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Quarry issues remain

By Joseph Louis

Quarries have been around since the beginning of the Lake of the Ozarks, but until recently, there has not been a lot of debate about where they are located.

That has all changed, as a new operator has moved in to take over a limestone quarry and asphalt plant located off of Lake Road 5-45 in the Village of Sunrise Beach, and stepped up plans for an operation on 200 plus acres just east of the city limits of Lake Ozark and Osage Beach.

The debate over these particular quarries has raised several issues that may effect quarrying in the state down the road. Namely, who is responsible for the way an operation is run, what can and should the state do to regulate the issue, and is there a place that is unsuitable for a quarry?

Magruder Limestone Company of Troy, Missouri (magruderconstruction.com), and its local head, Mark Magruder, have assumed the year and a half permit to continue the quarry operation and asphalt plant on Highway 5 at Lake Road 5-45. Before Mark Magruder stepped in, the quarry was operated by Camden County

Stone. That operation drew the attention of the Sunrise Beach Quarry Accountability Committee (SBQAC), who showed up at Sunrise Beach board of trustees meetings requesting laws from the village regarding operations. The village passed several regulations and ordinances regarding notification, times of blasting that are allowed, and fines and jail time for violations. After receiving several violations, Camden County Stone withdrew their operations from the quarry and are currently plea bargaining with the village court over the issue.

When Mark Magruder took over the operation, he says it was for three reasons.

"One thing to get it straightened up, second thing help the industry that's evidently getting a black eye here, that shouldn't be. And the third thing is money, that's what we are in business for," said Magruder.

The quarry accountability committee admits that since the Magruder Company took over the site back in May, there have been no issues to bring to the attention of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, law enforcement or the village.

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Suits drop on developers

By Joseph Louis

In an update to a story that ran in the June issue of the Business Journal, several lawsuits have been filed in federal court against lake condominiums over violations of 1991's Fair Housing Act. The Metropolitan St. Louis Equal Housing Opportunity Council (www.ehocstl.org) announced on June 14th that four condo developments at the Lake of the Ozarks face suit in the U.S. District Court of Western Missouri for violations. The suit is brought over handicapped accessibility issues, specifically multi-family housing that does not provide access for handicapped residents. The suit states common areas like boat docks are inaccessible and buildings are built outside of federal standards, therefore there is discrimination. The suit raises the question, are developers responsible in making sure that everyone has access to housing that is sold, and does that necessarily mean all housing?

The EHOC came to the lake in January after citing 40 condo developments in Camden County for violations of at least one aspect of the Fair Housing Act. That report is available at their

website and it draws attention to the specific condos and their violations. In May, assistant director for the EHOC, Mira Tanna, discussed the issue with the lake area media, stating that suits would be filed for those violations. On June 14, Tanna held a press conference to make the announcement.

"We've come to the point where we felt that our only recourse was to follow up with enforcement action," Tanna said. "We have filed this lawsuit and we have also filed seventeen complaints through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. These are the one's that we have come to first and we still have others to file, either through court or HUD."

The suit names four developments, Cedar Heights, Miramar, Loch Haven and Clearwater. The council says in some cases, the buildings are split level and inaccessible to people with disabilities. It also says that some doors on ground floor units aren't wide enough, many bathrooms have no reinforced walls for grab bar installation, and some sales offices fail to meet the requirements even the Americans With Disabilities

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Oil industry scales back refinery plans

by H. Josef Hebert, AP

Ed: Last month's Opinion centered around Pain at the Pump, and some issues keeping gas prices high.

The column prompted a reader to submit that greed was the primary driving force behind fuel prices, and I agree that's a factor.

This AP story further illustrates that yes— petroleum drillers, refiners and distributors are all in it for profit. This is to be expected.

What is subject to debate and not something to speculate on in this space, is whether or not anything improper is being done on the part of these corporations.

A push from Congress and the White House for huge increases in biofuels, such as ethanol, is prompting the oil industry to scale back its plans for refinery expansions. That could keep gasoline prices high, possibly for years to come.

With President Bush calling for a 20 percent drop in gasoline use and the Senate now debating legislation for huge increases in ethanol production, oil companies see growing uncertainty about future gasoline demand and little need to expand refineries or build new ones.

Oil industry executives no longer believe there will be the demand for gasoline over the next decade to warrant the billions of dollars in refinery expansions— as much as 10 percent increase in new refining capacity— they anticipated as recently as a year ago.

Biofuels such as ethanol and efforts to get automakers to build more fuel-efficient cars and SUVs have been portrayed as key to countering high gasoline prices, but they are likely to do little to curb costs at the pump today, or in the years ahead as refiners reduce gasoline production.

A shortage of refineries frequently has been blamed by politicians for the sharp price spikes in gasoline, as was the case last week by Sen. James Inhofe, R-Okla., during debate on a Senate energy bill.

"The fact is that Americans are paying more at the pump because we do not have the domestic capacity to refine the fuels consumers demand," Inhofe complained as he tried unsuccessfully to get into the bill a proposal to ease permitting and environmental rules for refineries.

This spring, refiners, ham-

pered by outages, could not keep up with demand and imports were down because of greater fuel demand in Europe and elsewhere. Despite stable— even sometimes declining— oil prices, gasoline prices soared to record levels and remain well above \$3 a gallon.

Consumer advocates maintain the oil industry likes it that way.

"By creating a situation of extremely tight supply, the oil companies gain control over price at the wholesale level," said Mark Cooper of the Consumer Federation of America. He argued that a wave of mergers in recent years created a refining industry that "has no interest in creating spare (refining) capacity."

Only last year, the Energy Department was told that refiners, reaping big profits and anticipating growing demand, were looking at boosting their refining capacity by more than 1.6 million barrels a day, a roughly 10 percent increase. That would be enough to produce an additional 37 million gallons of gasoline daily.

But oil companies already have scaled those expansion plans back by nearly 40 percent. More cancellations are expected if Congress passes legislation now before the Senate calling for 15 billion gallons of ethanol use annually by 2015 and more than double that by 2022, say industry and government officials.

"These (expansion) decisions are being revisited in boardrooms across the refining sector," said Charlie Drevna, executive vice president of the National Petrochemical and Refiners Association.

With the anticipated growth in biofuels, "you're getting down to needing little or no additional gasoline production" above what is being made today, said Joanne Shore, an analyst for the government's Energy Information Administration.

In 2006, motorists used 143 billion gallons of gasoline, of which 136 billion was produced by U.S. refineries, and the rest imported.

Drevna, the industry lobbyist, said annual demand had been expected to grow to about 161 billion gallons by 2017. But Bush's call to cut gasoline demand by 20 percent— through a combination of fuel efficiency improvements and ethanol— would reduce that demand below what U.S. refineries make today, he said.

"We will end up exporting

gasoline," said Drevna.

Asked recently whether Chevron Corp. might build a new refinery, vice chairman Peter Robertson replied, "Why would I invest in a refinery when you're trying to make 20 percent of the gasoline supply ethanol?"

Valero Corp., the nation's largest refiner producing 3.3 million barrels a day of petroleum product, recently boosted production capacity at its Port Arthur, Texas, refinery by 325,000 barrels a day. But company spokesman Bill Day said some additional expansions have been postponed.

"That's not to say we've changed our plans," Day said in an interview. "But it's fair to say we're taking a closer look at what the president is saying and what Congress is saying" about biofuels. He said there's a "mixed message" coming out of Washington, calling for more production but also for reducing gasoline demand.

Ron Lamberty of the American Coalition for Ethanol said all the talk about biofuels threatening gasoline production is the "latest attempt to blame ethanol on Big Oil's failure to meet our energy needs."

"The ethanol industry continues to grow while oil refiners continue to make excuses for maintaining their profitable status quo," said Lamberty.

Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., said consolidation of the oil industry into fewer companies has left them with no incentive to expand refineries.

"It's a perverted system that does not act as a free market system would act," said Dorgan. "If you narrow the neck of refining, you actually provide a greater boost to prices which is a greater boost to profitability."

Richard Blumenthal, the attorney general of Connecticut, wants Congress to require refiners to maintain a supply cushion in case of unexpected outages.

In the 1980s, Blumenthal said at a recent hearing, refiners were producing at 77.6 percent of their capacity, "which allowed for easy increases in production to address shortages. In the 1990s, as the industry closed refineries, ... (that figure) rose to 91.4 percent, leaving little room for expansion to cover supply shortfalls."

The bill being debated in the Senate is HR 6.

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Atlantis Island Condos on hold over dock permitting

by Monica Vincent

Despite rumors to the contrary, the much anticipated Atlantis island condominium project has definitely not been cancelled. But do to unforeseen delays in dock permitting, residents may have to wait awhile before they can start packing their bags for that ferry ride to their new vacation home.

For now, all developers know is that until Ameren's shoreline management plan is officially approved next spring, FERC is the federal agency given the interim right to permit their docks which has taken much longer than planned. Said Dan Francis, owner of Ozark Village Docks, "There doesn't seem to be any real directive anywhere in Ameren's sixty-five page permit that says FERC has to approve any docks, but Ameren's main responsibility is utilities and I think docks are the last thing on their minds right now."

According to Kernene Schickler, owner of the Atlantis project, they were not notified by Ameren until the end of May

that FERC would be the agency granting their dock permits- a process which began for them in March of 2005 and was assumed to be on schedule with all approval needed from the Water Patrol and the Corp of Engineers. After being told a FERC permit process could take up to five months, Kernene and partner Mark Kelley made the difficult decision to halt construction and lay off at least 150 people.

Said Kernene, "We deeply regret having to let these people go. Everyone was working very hard and had the island looking like a piece of art, but we had no choice. With 18 closings scheduled for June that were obviously no longer going to take place, we had to make sure our bills were paid. We do anticipate closing schedules to begin again soon and hope to be able to put those people back to work quickly."

Ameren currently has sent some 30 or more petitioners to wait in line for dock permits with FERC, one of which is Atlantis. With no indication as

of yet when these permits will come, Atlantis must wait. Said Francis, "The delay on these permits is going to have a huge impact on the lake that is yet to be seen. Atlantis is just one project out of thirty, but for those closings that didn't happen there is a huge ripple effect from boats and lifts that didn't

get purchased, to realtors and title companies who didn't get paid, to the people who now won't be here to shop, to the advertising these affected businesses will be unable to do, to the 150 people who were laid off in the middle of the season."

All concerned hope for more news by the first of July after a

requested meeting with FERC officials to help determine a way to expedite the permitting process. Said Kernene, "We have had a great deal of assistance from state government offices in an effort to facilitate this process which we very much appreciate. Hopefully this will all be resolved soon."



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Backup strategies compared

by Darrel Willman

In the June issue of the *Lake of the Ozarks Business Journal*, we talked a lot about security, both physical and through software, with which you could safeguard your valuable and/or confidential data. For July, we're going to look at the last portion of security we discussed, backing up.

There are literally hundreds of backup applications available for the PC, and many for the Macintosh, as well as built-in

backup options in the operating systems. For the scope of this article, we're going to review the built-in backup options for Windows XP and Windows Vista along with some commercial software offerings.

Some type of external hard drive is recommended for all of the backup options discussed in this article. By far, they are the most affordable, reliable backup option for today's desktop systems.

Your local discount store should have drives available, like the Western Digital My Book external hard drive, in assorted sizes (buy one a little bigger than your internal hard drive).

To find out how big your hard drive is, from the Start menu select "Computer" or "My Computer". Click once on the "C:" drive and note the sizes for used and free, as well as the overall size. At the time of this writing, a 250 GB (gigabyte = 1,000 megabytes) drive was \$95. A 500GB drive was available for \$219.00.

With an external drive, you can complete your backup and then store it away, safe until the next time it is needed. Other options include networked drives or computers, tape backup systems, CD/DVD's and flash-type USB devices. These options can be considerably more expensive and require more time and interaction to use.

Older computers can likely still use a CD or DVD drive. The smaller 40-80GB (some even as small as 4-12 GB) capacity of

these internal drives does not require an entire spindle of blank discs to backup. Also, you may not have your entire disc full.

Microsoft Vista Backup and Restore Center

Windows Vista is the latest operating system from Microsoft, and is designed to make backups and restoration easy.

From the Start/Accessories/ menu, the Backup and Restore Center lets you easily backup your entire computer to an external device (or networked device) or to your CD/DVD/RW drive (spanning multiple discs).

Remember if choosing this last (DVD) option, you may need 50 or more DVD's to complete the backup and it may require several hours.

Also note that Windows Complete PC Backup and Restore is not included with Windows Vista Home Basic or Windows Vista Home Premium.

Microsoft recommends you run the backup application immediately after installing the OS (Operating System) or when installing a major upgrade, like a service pack.

For those Vista users without the Complete PC Backup, you

files that are open and in use by the OS (operating system), so it can copy your system files as well.

Microsoft XP Backup Utility

Windows XP also has a backup plan, accessible from a command line prompt. Put your Windows XP installation disc in the computer and from "My Computer", select your CD/DVD drive with the right mouse button and choose "Explore".

From the window that opens, open the "valueadd" folder, inside it open the "msft" folder and then open the "ntbackup" folder.

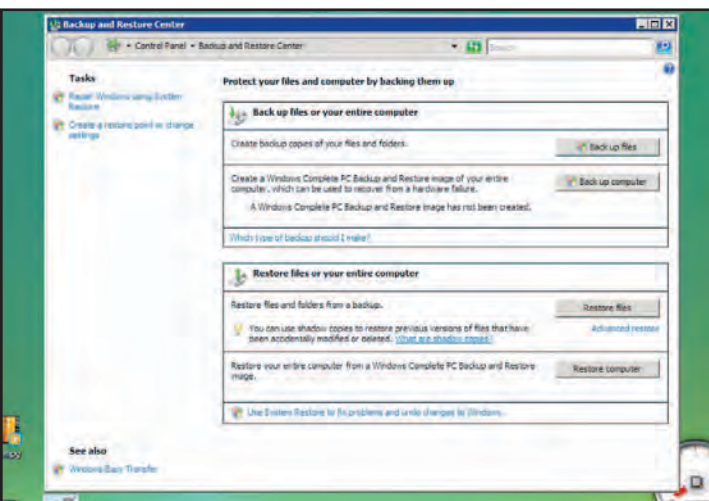
Here you'll see ntbackup.msi. Double clicking this installer package will make sure it's in your system. Most installations don't automatically include it.

Once installed, from the Start menu, click Run and then type ntbackup.exe and click OK.

Once the "Welcome to the Backup and Restore Wizard" page has loaded, select "Advanced Mode".

Click the Backup tab. On the Job menu, click "New". Click to select the check boxes for the drive(s) you want to backup. You can narrow your selections here by expanding the drive letter and selecting individual folders.

Click to select the System State check box. It's important to note here that if you want to



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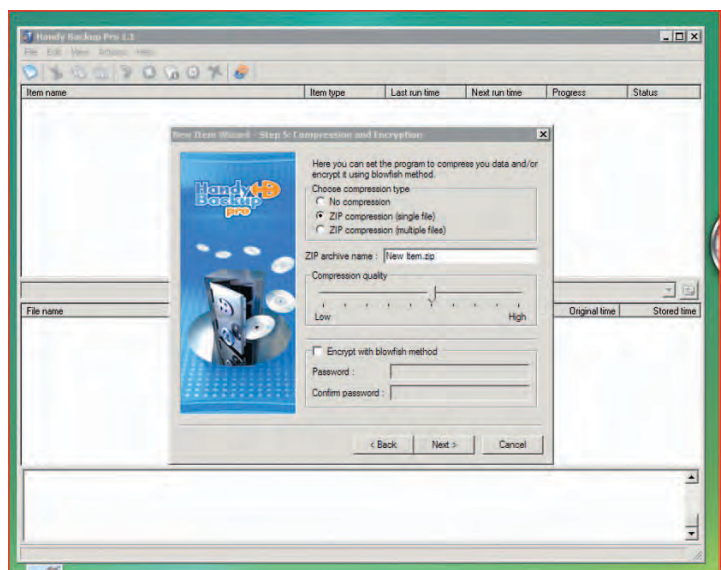
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can still select the files and folders you want to safeguard.

The interface is simple, clean and works well. Vista compresses your backup data on the fly as it writes to a backup file that can then be used to restore the data.

The **Complete PC Backup** will make an exact duplicate of your system, from which you can recover in case of a hard drive failure. It has the ability to copy

backup your system settings and data files, backup your entire hard drive and the System State as well.

Microsoft says: "the System State data includes such things as the registry, the COM+ class registration database, files that are under Windows File Protection, and boot files."

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Backup strategies

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You will then select a destination for your backup and you're off and running. If you've already done backups, you'll be given the option of "Appending" (adding to) or "Replacing" the existing backup. You'll also be given an option to verify the data once it's written to the destination (recommended).

If backing up in Windows XP sounds tedious, it's because it is. But it is better than the included options for Windows 98SE (none).

But all along the way, hundreds of applications; freeware, shareware and commercial software offerings have allowed users to backup safely and easily.

Before we cover the commercial titles, here are some freeware backup utilities to consider.

AMBackup 3.4 (www.ambbackup.net)

Free. Windows 2000, XP, 2003 Server, Vista

Cobian Backup 8

(www.educ.umu.se/~cobian/cobianbackup.htm) Free. Windows NT, 2000, XP, 2003 Server, Vista. Windows 95 and 98 users, download version 7.

DrivelImage XML (www.runtime.org)

Free. Windows XP and 2003 Server only.

For a larger list of freeware utilities for backup (and more), go to www.nonags.com.

Commercial software

These are all very good software, and all did exactly as they were designed, the main differences being interface and ease-of-use.

All of these include features like compression, drive-spanning, password protection, encryption, remote and network volume backups, unattended scheduling, and most offer some sort of business-oriented server structure at an additional charge. Most offer a simple interface with easy to understand menus and logs to insure the backup went smoothly.

Handy Backup Pro 5.5 \$39

www.novosoft.net Windows 98, ME, NT, 2000, XP and 2003 Server.

★★★★

Handy Backup 4.0 is a user-friendly, affordable system with which users can safely store away important documents for safe-keeping. It does not support burning to a DVD disc (CD-R/CD-RW) unfortunately.

It supports Zip compression, encryption, drive spanning,

backups to remote or networked drives. You have the options for synchronization or total backups and unattended backups with scheduling.

Our test package consists of 2,110 files totaling 1.8 GB. With this application, the files are backed up in their normal state, instead of being encapsulated inside a proprietary file storage format. This means you can use the files without the application that backed them up.

For this test however, with file compression via Zip enabled, the test package was compressed into a single test file. Our backup only required four minutes and 6 seconds (results may vary). File size savings were 396 MB (we chose the default setting—more compression is available, but will require slightly more time).

While it lacks the polished interface and simplistic buttons of others, it has a clean easy to use format most anyone will be able to utilize.

NovaBackup 8 \$49.95

www.novastor.com

Windows Vista, XP, 2000

★★★★

NovaBackup's interface is immediately welcoming and friendly if you are a Microsoft Office user. A familiar look lends usefulness to an application. Spartan controls and windows tend to make a program more difficult to use. When you launch NovaBackup, you're given the option of customizing your backup plan, or allowing it to use one of its four presets—documents, pictures, music or emails.

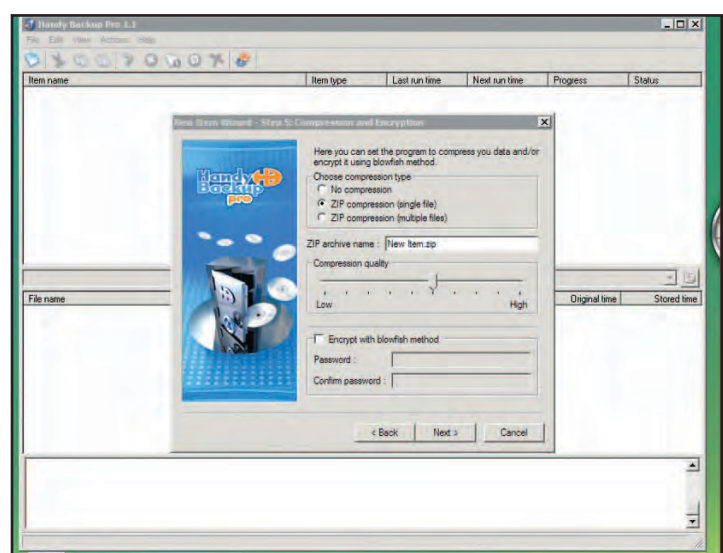
Each of these is a useful separate backup unto itself, as these are the types of files that we miss the most when things go badly.

There is also a Backup Wizard, that allows you to backup your entire "C" drive or a selected list of files and or folders.

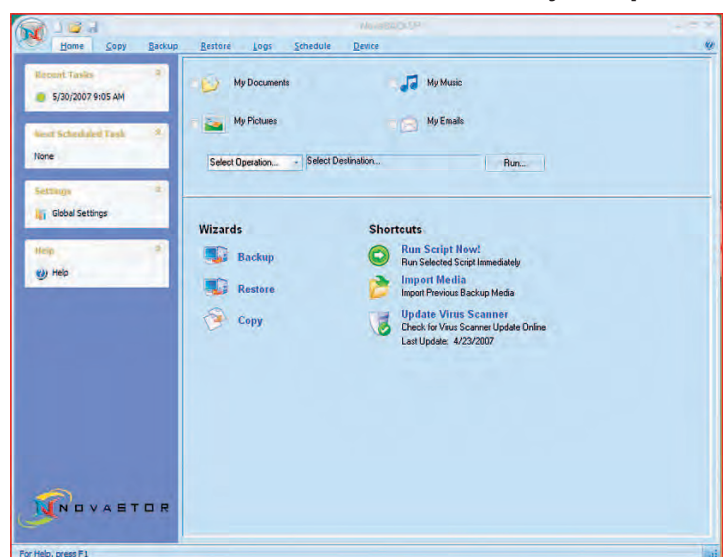
There are also options for restoring your system from a previous backup or running a script you have pre-defined.

With removable media, NovaBackup has a unique feature in that it "streams" the data to the

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Bikefest planning kicks into gear

by Monica Vincent

The first ever Lake of the Ozarks Bikefest will take place September 13th through the 17th, and will fit nicely into other major national biking event schedules. August 6th through the 12th is South

Dakota's Sturgis event and October 3rd through the 6th is the Bikes and Blues BBQ in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Here at the Lake of the Ozarks Bikefest there will be lots of activities, rides, concerts and events. All the bars and

water bars will be having great acts and regional touring acts, with some of the events being held strictly for charity.

Organizers of this event include Deb Suda, Don Kleinhans and Ray Devine of Full Throttle Magazine, Merlyn Vandervort of the Horny Toad Entertainment Complex, Mark Barrett of Dog Days, Shorty Pants and Wobbly Boots, Gary Prewitt of Prewitt Enterprises including Backwater Jack's, Shady Gators and The Fish Tank and Jack Fleming of Lake of the Ozarks Harley Davidson. Other participants and sponsors include Missouri Eagle Anheuser Busch, Tri-County Lodging, The Lake of the Ozarks Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Chamber of Commerce, Benne Broadcasting and Anderson Marketing, as well as the Coast Guard and local law enforcement. These representatives have been gathering weekly to shape the events that will make the first ever Lake of the Ozarks Bike Fest a huge success.

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Bikers will take to the bridge during the Lake of the Ozarks Bikefest.



Bikers will take to the bridge during the Lake of the Ozarks Bikefest.

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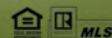
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Backup strategies

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drive, instead of compressing the information and then writing it to the disc. This results in a time-savings you don't find elsewhere.

Our backup total time including verify (takes a bit) ran 2 minutes, 42 seconds, with 358 MB in savings. Overall, this is a very nice trade-off between compression and time-elapsd.

Double Image-O \$99

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Microsoft 2000, 2003 Server, XP, Vista

★★★★★

Double-Image-O is a download-only application that is very powerful, and fairly easy to use. Double-Image O took just 3 minutes to backup our test files, but saved just 60MB of drive space with standard compression enabled. The "O" in the name allows for open files to be copied. Double Image-O backup software has advanced features that include the ability to take live point-in-time snapshot backups of multiple drives, folders and files.

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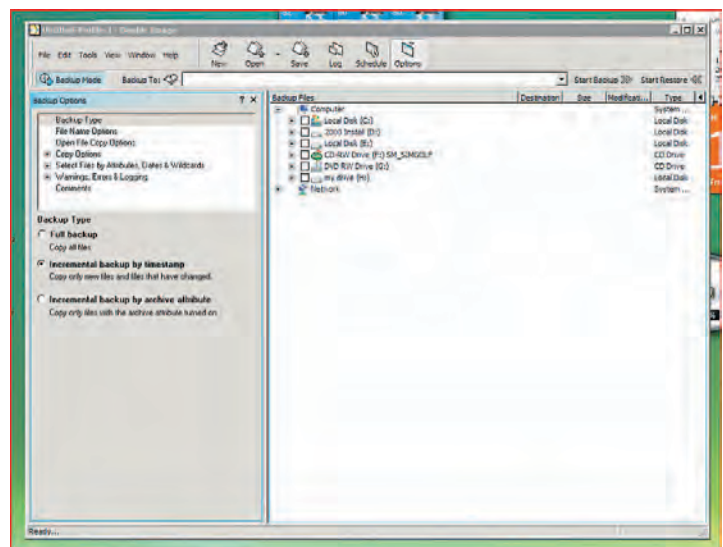
Double-Image O can backup data folders and files in Windows' native file system format that can be accessed from any application, not just this one.

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Windows 2000, XP, Vista

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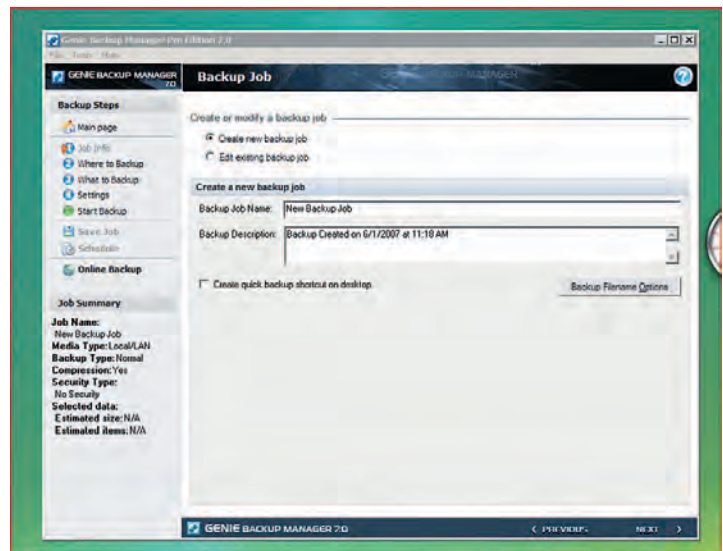
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While not specifically a stand-alone backup product (and there are others that include backup), Roxio's Easy Media Creator 9 really shines as far as "bang-for-the-buck".

There aren't many places you can get a collection of programs for the kind of money you'll spend on this one. It will backup

important ways. It has the ability (with version 8) to create a backup recovery bootable CD/DVD and then backup the files you need to recover from a disaster. Should the unthinkable happen, it can then restore your system to the state it was in at the time of the backup (exactly).

Our test package took 4 minutes 29 seconds, but adds the ability to save the file as an executable, not requiring the original program to restore the files in the



Genie Backup 8

event of a failure. This is a very important addition, and one that every backup utility should have. The compression saved a respectable 400 megabytes in size. This time also included verification, which some others do not use.

The screenshot shows version 7, but 8 should be available by the time you read this.

This package is not as graphically friendly as others, but has robust features and a powerful open-file architecture that allows the copying of any file (as do others). Very highly recommended for anyone.

to any media you wish, and allows for incremental or full backups. You can also use an easy Wizard to select just the type of files you wish to save.

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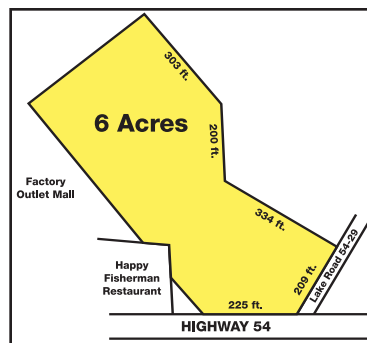


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Carousel history made and sold in Eldon

by Monica Vincent

Carousel International Corporation was the sales company and the manufacturing company was Amusement Equipment Manufacturers Limited, and they were the original. Now they are history. On Saturday, June 23rd, Steven Veatch, grandson of one of the founders, oversaw right here in Eldon what will probably be the largest liquidation of coin operated rides, games and manufacturing equipment that will ever take place anywhere.

Thousands of carousels,

Roger, "I had been looking online for a machine and couldn't find anything less than \$2500, so this was a great opportunity for us. My nephew is a hockey player with the Colorado Avalanche and I was able to pick up a hockey pinball machine." People came from everywhere - locals wanting a bit of history or something for their children and grandchildren, to manufacturers and operators from across the country who could not believe the buys they were getting at this auction. Commented one

cars, helicopters, etc all over California. I certainly didn't come expecting to pick up this much, but it turned into too good of an opportunity to miss."

Another bidder was Pat Barr from Battlefield, MO who came to buy Flintstones and Dino rides. He is a collector of generational memorabilia including accessories for old cars and travels all across the country to auctions. Said Barr, "I ended up

buying a room of parts pallet contents for an investment purpose. What I get for the parts will pay for the rides I bought."

Then there were your proud parents and grandparents such as Mike and Karen Harper from Williamsburg, MO who have fourteen grandchildren and a big yard. Said Harper, "I saw it on the news and my wife and I decided it would be a wonderful thing to do for the children."

Harper bought nearly 20 rides, so his grandchildren should have a veritable amusement park to enjoy.

Gary Sullivan is a ride restoration expert who traveled all the way from Seattle to purchase two 53 foot containers full of parts and rides. His restorations are high end and include, lights, lasers, moving parts and sound on an unparalleled scale. Said Sullivan, "I sell

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Thousands of items were up for bid at Carousel International's auction

race cars, trucks, helicopters, ATVs, spaceships, boats, airplanes, Batmobiles, Flintstones, Mario carts, trains, and untold other specialty rides were sold along with what California specialty auctioneer Super Auctions called the most impressive collection of pinball machines they had ever sold. Everything went, including the tens of thousands of parts, tools, equipment and molds used to create these unique rides.

Pinball machines went for \$700 to \$1950 for a unique Rolling Stones machine. Carousels went from \$125 up to \$700, with one selling with proceeds going to St. Jude's charity for \$1500 to local veterinarian Dr. Jay Kirkpatrick. That carousel had the bid matched by the auctioneer. Prices on other rides were all over the board, with some unique rides going for well over \$1000.

Roger and Lauren Cameron came from Jefferson City to buy a pinball machine. Said

operator in disbelief after the sale of a slightly worn carousel for \$500, "I have to pay \$3900 for one of these new." Verified Veatch, "We used to sell ours new for \$3695."

One such buyer was Don and Albertha Dykstra from Kiddie Rides 4 U out of California. Said Don, "I started in business in 1969 right around the same time as them. They had the best made equipment I have ever seen. These guys knew how to build. Everybody else uses plastic, but they used fiberglass tops and aluminum bodies. Since they were also operators they knew how to make them good. The tough thing for me was that they were also my biggest competitors in California Kmart's, but no matter how ugly the competition got, I didn't like to buy equipment from anyone but them. This auction was a good opportunity to pick up a few more pieces. I bought three or more semi truckloads today and over 50 rides and rooms of parts and I already have lots of

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LAKE STORIES WITH MICHAEL GILLESPIE

"A Tale of Two Boats"

by Michael Gillespie

From the very beginning, in 1931, Lake of the Ozarks has featured excursion boat rides at the dam. Initially, the boat rides were operated by Union Electric, developers of the lake.

In the early years there were two boats: Tuscumbia and Grand Glaize. Both were built by the Robinson Marine Construction Company of Benton Harbor, Michigan. They were impressive vessels. Each wooden hulled craft was powered by twin inboard 225 horsepower Kermath Sea Wolf engines. Tuscumbia was 45 feet long with a capacity of 36 passengers; Grand Glaize measured 38 feet in length with seating for 28 passengers. They were similar in appearance with a relatively narrow beam of perhaps eight feet. Passengers could sit on a row of leather cushions in the forward cabin, or sit aft, under a canvas canopy. There was no public address system, and any attempt

by the pilot to describe points of interest was drowned out by the roar of those 678-cubic inch engines. You see, these weren't dinner and dance cruises, but rather wide open, full-bore, hang-onto-your-hat-Nellie sprints at 25 miles per hour—an almost distressing speed for that day. The object was to make big waves, get close to things—such as docks, shoreline, and Bagnell Dam—and in general scare the dickens out of passengers and observers alike.

By the late 1940s both Robinson boats had been sold to Loc-Wood, a concessionaire who operated at the same location near the dam. Loc-Wood was now competing with the nearby Casino Pier, and in 1948 Casino Pier introduced the brand new excursion vessel, Larry Don.

The Larry Don was a smooth riding barge-like boat, long and wide, meant for slow cruising. But the thrills weren't over yet. Both Loc-Wood and Casino Pier began

featuring speedboat rides that were just that—fast runs in 18- to 24-foot inboards with no pretext at sightseeing whatsoever. It was fun to watch, even from shore. As soon as the boat cleared the dock, the pilot would gun the throttle and the boat practically would jump out of the water and head for the open channel in a plume of spray. A series of tight turns and figure-eights and crisscrossing it's own wake followed—all part of the show. And then, from perhaps a half-mile away, the pilot would steady her up and drive straight for the dam at full throttle.

And when it seemed to those onboard that there was no way to avoid a collision with that unyielding mass, the pilot would turn hard to the right and the speeding boat would come about crisply, sending its wake rolling into the concrete wall. Then, with the boat's siren blaring (legal at the time), the pilot would run for the dock with equal dispatch, cut a sharp U-turn, reverse the engine, and the boat would nudge into its slip as gently as grandma on a Sunday drive. I can still hear the

squeals of delight from the startled passengers.

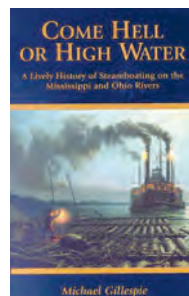
The record is unclear as to what became of the Higgins and Hacker Craft speedboats that made those runs, but the demise of Tuscumbia and Grand Glaize are well documented. On a Friday afternoon, May 28, 1954, Grand Glaize was motoring up the lake on a regular excursion run with 15 passengers aboard. A heavy thunderstorm was brewing. About a mile west of Duckhead Point—two and a half miles above the dam—a strong gust of wind hit the vessel. The narrow-beamed, top heavy boat rolled onto its side and capsized. The lake there was half a mile wide and one hundred feet deep. Eight passengers drowned. It was the deadliest single-boat accident on record for the Lake of the Ozarks. Grand Glaize was recovered and placed in storage in near the dam. Tuscumbia continued to operate until 1965. By that time it was owned by Casino Pier. The company had introduced the sleek Commander in 1962 to complement its already popular Larry Don. And Loc-Wood was now

operating its own large cruising vessel, Tom Sawyer. So the 34-year old Tuscumbia went into storage alongside the ill-fated Grand Glaize. There they both languished until a fire destroyed them in 1970. One of Tuscumbia's engines rolled into the lake, where it still can be seen in low water. ■

(Reprinted from September, 2005)

Historian and tour guide Michael Gillespie is the author of "Wild River, Wooden Boats" and "Come Hell or High Water: A Lively History of Steamboating".

He has also penned dozens of magazine articles. Both of his books are available online at Amazon.com and Barnes and Noble.com.



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Carousel history made and sold in Eldon

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my rides for up to \$10,000 - some more, some less. But for anyone who bought a ride here and may need a part or a source, they can go to my website at www.rideguys.com and I can probably help them out."

Another good source for repair work is Lynn Bealand from right here in Eldon. He worked for Carousel International for three years in the mid 70's in welding and machine work before leaving to work for Fastco. He helped design the metal bases on some of the rides. Said Bealand, "I used to repair eight foot long six horse rides that they don't make anymore." Bealand can

small manufacturing company where they were building prototypes for the coin operated carousels, Veatch soon moved the operations to Lake of the Ozarks when the current property came up for sale from the city in the early 70's.

It wasn't long before they decided to attempt marketing their rides on a large scale to Kmart. Veatch, Swanson and Veatch, Jr. made the trip to a Kmart in Troy, Michigan where they pitched the idea for the first time. Kmart was skeptical that it would appeal to their shoppers. The trio convinced Kmart to let them place their rides outside the store for one weekend as a test run. As bad luck would have it, a snow-

and 25 service reps across the country and brought in roughly \$6.5 million a year.

At one point in the late 1980's when Kmart was aggressively purchasing companies, they attempted to buy out Carousel Intl, but Veatch Sr. and Jr. both agreed they did not want to sell. Said Steven Veatch, "Kmart always liked us because we were the manufacturer as well as the operator and we could customize the rides for

their stores. We had vendors who did the cast aluminum parts, but we did the rest." Examples include a Kmart semi truck ride, Kmart delivery trucks and carousel tops with a fiberglass K.

Carousel's success obviously had a great deal to do with the quality of their equipment and the talent they employed to develop it. Robert Dunstan was a local engineer who Carousel contracted with to invent many

things including a burglar alarm, a solid state relay to run the ride, a soft start system to eliminate the jerk out of the ride, a hydraulic helicopter that never made it into production, and a coin box part that tied the coin mechanism, counter and timer together and prevented fraud in collections at their ride locations.

John Burkstresser was an engineering genius who *continued on page 17*



Brightly-colored children's rides sit on the lot awaiting sale.

be reached at 392-7969 for welding and structure assistance.

Once they are in running condition, these rides shouldn't need much maintenance. The only coin operated ride company in the country to act as both the manufacturer and the operator of their own rides, they were definitely original and could be relied upon by the locations where their rides were located, as well as the other operators around the country who bought their rides, to provide a quality product that was unmatched by any other company.

Opening the doors in 1968, Norwood E. Veatch, Sr. and partner Bill Swanson began the automated ride company that would spread like wildfire across the United States to the delight of children for 40 years.

Starting in St. Louis with a

storm hit that very weekend. The partners opted for a little subterfuge and sat in the parking lot all day every day dropping quarters in machines. By Monday, roughly \$82 was in the till and Kmart was convinced they had a hit on their hands. Their strategy paid off for themselves, Kmart and children all over the country for the last 40 years.

They then started placing rides in California Kmart's and worked their way East. There were years they had three shifts going 24 hours a day, 5 days a week until Kmart started downsizing. With Kmart alone, the company did over \$5 million dollars worth of business. Their operation locations were vast and varied and included other large corporate accounts like Family Dollar Stores and Big Lots. In their best years, the company employed 50 locals

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The Fred Goodin Resort once stood where Lakewood Condominiums or Lakewood Resort

stands today two coves over behind the Potted Steer at the west end of the Grand Glaize Bridge. In 1945, a row of large rock cottages were built for the Fred Goodin Resort on the slope of the peninsula facing the Grand Glaize Bridge. In 1948, the business was advertised as the Silver King Resort, but then from 1949 to 1952, the name was Goodin Resort. The name Goodin was retired in 1952 in favor of Silver King Resort when J.

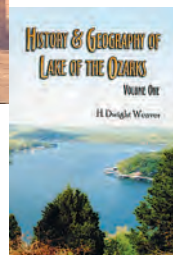
O. Cardwell apparently became sole owner of the business. According to Cardwell's niece, Patti Tappel of Jefferson City, Cardwell, known locally as JO, named the resort after the Silver King vacuum cleaners that he sold for many years.

His resort was probably the only resort on the Lake ever named for a vacuum cleaner. According to Patti's brother, Bob, JO placed a sign on the first cottage seen as a person drove

into the resort which read: HONK HORN, RAISE HELL, I AM HERE.

J.O. Cardwell died in Osage Beach on Feb. 11, 1973, leaving an estate that was much contested. Ownership of the resort was claimed by J.O. Cardwell's estranged wife as well as his girlfriend from Jefferson City, and a housekeeper. One can imagine all kinds of scenarios in a situation like this. The estate was tied up in litigation for some time.

In the vintage postcard image shown here, JO is waving to the camera from the resort's fishing dock. An early chrome postcard made by G. R. Brown Co. of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, for the Silver King Resort.

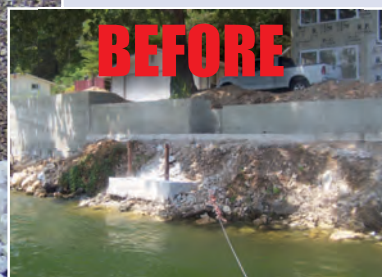


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Carousels on the auction block at Eldon sale

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worked for them in the late 70's and set up the successful design for the shape and size of the mechanism, base, shaft and running gear. Burkstresser passed in 1986. Said Dunstan, "There are huge bearings in the carousels. They bought them a thousand at a time from Japan. It was an auto parts item for a Chevrolet truck you would have paid \$30 a piece for and they paid \$3. He did a great job designing it."

The business had always been profitable. They were the first to establish a 25 cent ride with the carousels and then the three horse Kentucky Derby Ride. Three children riding at a time got the vend price up and made the enterprise much more profitable.

They were also the first to license their kiddie rides with the KIT car from the hit 80's television series Knight Rider. Although they had to pay Universal \$100 per built unit, it was still a hit. They soon followed with other licensed rides

including Gumby, Smokey Bear, Super Mario, and Nintendo. Ten years after they licensed their first KIT car, competitors started licensing.

By 1982 Veatch and son had bought out Swanson for \$750,000 and 100 carousels when Swanson moved into farming. In the late 80's Norwood E. Veatch, Jr. took over operation management. Around the year 2000, the company started selling off a lot of their operating regions including California and the South. At that point it was the grandchildren -- Steven, Brad and sister Mary handling operations including the Kmart's, Family Dollar stores and Big Lots. Brad handled Oklahoma, Kansas and western Missouri. Steven handled eastern Missouri, Illinois and Arkansas.

Brad then left to open Veatch Realty in 2003 and left Steven in charge. The brothers had talked about selling the company at some point. Then Brad passed away unexpectedly ahead of

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Steven Veatch, grandson of founder Norwood E. Veatch, Sr. stands in front of the rides.



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 their father who passed away four days later. Shortly thereafter Steven decided it was time to sell. Says Veatch, "There were just too many memories. One day I was sweeping up and looked up at the breaker box and saw a handwritten sign Brad had up - "Please do not shut off - BV". Then I found a pen on the floor one day which read 'America's Kiddie Rides'. We printed those pens by the thousands and gave them away for decades. I will keep that pen forever because we really were America's Kiddie Rides for 40 years. Those rides will still be out there for decades."

For now Steven is concentrating on a renovation project in St. Louis as well as looking into future business prospects. He still has a home at Lake of the Ozarks, his sister-in-law, Lisa still resides in Eldon and operates Veatch Realty, while his mother lives in St. Louis, and sister Mary lives in Texas.

As for the four acre property and 65,000 square feet of warehouses that were home to these beloved rides for decades - it is still to be decided. At auction time, the high bid of \$275,000 was rejected and the family will continue to hold the property for now.

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The Boxer hybrids are made-up of a combination of hot steel and composite materials, with the weight obviously pushed out to the limit, achieving an MOI of over 3250. They pair them with the Grafalloy ProLaunch Red premium graphite shafts in 80 grams. We had absolutely no

problem getting these up in the air and working them. The amateurs who hit them had fewer problems with hook and slice, as the toe and heel shots seemed to fly straighter than the other hybrids we hit for comparison.

The traditional irons are a little stronger, to help high-handicappers get the distance they want, and the undercut design on the 6 & 7 felt great while still remaining responsive to ball control. The 8-PW are rock solid in the stiff steel True temper Players Lite shafts. The cavity-back design here is enough to allow forgiveness without losing feel.

All in all, if you felt that Adams' previous irons were for

higher handicappers, these will surprise you. They play more like the Pro Forged, and we find the Boxer hybrids to even rival the Pro Hybrids we tested last season for playability. They have the nice crisp sound and penetrating flight, yet forgive off-center hits. The balance on the traditional irons deliver an improvement on the head-heavy feel you get with most game improvement sticks. Anyone 15 handicap and higher deserves a shot at trying these out, they'll will be impressed.

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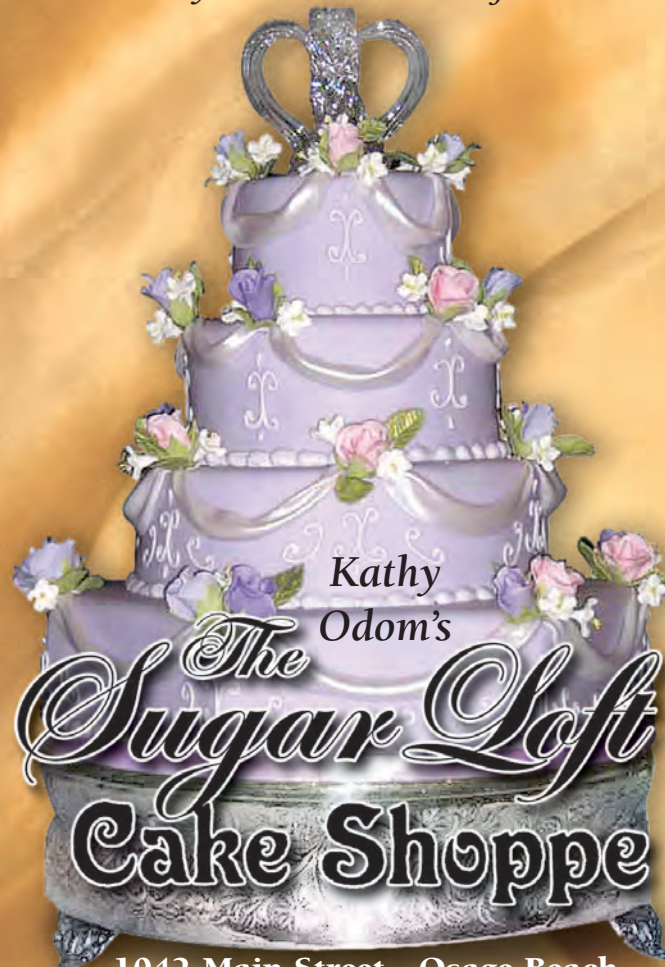
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Blunt backs new legal protections and allows certified Missouri midwives to practice

Gov. Matt Blunt said that he backs new legal protections for midwives.

Blunt signed a bill into law June 1 that expands private health insurance options and allows certified midwives to legally work in Missouri.

But Blunt held the signing ceremony on short notice away from the Capitol and, in a new release, touted only the insurance provisions. His office would not directly say whether he also supported the midwives provision.

Asked about the issue at his first Capitol news conference this month, Blunt again first touted the health insurance provisions but said he also backed the midwives measure.

"I am a supporter of what we've done in terms of allowing some people to make that choice and decide to use a midwife," Blunt said.

Under current Missouri law, midwifery is a felony crime, punishable by up to seven years in prison, when practiced by anyone other than certain nurses working in collaboration with physicians.

Efforts to legalize other midwives had been blocked by Sen. Chuck Graham, D-Columbia.

But Sen. John Loudon, R-Chesterfield, slipped the midwife provision - using obscure language - into the health insurance bill and did not publicly acknowledge what he had done until the bill had been passed by both chambers.

The bill says that regardless of the current felony statute, anyone with a "tocological certification," meaning in obstetrics, from a group accredited by a specific private organization can provide services related to pregnancy.

New legislation requires eye exams for Kindergarten kids and requires closed-captioning

Missouri children starting public school in kindergarten or first grade will have to receive eye exams, beginning with the 2008-2009 school year.

Gov. Matt Blunt signed legislation requiring the comprehensive vision exams by licensed optometrists or physicians. The bill also requires public schools to conduct less thorough vision screenings for all first- and third-graders.

The new law is expected to affect nearly 135,000 students in its first year, based on projections for the numbers of first-graders and kindergartners.

Supporters said that by spotting vision problems early, the eye exams could help treat diseases that otherwise would lead to vision loss. They said children also should be better able to read and see chalkboards, and thus be better educated in general.

Kentucky is the only other state requiring eye exams for children entering public schools, according to the American Optometric Association. Nationally, about

86 percent of children entering first grade do not receive eye exams, the association said.

The intent of the legislation is that families' private health insurance or the government-run Medicaid program would cover the costs of the eye exams for most people. But the legislation requires the state health and education departments to compile a list of places people without vision insurance can get a free or reduced-cost eye exam. The bill also lets parents opt out of the requirement.

Blunt also signed legislation requiring captioning— where the audio is displayed as text on the screen—for video instructional materials sold in Missouri, beginning Jan. 1, 2008.

Sponsoring Rep. Therese Sander, R-Moberly, said that when live sign language interpreters are used instead of video captioning, students with hearing problems get a "second-rate education," because it's difficult for them to watch the video and sign-language interpreter at the same time.



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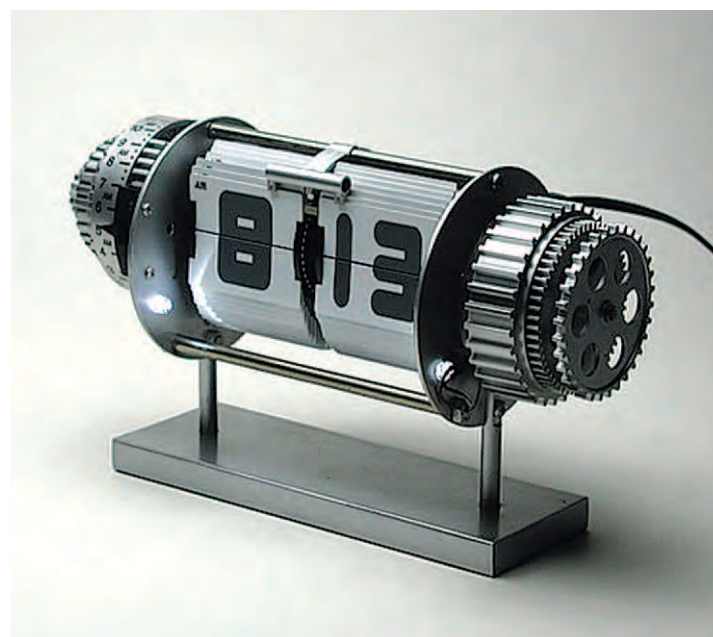


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Old & new- The Bonba alarm clock



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Samsung F210



Ultra-thin, very small, Samsung's newest slide-out phone, the SGH-F210 has 1GB memory, but room for another 2GB thanks to its micro SD card slot. Basic extras include a 2 megapixel camera, USB 2.0 and Bluetooth 2.0. No details on price or availability.

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Avila at the Lodge Grand Opening set for July 7-8

Lake Ozark MO— More than 40 years after Harold Koplar opened the Lodge of Four Seasons at the Lake of the Ozarks, his daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Peter Brown Sr., grandsons and great-grandchildren will celebrate the opening of a new era for the Four Seasons family as they welcome guests to Avila at the Lodge, a new condominium hotel. A grand opening event is set for Saturday, July 7 and Sunday, July 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Guests are invited to tour the condominium model and view the plans for the project's development.

Located on Horseshoe Bend Parkway, adjacent to the Lodge of Four Seasons, Avila at the Lodge offers 145 two-bedroom condos and the most inclusive list of amenities and services for any condo at the Lake. Also responsible for such Lake communities as Porto Cima and Country Club Cove, Four Seasons Homes is the general contractor for Avila, working in conjunction with the developer, the Lodge of Four Seasons. Four beautifully designed complexes, from two to four stories and featuring elevators, will house the approximately 1,250-square-foot condos, all fully furnished. An on-site voluntary

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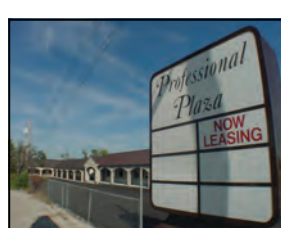
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The Vandervort Report

Let's Fire the Weatherman!

On a much lighter note than most of my columns, let's talk about the weather. Are there really any Meteorologists left in the world, or are they all just news broadcasters who look good in front of a camera? For as much as they screw up, I think the latter. I mean really, who could possibly keep a job and be wrong as much as the weatherman? The problem is that Meteorology is a science, and most Scientists don't have a broadcast personality. Maybe the weatherman should just stand up and say; "according to the Farmers Almanac, the weather should be..." I think the Almanac has a much better track record than the Weatherman.

It's never the rain that hurts businesses here at the lake, it's the forecast. Sure we get our share of inclement weather but it seldom ever lasts more than a couple of hours. Scattered showers or isolated thunderstorms are usually the extent of our rainfall. When you listen to the Weatherman's forecast in the spring around here, it sounds like gloom and doom. Talk about looking at a glass half full or half empty; why wouldn't you say; "70% chance of sunshine, instead of 30% chance of showers"? Most people don't realize that when there is a 30% chance of showers, that means that it is likely that 30% of a geographic area will experience rainfall, but that the majority of the area; 70%, won't have any rain!

Practically every single weekend for the last month or better, the weatherman has been dead wrong! If you listened to the forecast over the Memorial Day weekend, you would have thought that it was going to be nothing but

extensive rainfall and flash floods; in fact the weather turned out pretty darn nice for the majority of the weekend, but I do think that the forecast scared a lot of people away. A couple of weeks earlier, we had a charity motorcycle ride around the lake for the American Cancer Society, and the forecast was terrible that weekend as well, but the weather turned out beautiful. We still had about a hundred bikes show up, and we did raise over nine thousand dollars for the charity, but if the weatherman would have gave an accurate forecast, we could have doubled our turn out, and our fundraising.

So what is it, is the weatherman really so incompetent? He's certainly irresponsible. Why would anyone who knows that they are wrong a good majority of the time, ever give such a gloomy outlook on what our weather was going to be? Does he ever stop and think of the effect it can have on our businesses; obviously not. I've gotten to where I actually feel better when I see rain in the forecast, because I know that means it is sure to be sunny.

If the Weatherman wanted to be right the majority of the time when giving our forecast here at the Lake, all he would have to do is predict that it's going to be "mostly sunny", which it usually is. Mother Nature certainly has a mind of her own, and she's going to do what she wants, when she wants. Besides, anyone who loves the Lake as I do; knows that a rainy day at the Lake is still much better than a sunny day anywhere else!

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On Saturday evening, August 25, 2007, an anticipated crowd of 500 will gather for the 11th annual Ellis Fischel Gala: A Summer Celebration at The Lodge of Four Seasons. This year's event will feature singer/songwriter Patti Austin.

The evening will begin at 5 p.m. with a Silent Auction. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m., and the entertainment will begin around 9 p.m.

An addition to the Gala Weekend this year is a Friday night concert by Dr. Zhivegas at the Expo Center at The Lodge. The group will perform from 8-11 p.m.

Since its beginning, the Gala has raised more than \$725,000 for Ellis Fischel. This event has helped make many dreams become reality, including a mobile cancer screening van; the Ernest & Eugenia Wyatt Guest House; and state-of-the-art research labs and equipment. The 2007 Gala will benefit cancer research by directing funds toward the purchase of a high-throughput DNA sequencer, a piece of equipment that will allow researchers to sequence the genes known to cause cancer and look for any of the hundreds or thousands of mutations that can cause the disease.

The Al Elam Column

With Greg Tolbert

Not Just a Salesman.

A real estate salesperson is more than just a sales person. They act on your behalf as your agent, providing you with advice and guidance and doing a job - helping you buy or sell a home. While it is true they get paid for what they do, so do other professions that provide advice, guidance, and have a service to sell -- such as Certified Public Accountants and Attorneys.

The Internet has opened up a world of information that wasn't previously available to homebuyers and sellers. The data on listings available for sale is almost current - but not quite. There are times when you need the most current information about what has sold or is for sale, and the only way to get that is with an agent.

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However, the role of an agent

has changed in the last couple of years. In the past, agents were the only way home buyers and sellers could access information. Now agents are evolving. Because today's home buyers and sellers are so much better informed than in the past, expertise and ability are becoming more important.

The real estate agent is becoming more of a guide than a salesperson; your personal representative in buying or selling a home.

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Bobbi Wilson

Quarry issues remain unresolved at the Lake

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Magruder says there are additional steps that are being taken to address other issues.

On the issue of how deep will the quarry go and the threat to water sources, "He (landowner Harry Adrian) has requested that we not go any deeper unless we have his written permission," said Magruder.

On the issue of dredging the cove to the west has been polluted with silt from the operation, Mark says the issue is being handled with the nearby landowner.

"We've contacted the landowner, a gentleman out of Independence, Missouri. (We've) met with his family on the site to put together a plan to get the cove dredged out. I've met with Ameren's representatives for the shoreline twice and submitted paperwork to the quarry engineers for a permit to dredge the cove," Mark says, "We are going to put up one more big sediment pond," he adds, "to assist

with the runoff." That project will start soon as the group waits for a nearby creek to flush itself out before beginning.

But since the quarry has been in the newspaper, on radio, and on television for a few months, the issue has also drawn in the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. The question has been raised, who is ultimately responsible for the operations of the quarry when it comes to all public safety issues? It would seem that the issue would fall at the feet of the regulating agency for the state. Director Doyle Childers said at a recent town hall meeting in Camdenton that the issue will be addressed after he has time to look at documents and issues presented by the SBQAC. He added that the state has delegated authority from federal law so many times the issue falls back up to the federal level.

The issue of blasting has also been brought up, which could be addressed if the

Missouri Blasting Safety Act (HB 298) receives Governor Matt Blunt's signature. That legislation passed the General Assembly this session and is co-sponsored by

Representative Wayne Cooper. That may be an avenue for tighter safety laws and stronger penalties.

But is that enough?

What about location? Where do these quarries belong? That has become a relevant question due to the second quarry operation that could be opening east of Osage Beach and Lake Ozark.

The operation is on 200 plus acres in Miller County, the site of a previous quarry operation. Magruder Limestone Company is in the beginning stages of acquiring a 100 year permit to operate a quarry in the property limits from the DNR, but a new aspect has come into play with this particular operation.

According to state law the operating company is only required to notify people with-

in 50 yards of the quarry of the plans for operation. Since the quarry setbacks are 60 yards inside the property line the Miller County Commission received the only notice. But, the problem could be the joint sewer and water station for the cities of Lake Ozark and Osage Beach. The plant is surrounded by the proposed project on three sides and the city says they did not know what was coming.

"There couldn't be a worse place to put this," said Osage Beach Mayor Penny Lyons.

"Our major concern is this would be a catastrophic blow to both cities economic development if something should happen and anything got breached and went into the water. It is the only place that we can discharge and we want to be able to meet with them and voice our concerns," Lyons added.

She is referring to the fact that DNR permits the cities of Lake Ozark and Osage Beach to run all of their raw sewage

through that treatment plant and discharge the effluent into the nearby Osage River. The mayor says the possibility of damage to sewer lines that are running on an easement through the property also come to mind.

"We are going to mine down to the existing ground line, we are not going below the ground line," said Magruder.

"If their lines are 20 feet below the existing line, it shouldn't be an issue."

Magruder says the company that does the blasting has done blasting with lines a lot closer and more sensitive than sewer lines 20 feet below where they are blasting.

Magruder will be heading to a meeting with state officials at the beginning of July to discuss the permit. The city will wait to see if DNR will grant a special request for a public hearing.

As it stands today, the issue will remain, and it may take statewide cooperation to get it settled.

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Fair Housing Act lawsuits drop on condominium developers

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Act. Sales offices have more requirements due to the fact that they are public buildings.

"We really hope that this lawsuit will send a message to developers, architects, builders and owners of multi-family housing, that ignoring the law won't make it go away, and ignoring people with disabilities will not make them disappear," Tanna said.

The fair housing complaints that were filed with HUD will be jointly investigated by HUD and the Missouri Commission on Human Rights. Those seventeen complaints filed are for the following developments: Emerald Bay, Monarch Cove, Summer Hill, Reflections, Highland Shores, Old Kinderhook, Mimosa Beach, Lighthouse Pointe, Sportsman's Harbor, Vision Condominiums, Plaza

Garden on the Lake/Royale Palms, Bristol Bay, Cedar Green, Fountain View, Stoneledge, and Mystic Bay.

The results of the suits that the council has filed in the past are varied. Mira says in some cases the facility has to retrofit a large percentage of units to come into complete compliance. In other cases, individual units are modified to come into compliance when a handicapped individual makes the purchase. The common areas, however, all have to be modified to make sure that they are available for all residents of the development.

The issue could grow. The study that the council presented only looked at Camden County and only 40 developments out of the many that are being built in the area. So the question becomes, we know who faces trouble now, what does the Lake of the Ozarks do to han-

dle the issue in the future.

"One of the things that we've seen be successful is when local governments adopt a building code that is a safe harbor for the Fair Housing Act and when they review the plans and inspect the properties for compliance, and only issue building permits to places that are compliant. Then that usually tends to increase the accessibility of places," Tanna said.

"We hope that this will spur this community in Camden County, and Miller and Morgan counties as well, to adopt a building code, to start reviewing for it, and make sure that this practice turns around," said Tanna, "and that places are built that are accessible for people with disabilities."

HUD will assign an investigator and notice is given to the parties of the violations. Everyone from the developer to the architect is named in

the complaints to the best of the EHOC's knowledge. All respondents are given an opportunity to respond. The inspector then comes out and performs an investigation of the unit.

"There is always an opportunity with all these cases until something goes to court for conciliation," said Tanna. "We encourage developers, builders, and architects to come forward to talk to us to try to work out some agreement to retrofit the units and make them compliant at any point in this process.

"If there is no conciliation or settlement and it goes forward, the investigator can issue a charge of discrimination," Tanna said.

At that point the issue can be heard by the courts or the Missouri Human Rights Commission. If it heads to court, Mira says the EHOC is represented by the Department of Justice if the

complaint is filed by HUD.

"These are cases the Department of Justice loves. Its not a matter of he said, she said, or how many people of what type are in the building," Tanna said, "The measuring tape will not lie. The investigator can go into the unit and measure and its either legal or not."

The overall debate has been raised in the media since the announcement. How far can a non-profit group out of St. Louis take the issue of accessibility at the Lake of the Ozarks? What do you do about areas that have no planning and zoning at all? Should everywhere have to be handicapped accessible?

The issue will be hashed out as the development of the lake waits, watching for the fallout from the question of accessibility at the Lake of the Ozarks.

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Chianti

Chianti is probably one of the most recognized wines in the world. But how much do you actually know about it? You probably know it is Italian, you know it is served at Italian restaurants in wicker covered glass bottles, and it is red! But there is much more to Chianti than this. The quality and styles range from light easy drinking red wines to full bodied, well structured wines with enough backbone to age and mature.

Chianti is not the grape, but the region where the wine is grown. Chianti is grown in the Chianti region of Tuscany, Italy. Only wines from this region can be properly called Chianti, yet some other areas are using the name on their labels.

The predominant grape variety that makes Chianti is Sangiovese. Italian law allows for 10 to 15% of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Syrah to be used in Chianti. When looking at different bottles of Chianti, you will notice different Chianti suffixes. These are the "hills of Chianti" and specific areas where it's grapes are grown. The areas are:

Classico

Begins northwards of Siena and reaches most of the way to Florence. This area generally produces that best wine.

Colli Aretini

The hills around Arezzo produce a medium-bodied Chianti, soft and best drunk young.

Colli Senesi

From the hills to the south and west of Siena, this is the largest Chianti sub-zone. Chianti plays second fiddle to Brunello and Montepulciano.

Colli Fiorentini

All styles of Chianti, from light everyday stuff to some excellent Riservas.

Montalbano

From the hills west of Florence. The better grapes tend to go to make Carmignano.

Rufina

The smallest of the seven, this zone, to the north east of Florence, produces some of the most complex and long-lived wines in Chianti.

Colline Pisane

Pleasant, light wines from the hills around Pisa

There is also the title "Riserva" used with Chianti. This is a wine that has been aged longer before being released, it should come from a good year and benefit from further aging. This is not a guarantee of quality but generally an indicator of a good wine.

Italian wines are made to drink with food, and enjoy with family and friends. You will discover that Chianti will improve with the addition of food. What food is best to pair with Chianti? I like to have Chianti with a spicy Italian dish, composed of chicken and pasta. But as always the best food to pair with wine is the food you like the best.

Chianti is a wine every wine drinker should keep around the house. It's diverse pairing ability will impress you and your guests at dinner. You can spend a little or a lot and still end up with a good bottle of wine. I believe that the Italian's have got wine figure out, meaning that they have created wines for enjoyment with food, family, and friends. That is my belief in what wine was created for. Forget everything else, the ratings, the hype, and try a bottle of Chianti today and ENJOY!

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After the economy began to slow down at the end of the century, many companies started to see this reflected in their bottom lines. Meanwhile customers had become accustomed to turning in smaller claims that had previously been self absorbed underneath a higher deductible. These situations created an environment where companies would change underwriting philosophies. This was the beginning of a "hard" market. More strict guidelines were given to agents when writing new business and rates began to slowly creep up from past lows. Some companies restricted classes of business they would write while others put a new business freeze and would allow little or no new business to be written for a time. Customer loss history was scrutinized and deductibles began to increase to help with the premium costs and to curb further loss frequency.

For the last several months many companies have eased their pricing and underwriting guidelines and are asking for growth in new business. This is an opportune time for business owners and agents to get together and look at their policies to examine coverages that may not have been updated in recent years due to pricing concerns. Some insureds will be eligible for company credits that previously may not have been available. Credits give premium savings for those accounts that meet additional underwriting guidelines.



Steve Naught, CIC

Most companies are showing the signs of a new "soft" market, but it is unlikely we will see the price wars of the 1990's for some time. While underwriting is loosening and rates are lowering there are still concerns that last years storms could affect property reinsurance rates for the near future.

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For any organization to succeed, especially a community swimming pool, it takes a strong



Outback Steakhouse employees pose for a photo

financial base. In addition to Rotary fundraisers like the Outback dinner, the Westlake Aquatic Center receives financial support from both the Camden and Morgan County Senior Citizen's tax boards. Since the pool opened, it has been a three-way partnership of members, the community, and the Laurie/Sunrise Beach Rotary Club. With continued support and enthusiasm, the pool will remain an important part of our community for many years to come.

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Microsoft's Office Fluent user interface will come as a shock to hardcore users of previous additions. Pretty much everything you were used to has been altered. In its place is "the ribbon". Why it's called that is likely marketing. It simply a colored toolbar that runs across the suite of applications, uniting them with similar controls. It puts all of the commands at your disposal without having to drop down from title menus. The tabs give you access to various sections easily, and each has its own set of buttons. It's well-designed, easy to navigate and very extensive. The design is easy to use, easy to read and easy on the eyes.

Once you start using the new setup and learn where everything is at, you'll wonder what took them so long to go to a tabbed-menu system. And, as you work, small menu hints are available with a click to give you the commands you most likely need, right where you need them. No need to navigate back to the top. (Trust me on this one, it's hard to describe.) Other features I like are a running word count in Word, a sliding magnification adjustment that's always there.

You can also see your changes instantly as you pass over the options—before you actually make the change. Amazing, but a processor hog.

Outlook has a new task bar with calendar and RSS feeds so you can get the news, weather and the mail all-in-one. There are hundreds more features inside the applications in Office 2007 that have been changed. Overall, they all work together nicely, look similar, group commands in similar ways and include very extensive help and tutorials.

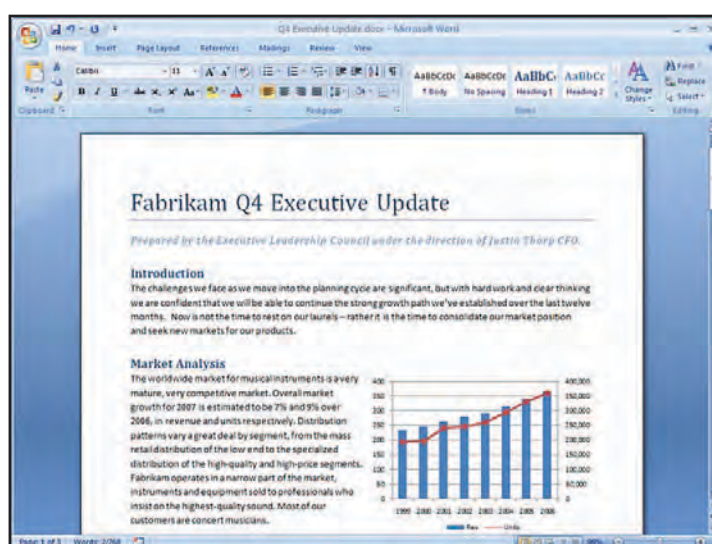
Microsoft includes, as part of the Office Professional Suite 2007, their Accounting Express 2007. Separately however, at

www.ideawins.com, Microsoft offers the accounting package designed for small businesses starting out, absolutely free as a download. If users find the software's restrictions inhibiting, they can then purchase the professional version for \$149.95. This is no doubt where the free download idea originates. Regardless, the Office Accounting Express 2007 download features enough power free of charge, so that many small businesses and entrepreneurs will likely need nothing else. Microsoft is looking to make inroads into the business accounting market,

direct from Microsoft, between \$375 and \$500 online through vendors. The software suite is priced at around \$499 locally through office supply or retail outlets.

If you elect to purchase through Microsoft, you can download and begin using the product immediately, and for \$12.99 order a backup CD for re-installation should it be required. The same 25-digit activation key is used for both the backup CD and the download versions of the software.

The suite ships with Microsoft Word 2007 (\$230 separately), Excel 2007 (\$230),



Office 2007's new "ribbon" takes some getting used to but places frequently used commands at your fingertips. It's very customizable.



"Popups" give you additional access to commands, while showing you how your changes will look **before** you make them.

where powerhouse products like Quicken and Peachtree currently dominate.

Microsoft Office 2007 Professional requires the Vista operating system, or Windows XP (with Service Pack 2) or Server 2003 (still very popular) for compatibility. MSRP: \$499

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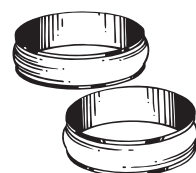
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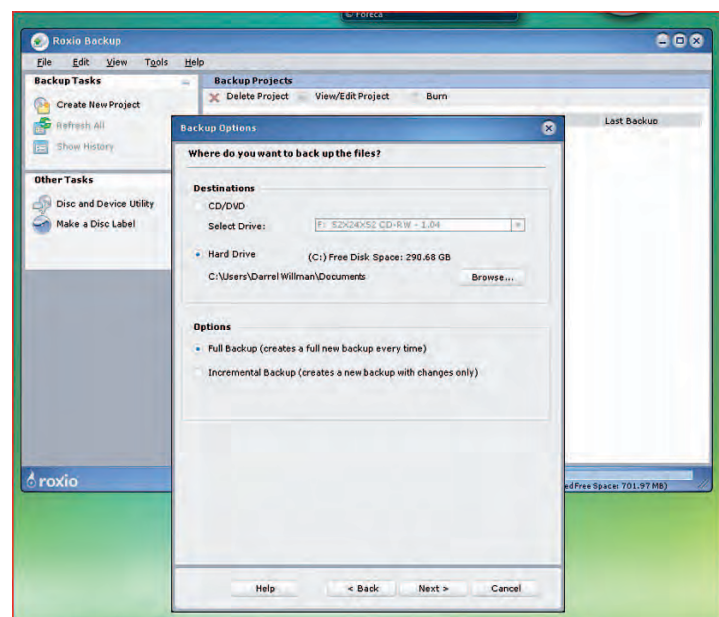
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Backup strategies



Roxio Backup - part of Easy Media Creator 9

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and more.

Its clean, uncluttered interface may pose a moment's pause for some, but it is self-explanatory enough for most. It is blazingly fast, requiring only 3 minutes to compress the 1.8 GB in our test folder. It resulted in a savings of 550 MB, an amazing combination of speed and compression.

Results

Handy Backup Pro 5.5 just didn't quite get top marks for a couple reasons- the interface is a bit old school and the standard version doesn't support DVD. They also charge extra for the ability to backup the entire drive. Other than DVD, it has all of the features you need, and is affordably priced.

Double Image-O is also full-featured and powerful, but lacks an intuitive interface, and is overly expensive.

Nova Backup is very smooth and polished, with an interface that is the easiest by far. Unfortunately, all backups are stored in a proprietary format, making them useless without the program. Not much use after a hard drive crash unless you get the program installed.

Roxio's Backup is a value-added portion of Easy Media Creator, and you can't go wrong here. No polish, but a capable program. If you want bang-for-your-buck, buy this one.

Genie-Soft's Genie Backup 8 is the clear winner for those tested, with its open file system, recovery and boot disk, Windows file format, standard Zip compression and ease-of-use. The powerful software includes all of the features you need. It's expandable, and the firm offers business-oriented enterprise options. It's also affordable at \$69.

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Montage (Mac) \$149 - ★★★★★

If you have ambitions of someday becoming a motion picture or television screenwriter, putting together your screenplay and getting it sent off to someone in the business are daunting tasks for those just starting out.

Montage, a new application from Mariner Software, looks to simplify all of that with a word-processor— but more, just for screenwriters.

Montage takes the tedious tasks of formatting and proof-reading off your hands, letting you work un-distracted. For even more isolation, Montage will run in a full-screen mode, blocking out everything but the writing in front of you.

It includes hundreds of industry contacts from various parts of the industry to aid you in submitting your completed work. Knowing who to send your finished script to is more than half the battle. While Montage does not extend it's database to include literary agents (a must for serious commercial writers) it does give some inroads into contacts for popular programming formats like documentaries, stage productions, sitcoms and more.

The tab-based prompts for formatting are automatic, and nicely done. You can choose from pre-built formats that will automatically alter the way formatting is handled.

After glancing through the included manual, it was relatively easy to start a screenplay based upon one of these templates— like BBC Drama, Motion Picture, Musical, televi-

sion series and others.

As you work, Montage will keep track of the characters, scenes, locations and more automatically. You can go in and add content to them at any time in the indexes to “flesh out” your work.

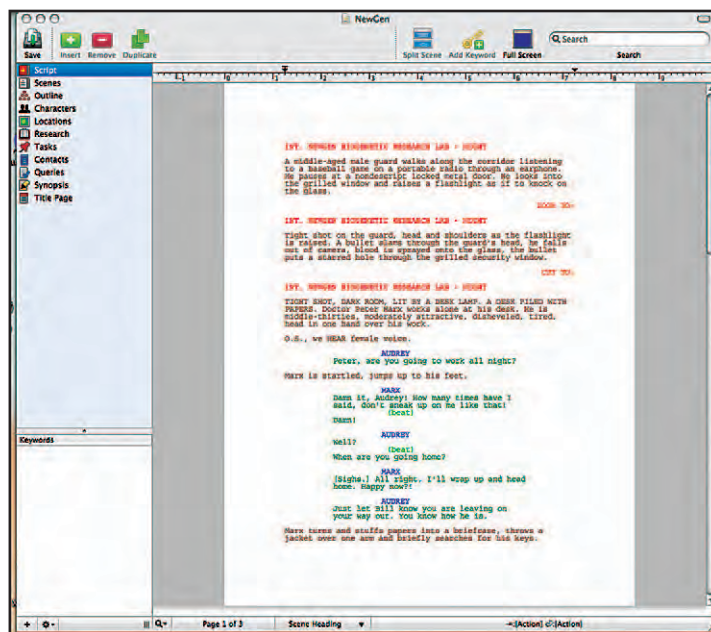
Character and scene development is easy, with separate sections within the program.

You can make notes on sections, scenes or individual words with a nice built-in note

Locations and others let you organize your materials and keep your notes in order as you progress.

Tasks, Contacts and Queries allow your to control how you submit your work, help you compose and format query letters and keep track of which contacts you've sent the screenplay to.

The addition of the industry-specific information and control over the accepted formats



We quickly started a screenplay of our own using Montage's built-in formatting.

tray that lets you set directions for shooting, budgetary concerns, costuming— any extras you need. And, it will stay in place as long as you need it.

The links within the body text you set are clickable afterward, and open up the corresponding note.

Tabbed sections like Script, Scenes, Outline, Characters,

used for each type of screenplay make Montage invaluable and worth the cost for those looking to start a career in screenwriting.

Once you have the idea, Montage makes it easy to fill in the rest, and it is a less expensive alternative to *Final Draft*.

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Kelly's Port Opens New Hwy. 54 Location



by Denny Benne

Kelly's Port recently opened a new showroom and sales facility on Hwy. 54 in Osage Beach.

"The new store is unique in the fact that the display area is all-enclosed and climate controlled - much like you would see at a boat show," according to Frank Petrizze, the General Manager of the facility.

The 8400 square foot building is large enough to accommodate a nice representation of Regal Boats ranging from 18' to 24' in size.

Kelly's Port originally opened for business in 1977 at their Gravois Mills location, which has since been sold to a developer in anticipation of putting in a

restaurant.

Their marina facility is located at the 19 mile marker of the main channel, as well as by taking state route KK to Nichols Road to Dude Ranch Road.

Randy Kelly, owner of Kelly's Port said, "The new store allows boating enthusiasts to really take their time going through the boat they're considering. They're not having to fight the heat of summer or other weather conditions." "We're really proud of the new showroom" he continued, "and look forward to sharing the new place with our customers."

The new store is open year round till 9:00 p.m. on weekends and 6:00 p.m. and is closed on Tuesdays.

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You can experiment with Windows Vista (any many other Microsoft titles). Head to the Windows Vista Test Drive site, which uses a Java virtual engine to give you an idea of the look and feel of Vista. You'll need a broadband connection, 1024x768 capable monitor resolution, the latest JavaScript and the ActiveX plugin. The site will prompt to load the necessary software. <http://www.windowsvistatestdrive.com>

Or download a virtual machine with the 30-day evaluation copy of Windows Vista Enterprise Edition that is available for download. This requires 10GB of hard drive space, 2 GB of RAM and a broadband connection. Search of "virtual" and "Vista VHD" on the Microsoft web site. You install Virtual PC (free) from the three downloaded components, then load Vista VHD (a separate download) which will install and be customizable. It will run for thirty days as you "test drive" Vista within the virtual space created by the program, without altering your existing system configuration.

www.microsoft.com/downloads/Search?form=1&search=virtual.

Securely deleting your data

If you sell or retire your old computer, I would consider keeping the hard drive, especially if it contains personal data like photos, passwords, financial information or other potentially sensitive items.

The files on your computer's hard drive are indexed for retrieval in a directory, so that the operating system (OS) knows where to look for them. When you move a file(s) to the recycling bin, the OS then simply deletes the record of the file, freeing up the space for future storage. If you simply delete the files on your hard drive prior to getting rid of it, the directory entries are removed, but the file and data are still there. File Recovery programs and firms make good money knowing how to find and "re-index" that information for retrieval.

What to do? There is a little-known feature built-in to most modern (post-2001) hard drives called Secure Erase. It's an obscure feature, largely written out of

BIOS today, because of its potential for misuse. If you have transferred your data to your new computer, or have backed it up (and verified the backup), you may be ready to use Secure Erase. A moment of caution here, however. It is not for the faint-of-heart. The feature overwrites every single block on the hard drive, including those that have been mapped out as "defective". Every track, partially-used sector, file, directory-- everything is gone. And, due to the nature of the application, the information cannot be recovered in any manner. Let's review that-- it can never be recovered.

Type this into your browser's navigation bar: <http://cmrr.ucsd.edu/Hughes/HDDerase.zip>.

Once you've unzipped the application, you can copy it to a boot disc. Run the DOS-based application from the startup disc and it will give you a menu of attached drives you can select for erasure. In order to get SATA drives to show up, you may need to configure them as IDE compatible in your BIOS. Also be sure that the boot media you select is set to be first in line at startup (floppy, CD, USB flash card, etc.).

If this sounds like a lot of work, just take out the hard drive, put on a pair of safety glasses and smash the drive with a hammer until you're satisfied the bits are small enough. Sweep up the remains and you're set. Secure Erase is just as fool-proof -- making sure none of your information is recoverable.

There are also a couple of freeware erase utilities that do the same thing, also requiring a boot disc. "Boot and Nuke" is one such, and can be found at <http://dban.sourceforge.net>.

Compress It

If you like WinZip, but aren't satisfied with the amount of compression you are achieving, there is a freeware alternative you may be interested in. KGB Archiver V1.21 offers ten different levels of compression, each requiring significantly more time to produce, as the software squeezes the files ever smaller. If every bit of space is important to you, check it out at <http://kgbarchiver.net>.

Federal panel consolidates "hot fuel" lawsuits into Kansas court

by David Twiddy

Kansas City, AP— A federal court in Kansas will oversee dozens of lawsuits filed across the country claiming oil companies have knowingly overcharged customers when gas station fuel temperatures rise.

The Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation this week ruled the so-called "hot fuel" cases would be centralized in the U.S. District Court in Kansas City, Kan., rather than tried in separate courts. Centralizing cases is considered a way to make the process more efficient for both sides and avoids district courts duplicating and possibly contradicting each other's actions.

It also would streamline the process of deciding whether to certify the cases as class-action lawsuits, which could demand billions of dollars in damages or key changes in how gas retailers operate.

In its ruling Monday, the panel said it looked for a judge who had the time and experience to deal with what could turn out to be a mammoth case involving hundreds of plaintiffs and scores of oil company defendants.

"No district stands out as a geographic focal point for this nationwide docket."

Accordingly, we select the District of Kansas— which is relatively conveniently located for many parties and witnesses— as transferee district for this litigation," the panel wrote.

The cases will be overseen by U.S. District Judge Kathryn Vratil, who was appointed to the federal bench in 1992 by President George H.W. Bush.

Vratil is a member of the panel but didn't take part in the decision to transfer the cases.

The lawsuits center around the oil industry's century-old practice of pricing gasoline on a standard of 60 degrees. As temperatures rise during warmer months, the gasoline expands, meaning customers get less energy per gallon.

Because few gas pumps adjust the dispensing of fuel according to temperature, gas is an average of about 5 degrees warmer than the federal standard, according to a study analyzed by Dick Suiter of the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

The U.S. House Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, which has held hearings on the issue, estimates temperature changes could cost con-

suming class-action status, as well as 25 potential "tag along" cases. They name more than 100 defendants, including oil companies, distributors and



sumers \$1.5 billion at the pump during the summer and is considering legislation that would force oil companies to install pumps that adjust for temperature changes.

Gas retailers have asked Congress to wait for additional studies, claiming that forcing them to install new pumps would be too expensive.

Trial lawyers have jumped on the issue, filing dozens of federal lawsuits claiming retailers are using temperature changes to rip off consumers.

The panel identified 12 cases in Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, California, Kentucky, New Jersey and Tennessee that are

retailers.

A similar lawsuit filed recently in federal district court in Georgia claims that distributors have been "unjustly enriched" by tens of millions of dollars.

While all the plaintiffs and most of the defendants agreed with centralizing the cases, two defendants — Sunoco Inc. and Getty Petroleum Marketing Inc.— objected, the panel said.

Even those in favor of centralizing the cases couldn't agree on a site, with lawyers proposing district courts across the country.

Vratil has not yet scheduled any hearings on the case.

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Saving by Design

by Darrel Willman

Office space is something we all take for granted until we run out. Either through additions, or growth, sometimes the quarters get a bit cramped and we have to expand, or move into a larger space.

Some planning ahead of time can alleviate the growing pains. Granted, most of us will walk into an empty space, and imagine that desk here, the copier there... but with some professional help, things can go more smoothly. An interior design firm, an architectural firm or even an office supply company can take some of the guesswork out of it.

Considerations like the number and placement of outlets, networking wiring and receptacles, the fit and appearance of office furniture, shared equipment and worker interaction are some of the things we may overlook.

We spoke with Don Miller, General Manager at Osage Office Supply in Osage Beach—about planning for new or remodeled office space, and how he works with clients who purchase office furniture and get much more than they bargained for.

Miller and the staff offer office equipment, furniture and supplies, but also work with manufacturers and their clients to make sure the office will work well after the purchase.

Isn't something you would normally expect to find for folks selling ballpoints, staples and copiers.

"We're talking about office design," Don says as he shows us a rough sketch detailing an office configuration. "The basic idea is, if I am going to remodel a space, or build a new space, what I want to know is, in the smallest amount of square feet, how can I be most efficient?"

With the current growth and expansion of office space for lease in the Lake area, getting the office space you need—and no more—is key to saving money.

Don says, "More and more customers are saying, 'Look I have eight agents, I have a

need for administrative people, marketing people, we've got some management functions, and I also have a huge requirement for client reception and meetings. I'm going to have multimedia presentations in my conference and meeting rooms.' Here's this blank shell of a building. They're dealing with contractors that don't know much about what they do, other than 'let's build some walls'."

Miller sells them the office furniture and coordinates with the designers for finish and color palette, but also dimensions and placement. He explains how placement is critical in a busy office. "It's how the people in the office relate to one another. Who they need line-of-sight with, where are they most commonly going to go. How far do they have to go to get to the copier, the printer—where do they need to be inside the space?"

But there are more than bodies in an office. There are considerations like lighting, shared equipment, ergonomics and more. No one wants to work in a windowless white cubicle. And within their workspace, what tools will they use and how are they arranged?

Don says, "They're generally all going to have a computer but they also may need a scanner. They may also need a ton of filing space. Pretty routinely, we then find out that Bill needs to be in that office next to Mary and Mike needs to be over here next to Virginia. And the printer needs to be here—it's a matter of how much space do we really need? Things like 'do I meet with other people internally- or externally?' Do I need guest chairs? Where are the phone lines, the Ethernet, and what are the electrical requirements. Where are the outlets physically?"

Along with these questions that need to be answered, clever folks that have done this sort of space planning for an extended amount of time can show people how to best utilize the materials within the space. Innovative ideas to utilize space for more than one purpose. File cabinets, for

instance. The horizontal four foot filing cabinets now so popular in offices are routinely fitted with countertops so that they can serve a multi-purpose role, with a fax machine, postage meter, scanners, coffee makers, phones, etc.

And message management—even today people still prefer a piece of paper that says "call Mary back" as opposed to a voice mail or internal email.

Then there are special cir-

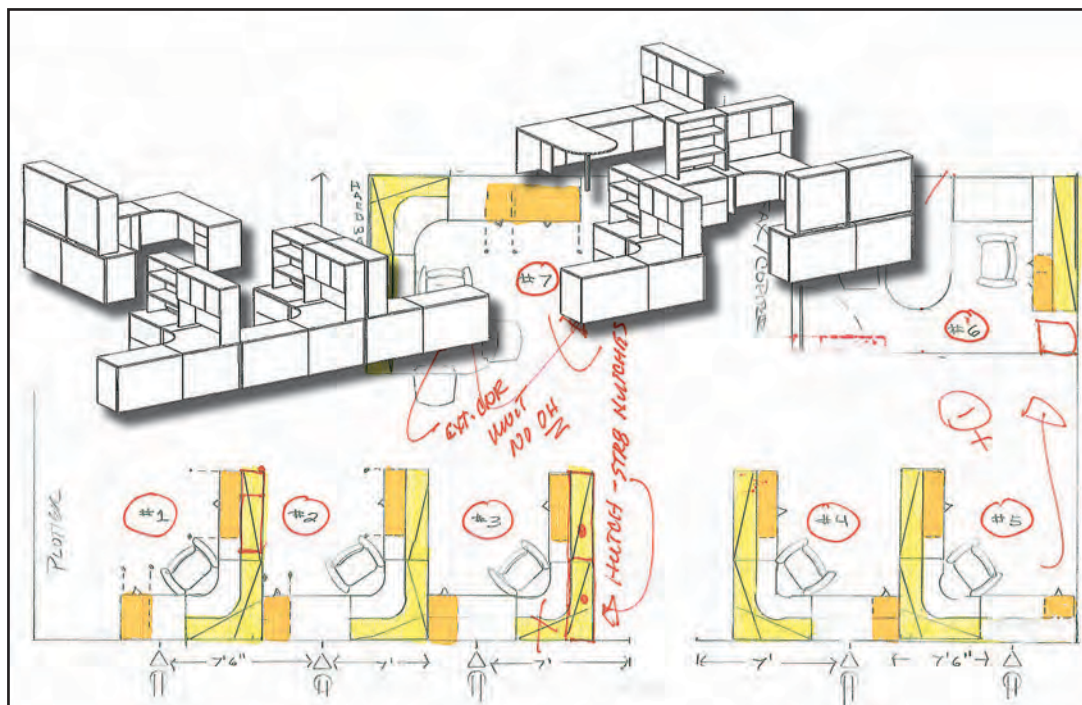
cumstances, says Don. "If you are doing a 5,000 square foot office, but you need to put 8,000 square feet worth of folks in there—other factors like lighting, windows, privacy—do I need to be able to close my door? It would be nice to look up and see my co-workers, so lets put in glass next to the sidelights. What if you don't really need 5,000 square feet, when you can do it with 4,000? There's a 20% cost reduction. Are your monitors going to fit beneath the hutch? Do I need task lighting?"

Planning your office space also benefits you by bringing furniture selection into the design process, if an interior

designer is being used. The colors and textures of the office furniture can be coordinated with the overall design the decorators are trying to achieve.

Firms like Miller's can special order exactly the finishes and colors to complement your design. And special sizes should your space be irregular.

Once your plan is in place, all that is needed is to get the plans so your construction crew can build and wire your new space accordingly. A little forethought, along with some affordable professional assistance can mean the difference between a working office and an office that works.



Taking a rough sketch to finished assembly drawings and a custom-configured layout makes sure that everyone and everything is accounted for in this office plan courtesy of Precision Fire.

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Suite is vast, to sum it up. More than 30 utilities and applications, launched from a central "Home" window. Almost anything you want or care to do regarding audio, video and photos is covered. There are applications to edit, add menus and then burn your home video. You'll find a utility to easily backup your hard drive or files to external media like

DVD/CD or hard drive. There is a media manager to collect and organize all of your material into one place. You can compress your recordings with an included DIVX MPEG-4 encoder easily. Record audio from virtually any source, and then clean it up and enhance it, burn it to a disc, it's all in there. You can then send the files to almost any other device and/or file format imaginable, including popular formats for the internet and portable media players. For the \$99 price tag, this suite is a no-brainer for anyone with a new computer, and will take the place of a host of applications for those that already have a PC.

A terrific bonus ported from the Macintosh side (Toast), is the "LP and Tape assistant", which lets you convert your analog vinyl records and cassettes into digital files you can encode into various formats. There are filters included that will restore that rendition of "Freebird" to like new, removing the hiss and pops. It lets

you import the entire album and then automatically separates the tracks for you based on the silence between them. You can then trim them by hand and encode them.

Use "Easy Audio Capture" to catch any audio that plays on your PC. Now you can get a copy of those pesky Flash Audio tracks you could never save before. If you're listening to a "preview" of a song on the web, capture it and save it as MP3 for later.

If you are into the night life, take a dual-layer or even HD-DVD and make a 50-hour music DVD or use Automix to layer and arrange tracks into a custom disc that would make any mixmaster proud. Burn your compilation to a CD or DVD, or export it to your MP3 player or phone—almost any device format.

The included SightSpeed Pro lets you video conference with friends or family for free, and includes a personalized address and web page for your SightSpeed account with a one

year free subscription to the service's premium features.

They've included a lightweight but efficient video-editing application, VideoWave. It has a slew of special effects and free content amateur home users will love. Basic drag and drop pictures and video clips into a timeline and then use easy to understand tools to mark "in" and "out". For captured home video, it is clean, easy and fast. And the process to burn it, with menus added is smooth and effortless. CineMagic, also included, has a sort of "automatic" director, that trims your clips for you and makes editing a home movie a lot easier. It gave mixed results, but with a bit of tweaking can be a fantastic time saver.

The very useful utility, Data Copier, to convert video is worth almost the cost of the entire package. This little hidden treasure will let you take almost any video you have and convert it to something useful. It even worked with a down-

loaded divx AVI that Windows Media Center refused to play or burn to disc. It also allows for bonus encoding direct to DVD or CD from a video file, with a "fit to disc" option, as is used with "MyDVD", also included.

The basic drag and drop CD/DVD/RW burning application adds a needed method to burn ISO images for Vista users—without having to resort to an arcane command line application I discovered in Microsoft's forums. You can burn any type of disc you like, with any media, to any media. It's fast, easy, and works well. It includes support for ISO discs, video discs, enhanced music CD's, DVD's, HD-DVD and others. It's indispensable tray burning tool puts a small application on the desktop you can drag anything to and burn it at once to a disc.

On the whole, the tools that make up the suite may disappoint power users, and have some processor hogs included, but for the rest, Creator 9 Suite

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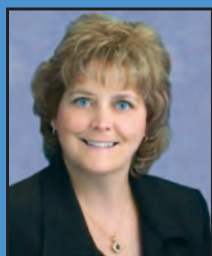
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CSM MORTGAGE has just opened a new office in Greenview and was recently welcomed into the Lake West Chamber with a ribbon cutting. Stop by and visit the staff at the Greenview office (next to Blinds and More). They look forward to helping you. Pictured are owner Ray Lindner and the Greenview staff along with Chamber ambassadors.



Alicia Hunter, a 2007 graduate of Camdenton HS, is presented the Optimist Club of Camdenton Reno Drews Memorial Scholarship by President Chic Oostendorp. Optimists help area youth and meet at noon Mondays at CJ's Restaurant.

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Doctors' groups will fight midwife law

(AP)— Legislation allowing midwives to deliver babies at home in Missouri will likely be challenged in court by doctors' groups.

The measure was approved by lawmakers in May as part of larger health insurance bill signed June 1 by Gov. Matt Blunt. Most of the bill won't take effect until January, but the section on midwifery becomes effective in late August.

Opposition to the midwifery provision is led by the Missouri State Medical Association. The organization's lobbyist, Tom Holloway, said the group expects to file suit to block the provision next week in Cole County Circuit Court.

The association contends the overall legislation violated the Missouri Constitution's ban on bills containing multiple subjects. The title of the bill was "relating to health insurance."

"Midwifery and health insurance are two vastly different subjects, and the former clearly is not expressed in the bill's title," the medical association said in a statement on its Web site. "The

deceptive amendment also violates a constitutional doctrine that prohibits amendments that change the original purpose of a bill."

Beyond the constitutional matter, doctors and hospitals have opposed the practice of midwifery as unsafe and fraught with liability problems.

Previous Missouri law made it a felony for home births to be carried out by anyone other than certain nurses working in collaboration with physicians.

"We think the (midwifery) provision is so broad it's a danger to the public's health and welfare, and we think the process by which it was passed was flagrantly unconstitutional," Holloway said.

The bill allows people with "tocological certification" to practice their craft. Tocology refers to obstetrics, and as several angry senators discovered after the bill was approved, was a term used with the intent of allowing the practice of midwifery in Missouri.

As introduced in the Missouri House, the bill dealt with

expanding health insurance options for small businesses. Republican Sen. John Loudon, of Chesterfield, inserted the sentence about "tocological certification" while handling the bill in his chamber.

Holloway said the St. Louis Metropolitan Medical Society, the Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons and the Missouri Academy of Family Physicians are joining the lawsuit as co-plaintiffs. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists will be assisting on the lawsuit.

Groups supporting midwifery criticized the likely legal challenge.

"There are so many other health-care issues that need attention in Missouri," said Samantha Rossi, area coordinator for St. Louis Friends of Midwives. "Why does the medical association spend so much time trying to criminalize my midwife and limit my access to the birthing service of my choice?"

Healthcare Workers Earn M.B.A.s from William Woods University



Scott Poest, Courtney McElyea and Brian Kenney. Not pictured is Larry Meeker.

Scott Poest, Courtney McElyea, Brian Kenney and Larry Meeker recently earned Masters in Business Administration degrees with emphasis in healthcare from William Woods University.

All are employees of Lake Regional Health System in Osage Beach. McElyea has been with Lake Regional for 11 years and is the hospital's Medical Staff Coordinator.

Kenney is a 14-year employee and serves as the hospital's Controller. Meeker, Director of Rehab Therapy, has worked at Lake Regional for nine years. Poest is Director of Hospital Information Systems and has been with Lake Regional for five years.

Tuition assistance is one of the employee benefits at Lake Regional Health System.

Lake Regional Hospital Auxiliary's Christmas in July starts July 27



It's not too early to get in the holiday spirit and what better way than to attend the Lake Regional Hospital Auxiliary's Christmas in July bazaar?

The event kicks off July 27 with a grand opening and refreshments from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the hospital's 3rd floor conference rooms.

The sale continues from July 30 through August 3 and runs

from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day. You'll find great gift ideas, holiday décor and Christmas cards.

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Water testing at Lake of the Ozarks will help D.N.R. see how busy weekends affect lake water

Recent water samples were taken by AmerenUE and Lake of the Ozarks Watershed Alliance (LOWA) for the Department of Natural Resources. The effort is to provide lake residents with data concerning E. coli bacteria.

The first tests, taken just after the busy Memorial Day holiday weekend on Lake of the Ozarks, will provide a baseline for the study.

Water samples were taken from Bagnell Dam to the Community Bridge and will be repeated for the next six months.

AmerenUE is funding the project and agreed to a five-year testing program in an agreement through their re-licensing process with FERC.

Qualified teams from the D.N.R., AmerenUE and LOWA, a citizens' group put together

within the past year, collected the first samples from 14 coves. Strict timing and guidelines were followed for the samples to be rushed to a field lab at the Lake of the Ozarks State Park in Osage Beach.

AmerenUE along with several state agencies are working together on the project and will be able to use the results in order to conduct quality control procedures and make several validations. With the teams of AmerenUE and LOWA, up to 60 coves will be able to be tested. Once completed, the results are to be given to LOWA to be posted on their website at www.soslowa.org.

submitted by S.A. Magnuson, United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.



Leisure Lake Charters, LLC, operating out of the Lodge of Four Seasons Marina, recently announced membership in the Lake Area Chamber of Commerce with a ribbon cutting. Call Captain Ben at 573-746-1672. Pictured in the ribbon cutting are: Ben (w/ scissors) and Mike Beecher, Owners; along with Chamber Active Volunteer Ambassadors.



Garry and Judy Hale, Realtors, were recently welcomed into the Lake West Chamber with a ribbon cutting. Garry and Judy feel fortunate to be a part of Gaslight Properties GMAC. The company believes in Premier Service and helping people. They have a great manager, Steve Gum, and secretary, Janet Ichrist. You can find them on the web at www.ghale.gaslightproperties.com

Missouri jobs, unemployment rate, both rise

Missouri's unemployment rate inched up last month, but so did the number of Missourians with jobs, according to figures released by the state.

The state's unemployment rate rose from 4.5 percent in April to 4.6 percent in May on a

seasonally adjusted basis. But the state added 4,100 jobs during the time, Gov. Matt Blunt's office said.

The federal Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that the national unemployment rate in May was 4.5 percent. Missouri's

unemployment rate was also slightly higher than the national average in April and March.

The educational and health services jobs sector climbed by about 1,300 last month. Construction jobs increased by about 1,000. (AP)

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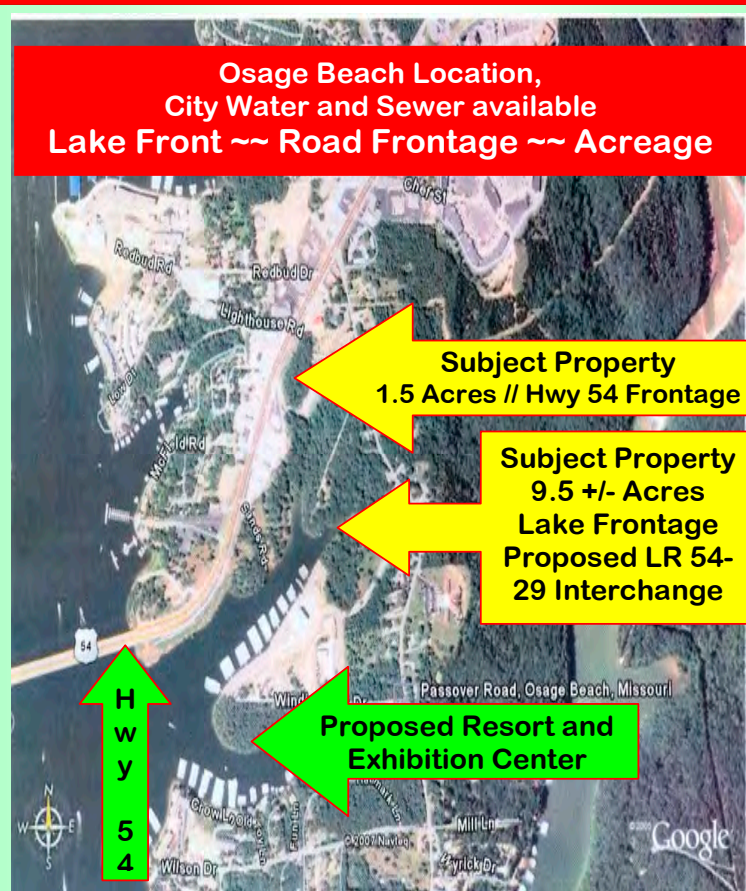
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Lawsuits around U.S. allege that 'hot fuel' is costing motorists

It's not just increased demand that sends summertime gasoline prices soaring. It's also the increased temperature.

As the temperature rises, liquid gasoline expands and the amount of energy in each gallon drops. Since gas is priced at a 60-degree standard and gas pumps don't adjust for any temperature changes, motorists often get less bang for their buck in warmer weather.

Consumer watchdog groups warn that the temperature hike could end up costing consumers between 3 and 9 cents a gallon at the pump.

The effect could cost U.S. drivers more than \$1.5 billion in the summertime, including \$228 million to drivers in California alone, according to the House Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, which recently addressed it in hearings. The committee's chair, Rep. Dennis Kucinich, D-Ohio, has long been an advocate on the issue and has new clout as a member of the congressional majority.

Gas retailers say forcing stations to adjust their pumps

would be too costly, and they asked Kucinich to call off the hearings and wait for more studies.

The issue has driven trial lawyers to fire off as many as 20 federal lawsuits accusing retailers of using simple physics to take advantage of consumers. Challenges have been filed in Alabama, Arkansas, California, Florida, Kansas, Missouri and New Jersey, among other states and some are seeking class-action status.

The latest lawsuit, filed last week in federal district court in Georgia, claims that distributors have been "unjustly enriched" by tens of millions of dollars. They did so by paying taxes on the fuel based on the colder industry standard but pocketing the taxes collected from customers when the temperature soars, it alleged.

"I don't believe gas retailers should collect more in purported taxes than they pay the government," said Bryan Vroon, one of the attorneys in the Georgia suit. "Gas prices are high enough without the over-collection of taxes."

The "hot fuel" effect is a matter of simple physics.

Almost a century ago, the industry and regulators agreed to define a gallon of gasoline as 231 cubic inches at 60 degrees. But as the mercury rises and gasoline expands, it takes more than a gallon of gas to produce the same amount of energy. The opposite is true when gasoline contracts in colder weather.

U.S. gas retailers ignore the temperature swings and always dispense fuel as if it's 60 degrees. As a result, gas is an average of about 5 degrees warmer than the federal standard, according to a study analyzed by Dick Suiter of the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the average U.S. temperature in May was 63 degrees; average for all of 2006 was 55 degrees. But drivers fare worst in southern and western states where the temperatures are the most consistently warm.

Increased demand also send gas prices higher during the peak summer travel season, so the

effect of paying more for less in the warmer months is more pronounced.

The debate is now reaching Washington.

Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., recently urged California lawmakers to take action. And Rep. Kucinich earlier this month called a hearing on the issue, calling it "Big Oil's double standard."

Lawmakers don't have to look very far for possible solutions.

In frigid Canada, where cold temperatures were giving consumers an edge, many gas stations voluntarily backed a program to add pumps that automatically adjust volumes based on temperature.

During the energy crisis in the 1970s, tropical Hawaii decided to set a base fuel temperature of 80 degrees, meaning that consumers there get more bang for their buck because retailers now dispense 234 cubic inches of gas per gallon rather than 231.

The federal government is considering a similar change as well. The National Conference on Weights and Measures is to

vote in July on whether to allow temperature regulation by retailers.

The upcoming decision is worrying some fuel distributors, who say the new equipment could force some independent dealers out of business. NATSO, a trade group representing truck stop owners, estimates that each retrofitted pump could cost between \$1,500 to \$3,800.

NATSO and other gas retailers have formed a group called PUMP — the Partnership for Uniform Marketing Practices — which is calling for more studies on the issue before taking any action.

They have a powerful ally in Rep. Bart Gordon, the Tennessee Democrat who chairs the House Committee on Science and Technology. In a May letter to the National Academy of Sciences, he suggested the idea of retrofitting pumps may be "premature."

The trucking companies and motorists behind the lawsuits hope they could force politicians to act quicker. (AP)

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Volunteers remove over 130 tons of debris during lake cleanup

Final results of the 16th Annual Spring Shoreline Beautification Cleanup at Missouri's Lake of the Ozarks have been tallied, and they show this year's volunteers removed 2,207 cubic yards of litter and debris - weighing more than 130 tons - from more than 440 miles of shoreline.

Participating in this year's event were 654 volunteers from 58 Adopt-the-Shoreline member groups, with additional help provided by countless residents, second homeowners and other civic-minded individuals.

Volunteers began cleaning the shoreline in March, and some group cleanups continued well into June.

Adopt-the-Shoreline Coordinator Jeff Green says that between Bagnell Dam and Truman Dam more than 65 large construction "roll-off" dumpsters and several trucks were required to haul away the debris that volunteers collected.

As in past cleanups, most of

the debris consisted of foam flotation material that had broken away, or was discarded, from boat docks.

About 30 percent of this year's volume was recycled through the joint efforts of AmerenUE, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and BioSpan Technologies.

Green says AmerenUE is extremely pleased with the results of the recycling effort, and is looking forward to expanding the recycling of dock foam debris in future cleanups.

AmerenUE, which sponsors Adopt-the-Shoreline, paid more than \$30,000 to dispose of the debris. In addition, numerous local organizations and individuals donated boats and other equipment the volunteers needed to make the event a success.

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Artsy Fartsy, now open on the Bagnell Dam Strip, next to Frick & Frack, recently celebrated membership in the Lake Area Chamber of Commerce with a ribbon cutting. For more information call 365-3434 or stop by and take a look around. Pictured in the ribbon cutting are: Alan Hendricks, Central Bank; Lisa Frick (w/ scissors), Owner; Jacki Luttrell, Manager; along with Chamber Active Volunteer Ambassadors.



We are excited to welcome new member Trinity Pointe Condominiums to the Lake Area Chamber of Commerce with a ribbon cutting. On the 31 mile marker (Lk. Rd. 5-89, Camdenton by land). Contact Team Jane Kelly, RE/MAX at 573-302-2316. Pictured in the ribbon cutting along with Chamber Active Volunteer Ambassadors are: 1st row: Chip Classon, Condo Developer with children Jordan & Jacob (with scissors); 2nd row: Denise Maher, Jordan Baker, & Mary Maher, of RE/MAX Team Jane Kelly; Janet Classon; Chad Rogers, President of Lake Area Chamber; 3rd row: Bob Nelson & Jamie Golka of Team Jane Kelly; Ed Lowther; Margie Rudolph & Terri Preston, Team Jane Kelly; Don Cook, Millennium Realty; 4th row: Vickie Alberts, Corrin Hart & Jane Kelly of RE/MAX Team Jane Kelly.

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If driving this spring and summer has hit your pocketbook hard, just think what gas prices have done for boating, because gas is always higher on the water. Well, one resort in the Lake of the Ozarks area is telling their guests not to worry about the high price of gas too much, because they will receive free gas for staying there this summer.

The Lodge of Four Seasons Golf Resort and Spa Shiki are pledging to provide their guests who stay a minimum of two nights prior to August 1st, with a \$50 credit good for their next tank of gas. Recognizing that the cost of gas nationwide is currently the highest ever, the Lodge is looking to alleviate any concerns potential guests may have when it comes to filling up the tank for

a quick getaway this summer.

"It's always been our goal to do everything we can to make our customers' stay as comfortable as possible and if that means paying for their gas, then that's exactly what we'll do," said Lodge General Manager Dave Griffin. "We have so much to offer including 54 holes of golf, Spa Shiki, fine dining and of course the Lake itself, that we don't want the price of gas to stand in the way of someone having a memorable Lake experience this summer."

The offer is based on room availability and is not offered on previously booked reservations, group bookings or any other discounted offer. For more information or reservations, call toll free at (800)265-5500. *by Mike Bissell*



Krantz & Associates with RE/MAX Lake of the Ozarks are excited to announce their new office location, in the Landmark Center in Osage Beach. Their new office; Suite 301 & Suite 302-consists of 3500 square feet. "We are very excited about being an owner in the Landmark Center," "Our new office space has allowed us the ability to add new team members and the space to continue providing outstanding customer service to our clients," states Jeff Krantz. They can be reached at 1-888-322-1802 or via the web at: www.krantzproperties.com. Their office is at 3535 Hwy 54 in Osage Beach, MO.



Lone Oak Point Resort recently joined the Lake West Chamber of Commerce. Oak Leaves, Inc. is the property management corporation for Lone Oak Point Resort, and also manages the Lone Oak Point Resort Condominium Association. (573) 374-7992 or email at loneoakpoint@charterinternet.com. Please visit their website at www.loneoakpoint.com

Chaplain Aric Bokker joins Lake Regional staff

Lake Regional Health System welcomes Arkansas-native Aric Bokker as the hospital's new chaplain. Aric went to Arkansas State University and graduated with a Bachelor of General Studies in 1996. While in college, he also met and later married his wife, Stacey. He received his Masters of Divinity at Memphis Theological Seminary. He also had post-seminary studies in Spiritual Formation at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. Aric became an Ordained Minister in 2003.

As a chaplain, Aric ministers to patients, family and staff individually, in small groups and in chapel services. He offers support to people within their own system of belief by helping the person find his or her spiritual strength through prayer, spiritual exercises, connecting them to family or other support systems and in other ways



as part of the patient's interdisciplinary care team. A chaplain can be called in for patients and family members who are spiritually distressed or even during a time of celebration, like the birth of a child. In addition to spending time on the floors ministering with patients, family and staff, a chaplain will typically consult on ethics committees as well as ethics consults.

Legislators free to fundraise during session

(AP)— When the Missouri Supreme Court considers a challenge to the state's campaign finance laws, notably missing from the discussion will be a ban on fundraising by state politicians during the legislative session.

Legislators last year changed the laws governing how candidates raise money. The measure

removed individual contribution limits but also barred lawmakers, statewide elected officials and challengers from raising money during the legislative session, which runs annually from early January through mid-May.

A candidate for a state House seat challenged the law, and a Cole County judge in March upheld the removal of contribu-

tion limits but tossed out the ban on fundraising during the session.

Both sides appealed to the state's highest court. But the attorney general's office, defending the state, did not challenge the judge's decision tossing out the legislative-session fundraising ban.



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Roberts promoted to Vice President at Bank Star One

Lake Ozark, MO— Catherine A. "Kitty" Roberts of Camdenton has been promoted to vice president, mortgage lending at Bank Star One, according to bank president David Bear.

"Kitty's experience and expertise are great assets to the bank," said Bear. "While her technical expertise is in mortgage lending, she is also admired for her leadership qualities."

Ms. Roberts has more than 23 years of lending experience, including 14 years as a loan officer and nine years in loan operations. She also manages secondary market loans for the bank. She has been with Bank Star One for 10 years. Prior to joining Bank Star One, she served four years with the Community Bank of Pettis County



(Sedalia), now Excel Bank. She is a member of the Bagnell Dam Realtors Association.

For information visit their website at www.bank-star.com or call 573-365-BANK (2265).

Kristen McAlpin joins HH Pharmacy in Lake Ozark

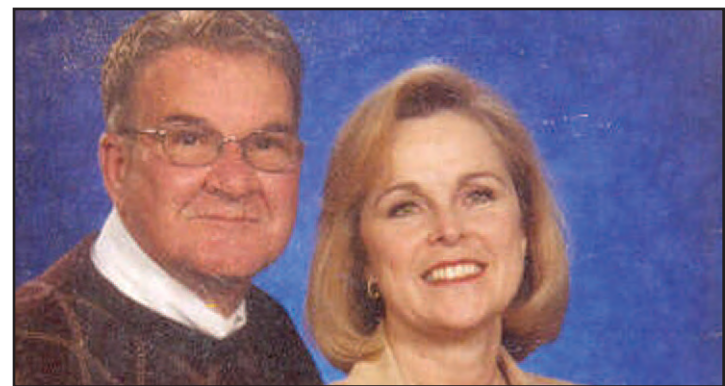
Lake Regional Health System is delighted to welcome new full time staff pharmacist, Kristen McAlpin, to the HH Pharmacy in Lake Ozark. Kristen started working at her local pharmacy in Iowa while attending high school and has been working in retail pharmacy ever since. She went to pharmacy school for six years at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, where she earned her Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) degree.

Kristen is friendly and enjoys assisting patients any way she can. "I enjoy being able to help patients effectively and efficiently maximize their drug therapy and want to be able to work with patients and doctors to offer pharmaceutical services in the Lake area," says Kristen.

Kristen's interest in the Lake



of the Ozarks started when she was young as her family vacationed here often. She met her fiancé, Eric, last year and he will be moving here from Nebraska very soon to be with her. In her free time, she enjoys waterskiing, reading, walking and spending time with her friends and family.



Ron & Ann Lewis received an Outstanding Sales Award from Reece & Nichols Alliance, Inc. for the month of April and the Million Dollar Milepost Award. Ron & Ann, a husband and wife team, excel at customer service and truly believe in the Reece & Nichols values of a Tradition of Excellence & a Reputation for Results. They can be contacted at 365-2876.

Water's Edge Motel in Gravois Mills offers non-resident's test

Water's Edge Motel, in Gravois Mills is offering the "Missouri State Water Patrol Non-Resident Temporary Boater's Permit" test for out of state visitors.

Missouri law now requires anyone born after January 1, 1984 to have a Boater's Safety Certificate if they operate any type of motorized watercraft; including wave runners and jet ski's.

This is an open book test using the free "Missouri Boating Laws and Responsibilities

Handbook, which is available at Water's Edge Motel and the Lake West Chamber office and consists of 25 True or False questions.

The cost for the test is \$10 per person and applicant must have a valid photo ID (state driver's license, state ID, or school student ID).

This is only for non-Missouri residence and is valid for 30 days. Call Robin at Water's Edge Motel 573-372-2201 with any questions or to schedule a test.

CADV announces staff changes

Lake Ozark MO – Staff changes for the Citizens Against Domestic Violence means new roles for long-standing help.

At the May 2007 board of directors meeting, the CADV accepted staff changes, effective May 31, 2007.

Angie Fiene will serve as the organization's executive director, filling the vacancy left by Shonna Rakes. Rakes's long history of serving the CADV includes service for the past three years as the executive director. The executive director oversees the operation of the non-profit organization, including crisis intervention, shelter, advocacy and support to victims of family violence and sexual assault for Camden, Miller and Morgan counties.

Fiene has worked with the CADV for seven years, previously serving as the legal programs coordinator (now the legal advocate position).

With four years of CADV experience, Julie Harlan will

move from the position of outreach coordinator to the CADV legal advocate. In that role, she will provide court advocacy and support to those CADV clients that seek help through the criminal justice system.

Donna Szkubiel will remain in her current position as case manager, responsible for the day-to-day management of the CADV shelter. Szkubiel has a five-year history with the CADV.

The CADV honored out-going executive director Shonna Rakes with a reception at Old Kinderhook on May 31 to thank her for her many years of service and dedication to the organization.

The Citizens Against Domestic Violence/Victim Outreach Center (CADV) is a non-profit organization that provides crisis intervention, shelter, advocacy and support to victims of family violence and sexual assault for Camden, Miller and Morgan counties.

Lake of the Ozarks student to attend Phi Theta Kappa international honors institute

Sedalia, MO— A student at State Fair Community College-Lake of the Ozarks will attend the International Honors Institute of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges, June 18-23 at Wheaton College in Wheaton, Ill.

Beth Groll, Lake Ozark, will join 400 participants in intensive study of the 2006-2008 honors study topic, "Gold, God and Glory: The Global Dynamics of Power." Members, advisors and

alumni will hear presentations, participate in leadership building activities and visit Chicago.

Groll is vice president of Beta Pi Eta, the SFCC-Lake of the Ozarks chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. In March she also was elected regional vice president of the Theta district in Missouri.

Groll is pursuing an Associate of Applied Science degree in Early Childhood Development and plans to graduate in spring 2008.

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Premier Bank Summer Celebration June 8

Robert Kucsik, President of the Lake Area Market for Premier Bank, is pleased to announce Premier Bank's First Summer at the Lake Celebration on Friday, June 8th.

"We're excited to be a part of this dynamic market and invite you to join us as we celebrate our first summer at the Lake. Stop by for lunch from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, enjoy live music from local entertainers, Jimmy & Starla Queen and take advantage of our seven month CD

special," said Kucsik.

"We invite everyone to stop by and visit our beautiful full-service Banking Center, meet our friendly Premier Bankers and register for a chance to win a 42" plasma TV courtesy of Benne Media. We'll also be giving away other great prizes. Plus, we'll have our PALS team on site to provide information about our PALS program for people age 50 and better. PALS offers preferred interest rates, special offers, entertainment,

travel opportunities and fun" said Linda Allen, Executive Vice President.

The Osage Beach Banking Center, located at 995 KK Drive in Osage Beach, opened in October 2006. For more information about Premier Bank please call 573-302-1117 or visit premierbank.com.



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The Camdenton Area Chamber of Commerce recently welcomed Ozark Truck & Equipment to its new location in Camdenton--131 Turner Parkway behind Jack's Sporting Goods. Call them at 573-346-7324. Participating in the ribbon cutting were Ernie Dampier, III, Owner; Ernie Dampier, Jr., Office Manager; Eldon Stoner, Shop Steward; Mechanics Bryan Parrack, Don Trandum; and Justin Parrack; Elmer Meyer, City Administrator; Steven Craig, Assistant City Administrator; Grant Smith, Little Mr. Dogwood; Kaylee Dorris, Jr. Miss Dogwood; Rachel Stone, Miss Teen Dogwood; and Bruce Mitchell, Chamber Executive Director. Not pictured were drivers Jim Davis and Tronnie Blair.



Peaceful Valley Resort was recently welcomed into the Lake West Chamber with a ribbon cutting. Owner Frank Barzso, Jr. is originally from Illinois. Peaceful Valley Resort is located on MM26 by water Lake Road F-8 in Sunrise Beach. Visit their website at www.cabinfeever.com or call them at 573-374-5000.



The Lake Area Chamber recently celebrated the new membership of ACCURSPEC, L.L.C. with a ribbon cutting. AccurSpec, L.L.C. is owned and operated by Don and Sandy Baker and originated in Lake Ozark. Please contact Don Baker owner of AccurSpec, L.L.C. at 573-348-9057 to answer any questions you may have. Pictured in the ribbon cutting ceremony photo are Don and Sandy Baker-owners with their granddaughter Emily Scott, Christine and Matt Scott and the Chamber Active Volunteer Ambassadors.



Amish Country Corner was welcomed as a new member of the Lake Area Chamber of Commerce at recent ribbon cutting ceremony. Located at 1516 Bagnell Dam Blvd (at the top of the strip), call 573-964-5441 or stop by 1516 Bagnell Dam Blvd. Pictured at the ribbon cutting ceremony along with the Chamber Active Volunteer Ambassadors are Matelita Ragogo, Fiji customer; Jocelyn White, Owner (with scissors) and Jamie Baker, Community Bank of the Ozarks.



Mid Missouri Credit Union recently celebrated their grand opening and membership in the Lake Area Chamber of Commerce with a ribbon cutting. Visit the new branch at 5286 Hwy 54 in Osage Beach or call 573-348-0444 for more information. Pictured in the ribbon cutting along with Chamber Active Volunteer Ambassadors, Board of Directors, staff, and friends of the Mid Missouri Credit Union Grand Opening Celebration are: From left to right: Susie Loveall, President of Missouri Credit Union Association, Rosie Holub; Executive Vice President, Arleta Weber; President/CEO, Sharon Ichord; Osage Beach Branch Manager, Liz Neese; Miss Missouri, Sarah French; and Chairman of the Board, Paul Corbett.



Landmark Center celebrates their Grand Opening with a ribbon cutting by the Lake Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact Frank Christensen at 302-2301, Jeff Krantz at 302-1802, or George Bogema at 302-0303. Pictured in the ribbon cutting along with Chamber Active Volunteer Ambassadors are: Andrew Renken, Greg Williams Law Office; Ebbie & George Bogema, Spouses Selling Houses; Jeff Krantz, Krantz & Associates; Frank Christensen, RE/MAX Lake of the Ozarks & his wife Karen; Melissa Krantz, Krantz & Associates; Mike Berra, RE/MAX Lake of the Ozarks; and Paula Bellamy, RE/MAX Lake of the Ozarks.



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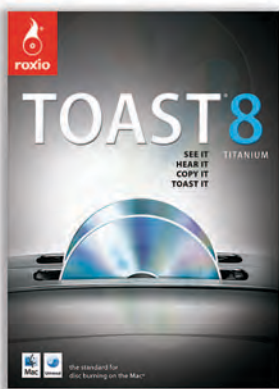
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On the Macintosh side, Roxio's Toast 8 is newly updated. Roxio is owned by parent software giant Sonic, and has cornered the Macintosh side of the burning software business for many years. Toast 8 offers some exciting new features, and adds-in some features that previously cost extra

- Toast 8 now offers support for Blu-ray disc burning, TiVoToGo and EyeTV support, plus has built-in features that

let you convert and sync movies and audio to your Apple iPod. A floating media browser window simplifies selecting files over a "file" menu window. The browser lets you navigate among all of the media on your computer and select it to be included in your compilation, whether it be audio or video.

- It's now integrated. Jam, their audio disc burning standard, is now part of Toast, and still allows all of the sophisticated controls over burning, like track trimming and equalizing, volume leveling across tracks, multiple fades and crossfades, custom length between tracks and more. This is a powerful addition to Toast.

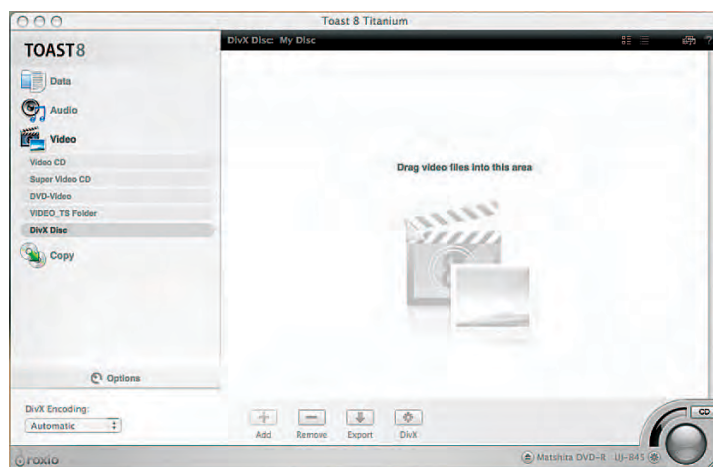
- If your Mac is equipped with a DVD burning Superdrive, take advantage of the ability to burn a 50+ hour audio DVD with Dolby digital sound output for use on your home theatre system.

- What's more, previously extras— CD Spin Doctor lets you record your old vinyl and tape music collection, then uses sophisticated filters to clean and enhance the recordings. Now is the time to put your USB turntable into serv-

ice. Use their "Motion Pictures" application to create photo archives that play in a slideshow (iPhoto?).

- Lightscribe support and terrific label creating/printing software that lets you customize the way your finished DVD's and audio discs look, whether it's for your personal collection or to give as a gift.

- The disc cataloging feature lets you scan and then search among your DVD/CD's for specific files and content. These have been around a while and



can be very useful.

- iLife users will find that Toast allows them more control

over their music, photos and videos over the limited features found in iPhoto and iDVD. Toast has exclusive support for Tivo and EyeTV recorders. You can convert the captured video to play on your iPod, PSP, or any other portable device.

- Backups to disc are now simplified, allowing you to span multiple discs with your archives, and have them cross-platform compatible. Index what you've backed up so that you have an easily searched database, it's as if they are still

access to the backup data.

- Want to share your photos? Toasts' Photo Disc will store pictures on a photo disc format capable of holding thousands at full-resolution. Or, make a disc ready to use at a photo finishing kiosk. Turn them into a slideshow, in much the same manner as iPhoto.

- Backup your personal DVD's on dual-layer discs to a standard, inexpensive 4.7 GB DVD, using the new Fit-to-DVD compression featured in Toast 8 (a great addition). You are allowed to pick and choose the specific video, audio and languages for your backup, making your own custom edit.

For Mac OS X, Roxio's Toast 8 is a must-have. Since its introduction, Toast has become synonymous with burning discs on the Mac. With version 8, it's an even better value— this powerhouse package will likely continue to dominate the platform, as there really are no serious competitors.

At \$99 it will take the place of at least a couple other applications, so it is a great suite for the money for Macintosh users. Five stars. www.roxio.com

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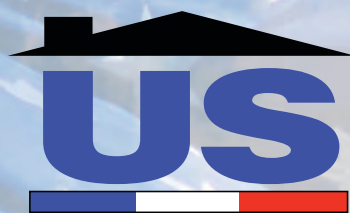
Always Safe, LLC. recently announced membership in the Lake Area Chamber of Commerce with a ribbon cutting. Call Dustin at 573-286-4866 or Brett at 573-280-9154 or visit www.alwaysafellc.com. Pictured in the ribbon cutting along with Chamber Active Volunteer Ambassadors are Brett Braun and Dustin Metzner, Co-Owners.



Ashley Carpet Cleaning recently commemorated membership in the Lake Area Chamber of Commerce with a ribbon Cutting. Call 573-302-4577 or visit www.ashleycarpet.com. Pictured in the ribbon cutting along with Chamber Active Volunteer Ambassadors are: (front row) Jessica & Ryan Fitzgerald, Owners (with scissors): (back row) Chad Rogers, Board President of Lake Area Chamber; Jeff Carroll, Lake Area Chamber Board Member; Roger Langpaul, Robin's Resort; Trish Creach, Executive Director of Lake Area Chamber; and Vicki Kramer, KRMS Radio.



Essentials Salon & Spa announced new ownership with a ribbon cutting from the Lake Area Chamber of Commerce. New owners Lance and Melissa Burns invite you to call 573-365-6333 or visit them at 2107 Bagnell Dam Blvd., in the Paul's Supermarket Complex. Pictured in the ribbon cutting along with Chamber Active Volunteer Ambassadors are: Lance Burns, Owner and Melissa Burns, Owner/Master Stylist (with scissors); Kristi Lehmen, Master Esthetician; Ashley Kempker, Sr. Stylist; Lacey Phillips, Sr. Esthetician; Jessica Threet, Sr. Stylist; Christina Barnett, Salon Coord.; Brittany Leavens, Master Stylist.



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Lake West Music Fest cancelled

The Lake West Chamber released the following statement: "The Lake West Music Fest for 2007 has been cancelled. Due to circumstances out of our control, the committee and the Board of Directors made the decision to cancel this year's

event and focus the activities that were planned with the upcoming Lake of the Ozarks Bike Week with the annual Hillbilly Fair, which is the same weekend. This decision to forego the Chamber's event for the Hillbilly Fair's benefit was one

that the board believes will serve our membership to the fullest. The committee is starting to work on other ideas to bring back this event in some form in the 2008 season."

Martinette-Hills to launch new magazine at the Lake

Missy Martinette Hills, owner and publisher of Studio M Publishing of Lake Ozark, is publisher of Lake Profile, a large-format publication created to portray the lifestyles and passions of the Lake's most prominent and influential.

Says Martinette, "With high-impact covers, engaging content and witty, intelligent editorial style, Lake Profile will quickly become a "must-read" among VIPs and those who make a difference at the Lake of the Ozarks.

"The Lake area is being introduced to an exciting new magazine that will set new standards

for the industry at The Lake and Central Missouri. Lake Profile Magazine launches early this fall.

"In its six annual issues, Lake Profile will feature glamorous covers and interviews, elite homes and yachts, health, travel, fashion and (of course) the VIP scene."

Martinette says she has put together a talented team of account representatives, production staff, editorial staff and freelance writers. For more information or to be involved with the premier issue, call Martinette at 365-2288; or check out the website at www.lakeprofile.com

Former editor joins local realty

Lake Ozark, MO— Dan Field, former editor with Lake Sun Publications, has joined Crazy Fish Realty, LLC, as a sales associate.

Field joins Crazy Fish Realty owner-broker Anne Mitchell in representing prospective home buyers and sellers.

"Dan brings some important skills and experience to the real estate industry at the Lake," Mitchell said. "His experience as editor of *The News Focus* and *Lake LifeStyles* magazine for the last several years will be valuable in helping buyers and sellers receive honest, objective and dedicated service.

As a journalist for more than 30 years, Dan gained valuable sales experience during his 18-year ownership of a weekly newspaper in Iowa."

"I've seen the Lake evolve into one of the most popular Midwest vacation destinations," said Field, "and look forward to work-



ing with home buyers and sellers in realizing their dreams as we did in 2001. While in the local media, I gained valuable knowledge about the various communities that represent the Lake that I hope to share with my clients."

Field is a graduate of the University of Missouri School of Journalism.

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Bikefest planning kicks into gear

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They are taking marketing efforts seriously with a full radio, billboard and print campaign across the state along with the intensive marketing efforts of Full Throttle Magazine which has a 175,000 circulation throughout the United States along with their website at www.fullthrottle.com. A dedicated site has also been established at www.lakeoftheozarks-bikefest.com. They have also applied for additional funding through the State of Missouri.

Full Throttle has taken over 100% of the organization of the vendor villages which will be located at The Horny Toad Entertainment Complex and Lake of the Ozarks Harley Davidson. Full Throttle Midwest Magazine is housed in St. Louis, Missouri and has been in circulation in the Midwest since October of 2006. Their parent company - Full Throttle - is based out of Tampa, Florida and just celebrated their 10th anniversary last November. Full Throttle hosts bike builds amongst many of the branch offices including Florida, Georgia, North and South Carolina, New York and New

England. They contacted Merlyn Vandervort in the early part of Spring to put on a Bike Fest in the area. They chose this area predominantly because of the beautiful scenery, riding, layout of lake, activities and centralized location.

Said Mark Barrett, "We look forward to this being a community wide effort. Seven years into the Fayetteville event and two national magazines along with city officials are citing over 350,000 attendees there last year." Barrett says attendees at the Lake of the Ozarks event can expect to see award winning bike builders and a bike show, and additional concerts at his restaurants Wobbly Boots and Shorty Pants as well as national blues artists performing at Dog Days.

Said Prewitt, "We plan to promote the Bike Fest as another Fourth of July weekend and Poker Run. One of the big draws will be three to four different bike runs over a 10 day period." Each poker bike run will be tied to a charity event as well as most of the concerts. "We will be marketing heavily to the other local vendors to help make this a successful holiday weekend."

Prewitt also has big plans for the Prewitt Expo Center behind Prewitt's Point along with concerts for his restaurants Shady Gators, Backwater Jack's and The Fish Tank. Inside the Expo Center there will also be a fight series - the cage fighting which has gotten popular all over the United States. They are also exploring the possibility of a Motor Cross Series/X Style games on the Prewitt Expo Center property, and have been in negotiations in an effort to bring Hank Williams, Jr to the Lake for the event. There will be 7,000 to 10,000 tickets available for the major concert events at the Expo.

At the Horny Toad there will be major concert events with all having 8 pm start times. Foghat will be playing on Friday, September 14th, Molly Hatchett and Starship both on Saturday, September 15th, and Marshall Tucker Band on Sunday. Jimmy Van Zant will play on the following Friday the 21st, and Uncle Kracker will be featured Saturday the 22nd. Said Vandervort, "Lots of other events will be happening all over the lake and we look forward to being a part of what makes the Bikefest a successful annual community event."

Some of the events already been scheduled are as follows: Miss Lake of the Ozarks Bikefest Beauty Pageant, Friday night September 14th, 7:00 PM at the Horny Toad Entertainment Complex. Winner to be announced by Jimmy Van Zant. The winner will receive a luxury vacation voucher along with the publications of their photo in Full Throttle magazine and a ride on the Budweiser Clydesdale wagon during the parade.



Southern-rocker Jimmie Van Zant takes to the stage September 21.

Lake of the Ozarks Bikefest Drive-In Bike Contest, to be held on the lower level lakefront walkway of the Horny Toad Entertainment Complex late Saturday afternoon September 15th. The last bike will be checked in by 3:00 p.m., and viewed from 4:00 to 7:00PM. The winners will be announced at 8 p.m., on the main stage of the Horny Toad Complex. These events are also posted on the Lake of the Ozarks Bikefest website at Lakeoftheozarksbikefest.com.

The Grand Prize drawing for one Grand Prize winner and 10

runner-ups will be held Sunday September 16, at 6:00 PM on the main stage at the Horny Toad. Anyone can pre-purchase their passport online at www.lakeoftheozarksbikefest.com and receive a free commemorative pin (a \$5.00 value). A parade has been tentatively scheduled for Saturday at 4 p.m., along Bagnell Dam Blvd., and will feature the Budweiser Clydesdales - a rare honor. Their march will be subject to rain. A single horse show or full horse hitch will also appear at each of the vendor villages.



Rock legend Marshall Tucker Band appears Sunday September 16.

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