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### **SCHEDULE 14A**

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CRACKER BARREL OLD COUNTRY STORE, INC. (Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

## BIGLARI CAPITAL CORP. THE LION FUND II, L.P. BIGLARI HOLDINGS INC. FIRST GUARD INSURANCE COMPANY SOUTHERN PIONEER PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY BIGLARI REINSURANCE LTD. BIGLARI INSURANCE GROUP INC. SARDAR BIGLARI MILENA ALBERTI-PEREZ MICHAEL W. GOODWIN

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Biglari Capital Corp., together with the other participants named herein (collectively, "Biglari"), has filed a definitive proxy statement and accompanying **GOLD** universal proxy card with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") to be used to solicit votes for the election of its highly-qualified director nominees at the 2024 annual meeting of shareholders (the "Annual Meeting") of Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc., a Tennessee corporation (the "Company").

Item 1: On November 19, 2024, Biglari issued the following press release:

# Latest Cracker Barrel Claims are Further Proof Change is Needed

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What Cracker Barrel Says on the Eve of the Annual Meeting	The Reality
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Vote the GOLD Card for Milena Alberti-Perez and Sardar Biglari.

Item 2: Also on November 19, 2024, Biglari issued the following press release:

# Cracker Barrel Board Continues to Misrepresent, says Biglari Capital Corp.

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