Next Season



HIDEAWAY PONDS RV RESORT

Hideaway Ponds has had a fun year thus far! We have been hard at work building, planting, painting and renovating. As the temperatures continue to cool down, it's a great time to take a swim in one, or both, of our pools! Members can expect a lot of events going on at the park this fall.

In addition to enjoying all the great activities taking place around the park, members are also enjoying the four new cottages that have recently been added, as well as, all the renovations that have taken place on the existing cabins throughout the park. The kids have spent their summer playing on the new playground equipment and riding their bikes along the newly improved roadways. As members enter the park, they are welcomed by our friendly staff at our new welcome center!

We started off the summer with an end of school bash. In June, we held a sewing class, to which men, women and children turned out to learn. The 4th of July was busy, as we had a week-long festivities list to celebrate! Adding to the list of fun, trivia night was a hoot! Several groups turned out to play and it was a Cajun good time!

This fall, we will be upgrading our WiFi and adding new picnic tables across the park. We will also be preparing the park for the addition of new sites in the future. In September, we are having our first annual chili cook off, followed by calendars filled with Harvest Fests, campfires and, of course, Halloween. Rounding out the year, we are having our Armed Forces Weekend, followed by our Veteran's Day Ceremony. Then, later in the month, we will celebrate with more fine Cajun food, celebrating Thanksgiving.

REVIEWS

"Just beautiful here huge beautiful trees. RV spots nice and clean, love it!"

~Judy R.
★★★★★

"Beautiful place for a vacation! Super Friendly Staff, Lots to do for children, fishing, and much more."

~William T.
★★★★★

"We had a great time. We were very comfortable at our site. Friendly and safe."

~Chrystal S.
★★★★★

"Just beautiful here huge beautiful trees. RV spots nice and clean, love it!"

~Judy R. 5stars
★★★★★

SEPTEMBER

- 1-3 Rocking Oldies Weekend
- 7-9 Kick off Football Weekend
- 14-16 Fiesta Weekend
- 21-23 Chili Cook-off
- 28-30 Know It All Weekend

OCTOBER

- 5-7 Survivors Weekend
- 12-14 Harvests Festival
- 19-21 Hello Campfire
- 26-28 Halloween @ Hideaway

NOVEMBER

- 2-4 Arm forces Weekend
- 9-11 Remember Our Fallen Soldier
- 16-18 Pilgrims Weekend
- 23-25 Thankful Weekend

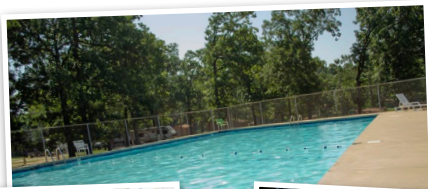


MILLWOOD LANDING RV RESORT

With the coming fall comes cooler temperatures. This is the perfect time of year to come play a round of golf or sit out in a lawn chair and drop a hook or two in the lake. Right now is a great time to disappear for a weekend and take a break from the hustle of school and work.

In the last few months, Gary and the Millwood team have been hard at work making the park look good. We had many members show up for our Fourth of July event and had a great time meeting new folks, hanging out with the new manager, and swapping road stories.

In the next few months, we will be making some updates to our cabins. And if you enjoy to golf, we are always working to improve the 18 holes out next to Millwood Lake.



REVIEWS

“The pool was so nice.”

~Cecilia S.



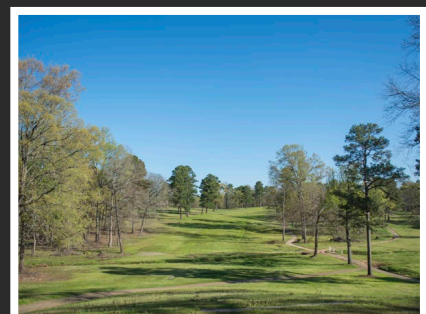
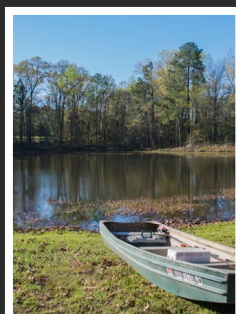
“The people were so nice and friendly. They took care of anything I needed and then some.” ~Melissa F.



“Great camping and facilities. The golf is tuff with long green. The staff is excellent” ~Tracie S.



“My stay was enjoyable. The employees very pleasant and accommodating. I had a personal matter and was taken care of. I will stay again if situation arrives.” ~Cheryl B.





MOUNTAIN LAKES RV RESORT

Mountain Lakes Resort has recently undergone some changes. A special thanks goes out to Mickey Murdock, who helped run the resort for the last several weeks. It's with great pleasure that we welcome Alan Patton, as our new resort manager. Alongside him, his wife, Kim is a wonderful, talented addition to our team. No better time than the present to get on out here and help us welcome them back to the OCP Family!

This summer was eventful for all of us here at Mountain Lakes. In June, we honored our dads by hosting a fishing tournament in celebration of Father's Day. For the 4th of July, we enjoyed some live music, a block party, and a parade. Closing out our summer, we held a barbecue cook-off and a Luau.

This year, the staff here at Mountain Lakes have been hard at work making renovations to the park. For starters, we have made some much needed updates to both the indoor and outdoor pools. Our cottages have recently gotten a face lift with a fresh new coat of stain. Also, new mattresses and furniture have been added where they were needed! Perhaps the biggest updates of the year have been the upgrade to the WiFi and an electrical upgrade to several rows of campsites.

In the winter, we will be making several more electrical updates to the resort as well as resurfacing the outdoor pool. The cafe will also reopen, under resort management, sometime this quarter. We have several events you don't want to miss coming this fall! October will bring our Annual Fall Festival, and towards the end of the month, we will have our haunted trail and Halloween Weekend, featuring a dance and Trick-or-Treating for the whole family. November will be a fun one, as we have our annual music festival and Hee Haw Show, along with our Veterans Weekend Celebration!



REVIEWS

"We love coming here! It's a great place to relax." ~Jodi A.



"It's a nice place for a restful vacation with family... My family and I come every year. The grandkids really look forward to it."

~Cindy H.



"Great scenery on the Tennessee River. Quiet and easy to get to."

~David B.



"Great quiet good view of lake."

~Mern B.



SEPTEMBER

1-2 Labor Day Weekend

7-9 Grandparents Weekend

14-16 Chocolate Lovers Weekend

21-23 Johnny Appleseed Wkd

28-30 Float Your Boat Weekend

OCTOBER

5-7 Annual Fall Festival

12-14 Haunted Halloween

19-21 Haunted Halloween

25-28 Halloween Weekend

NOVEMBER

2-4 18th Annual Music Festival

9-11 Veterans Weekend

16-18 Thanksgiving Weekend

23-25 Football Weekend

30 Game Show Weekend



STYX RIVER RV RESORT



This summer at Styx River has been one of the best summer the resort has ever seen! We have been busy with events and activities, but not forgetting to take the time to enjoy the river. Perhaps one of the biggest events that took place this summer was our resort paving project. We have officially finished the first part of this project, which included paving two-thirds of the resort with asphalt and we are currently working on a resort-wide WIFI upgrade!

If you haven't been out to Styx in the last couple of months, you may have missed out on some great events and activities. In June, Gilligan, Mary Ann, Ginger and the Skipper, too, returned from Gilligan's Island to help us build rafts and huts, dance, sing karaoke, and they even assisted the kids in making island flowers. Then, as the summer drew to an end, we sent the kids off with a back-to-school party. In addition to these great events, you have missed out on the updating of the resorts landscaping and the addition of some new playground equipment, including a nice sand box.

You can expect great things to take place here at Styx River this fall. With the addition of the new handicap cottage, our resort is now more accommodating for our members and guests. We will be making some electrical upgrades to the park as well. In addition to the beautiful fall weather, you can expect to have many fun events and activities going on all fall long. From a "Who Durnit Mystery Weekend" to a Fall Festival and Halloween Weekend, and even a special Veteran's Day Weekend celebration... these are just some of the great events that you don't want to miss!

REVIEWS

"Fantastic place to relax!"

~Rose F.



"We have stayed here several times. Clean park, family activities, quiet, and the team that works here is great! We asked for a picnic table, left and ran some errands and came back to a nice table set up outside."

~Wendy H.



"A great place to just get away and relax and be with family."

~Lester T.



"Is a very friendly place and fun!"

~Kimberly K.



SEPTEMBER

- 1-3 Labor Day Celebration
- 8-9 Grandparents Day Appr'n.
- 15-16 Who Durnit Weekend
- 22-23 Name that Tune
- 29-30 Wilderness Weekend

OCTOBER

- 6-7 Camp Fire Games
- 13-14 Fall Festival
- 20-21 S'mores Party at Fire Pit
- 27-28 Halloween Fun Weekend

NOVEMBER

- 3-4 Day Light Savings Karaoke
- 10-11 Veteran's Day Weekend
- 17-18 Football Tailgating Party
- 22 Thanksgiving
- 24-25 Iron Bowl & Chili Cookoff



TEXOMA SHORES RV RESORT

It's not the activities and the pool parties that are drawing people to Texoma Shores, but rather, the quietness. People come here to detox from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. On the lakeshore, members enjoy the cool breeze in their hair and the calmness of the water, as well as, casting a line and reeling in a lot of nice fish!

Lake Texoma is for those who love the outdoors. With all its serene features and clear night skies, it is the ideal get away for campers to relax and unwind. This summer, the Texoma beaches have been full of children swimming, laughing, playing, and fishing, as their parents relax and enjoy the cool breezes under the shade trees.

In the last few weeks we've done a lot of work on our cabins and motel units, and in the next several weeks, we will begin updating the motel and update many of the campsites. Be sure and check it out next time you visit. Bring your bike, your fishing pole, your best bathing suit and start making memories with your family and friends, the OCP way!



REVIEWS

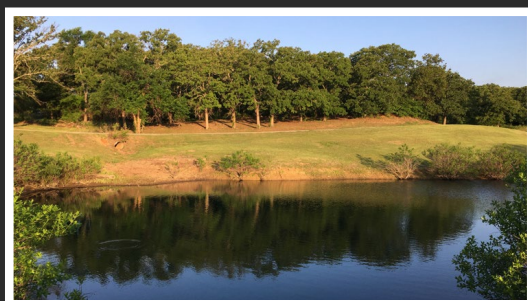
"Great place to fish and relax, really quite and remote location. Eddie has done a good job with signs to the resort." ~Rick T.



"Out of all the Ocean Canyon properties we've been to, this is our favorite. We love this place. The grounds are well kept and it's right on the lake. If you're looking for peace and quiet to commune with nature, this is your place. Eddie, the manager is always nice and professional. Super Service!" ~Terry G.



"Friendly staff, nice view of the lake." ~Robert A.





TRES RIOS RV RESORT

School is officially back in full swing, and the park staff can finally breathe again. We have had some fun here at Tres Rios this summer! If you like searching for fossils, now is a great time to travel outside of the resort and take a stroll through Dinosaur Valley State Park or drive through the Fossil Rim Wildlife Center.

If you haven't seen us in the last few months, you have missed out on some great fun! For the Fourth of July, we had live bands, watermelon eating contests, face paintings, sack races, hotdog roasts and we made homemade ice cream! And, if that sounds like too much excitement for you, you would have enjoyed our Grill 'N' Chill, where people literally just "grilled and chilled!"

The resort has undergone many renovations and improvements so far this year. For starters, we have done some roadwork through the park, making it a more comfortable ride around our park. We have also been refurbishing our rental units, both inside and out, adding paint, new furniture, and mattresses. This fall, we are working to expand our pool deck, as live performances by the pool have become quite popular. The resort has also added new picnic tables and undergone a major WiFi upgrade.

In the next few months, we are continuing to make cabin updates as well as some electrical updates to our sites. This fall we are having many more events you and your family will want to be a part of. For instance, in October, we plan on having a hoot of a time at our Fall Festival and our family friendly Halloween Celebration, as well as honoring our Vets in November! Come enjoy being an OCP member with us!



REVIEWS

"My family loves staying here!"
~Andrea B.
★★★★★

"Great RV Resort for family. Great fishing, pool, playground & fun activities put on by the staff. The sites are "campground" feeling, not parking lot feeling; lots of room to spread out. We come as often as we can!!"

~Amie W.
★★★★★

"Fun, clean, nice staff. Park is well kept." ~Jo H.
★★★★★

"Friendly staff, love the wide open space the town of Glen Rose is just a bike ride away a must stay for central Texas."

~Bill R.
★★★★★

SEPTEMBER

1-3 Labor Day Luau
7-9 Blue Hawaii Weekend
14-16 80's Retro Prom Weekend
21-23 College Football Day
28-30 Lady Luck Weekend

OCTOBER

Live Music Every Weekend!!!
1-7 Oktoberfest
12-14 Polar Plunge
19-21 Ninja Turtle Weekend
26-28 Hallo-Weekend

NOVEMBER

2-11 Hero's Weekend
9 Veteran's Day Ceremony
17 Thanksgiving Feast
23-25 Holiday Baking Weekend