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LOWA continues its efforts for the Lake

By Nancy Zoellner-Hogland

"Riprap protects the Lake's water quality."

According to Donna Swall, executive director of the Lake of the Ozarks Watershed Alliance (LOWA), that "short and sweet" message - or something very similar - will appear on a sign to be posted on the peninsula below the southwest side of the Lake of the Ozarks Community Bridge after riprap is installed. The project was made possible through a grant awarded to LOWA by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) in conjunction with the Region 7 Environmental Protection Agency.

The work will be completed in two phases, back to back, so it's completed by the start of this year's boating season. The first phase will cover the major part of the point. Phase 2 will extend the riprap back toward the coves on each side.

"I felt that if we were going to do this, we needed to do it right. Since the completion of the bridge, the shoreline on that peninsula has eroded significantly – more than 51 feet in some spots because of the continual wave action from boat traffic and wind. And we have the proof! Photos taken over the years show where the shoreline used to be in 1995, in 2004, and in 2012. You can see that approximately 3½ feet of shoreline has been lost every year," said Swall.

But it's not about "losing shoreline"

Soil sediment washing into

the Lake smothers fish habitat and diminishes water quality. It also carries with it phosphorus, which acts as a plant food. Too much phosphorus causes algae blooms and contributes to the growth of bacteria. Swall said they estimate that the erosion below the bridge has allowed some 200 pounds of phosphorus to wash into the Lake each year – but that's about to come to an end.

Weather permitting, on February 4 One Source Services, chosen through a competitive bidding process, will begin bringing rock and equipment to the site on a barge. Unlike a seawall, riprap doesn't require a

footing so the Lake doesn't have to be down to complete the project.

"They'll start by laying huge rock and then fill in between with the next sizes down to allow them to 'lock' together. In some cases a type of sheeting that prevents grass from growing up is put down first but in this highly erodible area, where you have a lot of wind and wave action, that won't be used because it could cause the rock to slide," Swal said, adding that they'll be taking the riprap all the way up to the green. "The DNR originally wanted us to do a lot of plantings but we convinced them that it's densely planted now with all sorts of grasses and small trees. It wasn't so grassy when we started writing the grants five years ago but nature has taken over and planted itself."

In the meantime, Swall said they've taken water samples to measure total suspended solids. After the riprap is in, they'll go back and take them again to prove to both the DNR and the EPA that they've made a measurable difference in water quality through the \$80,000 grant project.

"That's the biggest thing they're asking of us. They want to know that this is making a difference. I think when they continues on page 16



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Armchair Pilot

By Nancy Zoellner-Hogland
TO KEEP YOUR FLIGHT ATTENDANT happy, don't order Diet
Coke in flight. According to a
flight attendant blog, the soda
takes the longest to pour. High
altitude already causes carbonated drinks to foam more
but pouring a Diet Coke, which
has higher levels of carbon
dioxide, can take up to three
times longer than other soft
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IF YOU WANT TO SLEEP during your flight, in addition to avoiding caffeinated beverages, you should also pass over the booze. Although alcohol may help you fall asleep, in addition to dehydrating you, it could force you to wake up to use the bathroom. That tip, as well as several others were provided by Afar after interviewing a sleep specialist. The doctor also advised travelers to medicate with caution and avoid salty snacks. Instead, eat foods like bananas, nuts, and complex carbs like oatmeal or sweet potatoes, which have been shown to promote sleep. Dress comfortably and bring an extra pair of socks to keep your feet warm and a jacket or hoodie that can double as a travel pillow. Use the reclining option on your seat and when possible, choose a window seat, which provides a surface to lean on, or an aisle seat, which provides more room to stretch your legs. Because smart devices give off a sleep-disrupting blue light, stay off your phone before settling down. Plan to pack a paperback, if reading helps you fall asleep. Stop caring what others think if you snore or slobber while sleeping. "You will probably never see most of the people on your flight again, so whip out your snuggie, recline your seat, and do whatever it takes to get com-

fortable," Afar suggests.

AND DON'T LET FEAR of flying keep you awake. Statistics show chances of being in a fatal crash are extremely low-better than 1 in 12 million. Last year, accident rates for commercial planes fell to 0.18 fatal accidents per million flights, down from 0.30 accidents per million flights in 2018. Many aviation safety experts say 2019 was one of the safest years ever. If you're $\,$ concerned about a specific airline, you can check out their ratings on https://www.airlineratings.com/airline-ratings/, which also provides information on the history, aircraft types and in-flight offerings - meals, drinks, seating and inflight entertainment – for most airlines.

FEARFUL OR NOT - you

shouldn't count on bringing your emotional support horse on a domestic flight in the future. Although current Department of Transportation service rules allow everything except certain "unusual" types of pets such as reptiles, ferrets, rodents and spiders, new guidelines would require travelers to submit DOT documentation about the animal's training and behavior, good health and attest that the animal "has the ability to either not relieve itself on a long flight or to relieve itself in a sanitary manner." Animals would have to fit within the handler's foot space and carriers would be allowed to limit the number of service animals traveling with a single passenger. However, airlines could not refuse to transport a service animal based solely on its breed or physical type. For quite some time, airlines, which have been required to allow everything from miniature horses, possums, iguanas and peacocks – at no charge, have been attempting to crack down on what is being called "widespread abuse of the sys-

ALTHOUGH BRINGING a horse onboard was probably never even considered, other passenger faux pas prompted an article on airline passenger etiquette in a 1953 edition of the Australian Courier Mail. The story reminded ladies not to wear wide brim hats that would annoy other passengers and men were told not to smoke cigars or pipes when the aircraft is in flight because "it has a nauseating effect on other passengers." Cigarettes were permitted, however. All passengers were told to arrive early - at least 15 minutes ahead of departure to have baggage checked and weighed - and no more than 10 pounds of personal baggage should be carried by the passenger. "Those who to try to beat the airways by carrying heavier parcels and overweight briefcases could endanger the lives of everyone on the plane," the reporter scolded. "Heavier articles should never be placed in the racks above the seat. They could fall on the passenger's own head or worse still on someone else's." Passengers were told to follow instructions on fastening seatbelts and taking their seats and warned that "Unless you want all your belongings washed in beer or spirits don't pack bottles of liquor in your suitcase." And unless a passenger felt ill, fliers were advised not to worry the hostess unduly. She is very busy. They were also instructed not to ask for impossible dishes to be served - and to not tip the



hostess or crowd around the doorway waiting for the passenger steps to put down.

PERHAPS THE AIRLINE-Hong Kong Express, which was recently acquired by Cathay Pacific, should undergo some etiquette training. In November, the airlines required a 25-yearold woman to undergo a pregnancy test before she could board the plane. According to a story on FlyerTalk, airline representatives indicated they thought the woman looked pregnant so an employee took her to the bathroom, gave her the test strip and told her to go into the stall and use it. Cathay later issued an apology, stating "In response to concerns raised by authorities in Saipan, we took actions on flights to Saipan from February 2019 to help ensure U.S. immigration laws were not being undermined." However, the U.S. Customs and Border Protection said it did not ask passengers for pregnancy tests. The airline said the practice has since been discontinued.

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Summer brings 'Cruisin' Where the Lake Begins'



By Nancy Zoellner-Hogland

The historic Bagnell Dam Strip has long been a favorite place to cruise in classic cars on a Friday night. Thanks to the efforts of organizers, the opportunity will continue again this year.

Hot Summer Nights, held the second Friday of each month May through September, is a free cruise-in that attracts car enthusiasts and families from throughout the Midwest. There is no fee to participate and pre-registration is not required. There's also no fee to attend.

"Everyone that wants to participate just shows up. It's really a great time. Some of the participants even dress in the era of their cars and we have oldies music playing up and down the Strip so everyone always has a lot of fun," said Bob Schwartz, chairman of Hot Summer Nights.

Themes for this year are May 8 – Invasion Of The Rat Rods, June 12 – Hot Rods and Little "Duce Coupes," July 10 – Cruisin' Thru The Decades, August 14 – Corvette-America's Sports Car and September 11 – A Salute To Our Military, Police, Fire Fighters and EMTs As We Remember 9/11. The September cruise-in will also include a parade where veterans are invited to ride down the Strip in classic cars. The

overall theme for the year is "Cruisin' Where the Lake Begins."

The hours were changed to 5 to 10 p.m. Organizers said many people come early to enjoy dinner at one of the numerous restaurants on the Strip so it just made sense to start a little earlier.

Dubbed a "mile-long slice of Americana pie," the events are hosted by the Bagnell Dam Strip Association (BDSA) with the help of several sponsors. Schwartz is currently in the process of seeking sponsors for this year's event.

"We definitely need sponsors! We have to pay for brochures, we have to pay for insurance, we hire entertainers so we have something for the kids, we broadcast music up and down the Strip, we hang banners - those kinds of things and because there's no entry fee, we have to get help from our local businesses," Schwartz explained, adding that this year, the banners featuring the names of the sponsors will remain up during the entire tourist season. Sponsors will also be featured in print material – as long as they get their contracts turned in before material goes to print - and on the event's Facebook page. "I'll also be calling on the business along the Strip to ask for their financial support. This is a great event for them because it brings in so many potential customers but we need their help to continue."

This year the kids' entertainment will once again include all the favorites - clowns, face painters, Captain Scallywag, stilt-walkers and the Lake Ozark Live Dance Party with music, prizes and - of course, dancing to the Macarena, the Electric Slide, the Hokey Pokey, and much more at the stage at the top of the Strip. "It takes a little more work to arrange all that but it's what makes this a family outing. And that's what we want - we want an event where the entire family can enjoy a fun and inexpensive night out together," Schwartz said.

He also said this year, they'll be switching from traditional continues on page 10

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New music amphitheater could be coming to Lake

By Nancy Zoellner-Hogland

Gary Prewitt, the owner of Backwater Jack's, a popular restaurant and entertainment venue in Osage Beach, is hoping to expand his venue by adding a 2,000 seat amphitheater and 300-space parking lot to an adjacent 14-acre parcel of land. According to his request, the venue would be located approximately 2,000 feet from Osage Beach on Sunset Drive. The parcel, located at the back of Backwater Jack Cove between Sunset and Beach Drives, is currently zoned to allow commercial lodging. Prewitt is asking to rezone the property to General Commercial with an E-3 overlay for an amphitheater and accessory uses.

Zoning on surrounding land is A-1 Agriculture on the vacant land to the north; C-1 and R-3 on the Lakefront land to the south that currently houses Backwater Jack's restaurant and entertainment venue; A-1 on vacant land to the east; and C-1 General Commercial on the commer-

cial land used by the restaurant to the west. According to the application, Prewitt would leave a 185-foot buffer area around the property to protect both the existing corridor and their future investment and that buffer would remain A-1. No additional docks are to be built and any additional lighting proposed will have to be shielded to direct light inward and limit light intensity within adjoining properties or the Lake of the Ozarks.

In his report to the commission, City Planner Cary Patterson stated that because the venue would be surrounded by largely undeveloped property, it "lends itself favorably to the type of use being requested, provided that the intensity of the uses such as live music and similar uses is mitigated as to not create a greater impact on the area." He also stated that Prewitt situated the proposed amphitheater in such a way that the stage and the sound system will be directed away from the Lake so the sound will be directed into the wooded area and undeveloped valley that is owned by Prewitt and his family.

"Operation of the facility will be required to conform with the city's regulations on noise and hours of operation. These conditions should ensure that there will be limited noise pollution to the area and should improve the noise impact on the properties fronting the lake in that cove with the stage and sound system pointing away from the lake itself," Patterson told the commission.

The rezoning request was initially presented January 14 to the Osage Beach Planning and Zoning Commission. However, it was tabled until the February 11 meeting after residents of the area expressed concerns about noise and traffic. In late January, Andy Prewitt said they were working to address the concerns voiced at the meeting and believed they'd have solutions in hand by the next meeting.

Prewitt submitted a traffic study completed for the city by

HR Green Company showing that the peak hour directional capacity of a single lane of urban arterial roadway is about 600 vehicles per hour and that the addition of 300 vehicles per hour to Bluff Drive would cause the road to be "marginally congested," and that the same addition of traffic to Sunset Drive would provide a level of service C, "Not Congested."

However, Patterson said engineers would also be looking at the current traffic numbers to determining whether the the roads and intersections that would be affected are capable of handling the traffic that a "maximum event" would produce. "We want to know that the traffic load won't completely lock that area up when a concert gets out at night," he explained.

In his report to the commission Patterson stated the venue "will undoubtedly provide the city with some positive economic impact by bringing more people into the community for the events. Fundamentally it should provide an expanded customer base for not only Backwater Jacks, but the city's other commercial facilities as well. But we must make sure that the benefit outweighs the impact, specifically by way of the road system. If the city's engineers come back with an opinion that our road system has plenty of capacity to handle the additional activity, I am confident that the proposed location for the facility is likely the best location in the community for it, as the properties that will receive the majority of the impact are owned by the applicant and his family or are part of the Osage Beach parkway commercial corridor."

In a later interview, Patterson said he wasn't surprised by Prewitt's request.

"This is something he has been talking about for the last five or six years. I think the fact that they were able to acquire the 65 acres between Backwater Jack's and Osage Beach Parkway is what finally drove it to that location - that along with his desire to extend his business at the restaurant. If this moves forward, he'll basically have two businesses that operate independently but will also support each other, hopefully bringing people to the Lake a little earlier in the spring, a little later in the fall. That will help not only his business but this community because it will not only bring people from out of the area, it will bring people here from places like Versailles - people who otherwise probably wouldn't be here," he said.

According to the plans submitted to the city, the amphitheater would host eight to 10 events per season. Prewitt's spokesperson said they hope to bring in performers that appeal to an older demographic, "Not electric-type music, not hip-hop, not rap."

If the P&Z Commission recommends approval of the rezoning February 11 and if the Osage Beach Board of Aldermen also gives their stamp of approval, work will begin as soon as weather permits.







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Submitted by Bruce Mitchell, Lake of the Ozarks SCORE

Starting a business and going from working for someone else to being your own boss brings excitement and opportunities. It also comes with some big adjustments—not only for you but also for your family.

So you can better avoid misunderstanding and resentment, it's important to set realistic expectations from the beginning. As you prepare to launch your business, keep the following talking points in mind as you communicate with your family members.

Discussion Points for Preparing a Startup Small Business Owner's Family

There may be no such thing as a regular 9-5 workday

As the owner of a business, it may be difficult to "clock out" and completely set your work duties aside at the end of the day. You might also find yourself starting your workday earlier than you did when you worked for someone else. Especially during the startup phase of your company, you might

find you'll have to put in a lot of hours. And with only so many available each day, you may discover the work-life balance scale tipping more heavily to the "work" side.

You Need a Do Not Disturb Zone

If you decide to run your business from an office in your home, you will encounter a whole host of distractions that can uproot your focus and destroy your productivity. Consider getting confirmation from your family members that they understand when you're in your home office or on business calls, they won't disturb you for non-emergency reasons. Also, set the expectation with well-meaning friends and relatives that working from home doesn't mean you can comply with spontaneous requests to meet up for coffee or happy hour.

You may have to pinch pennies

Until you've established a network of business connections and clients, your income might fluctuate from month to month. With no longer having a steady paycheck coming from an employer, you might find it challenging to keep up with expenses professionally and personally. That means you and your family members may need to forego some luxuessary to ask your loved ones to pick up some of the slack on the home front.

Making It Work

Navigating the challenges



ries, like dining out at your favorite upscale restaurant, until you've built a steady stream of revenue.

You may need them to pitch in around the house more

With your startup responsibilities added to your plate and less free time available every day, you may find it tough to carry out some of your personal tasks at home. As you're working hard to build your business so that it can help provide for your family for the long term, you may find it nec-

of starting a new business may require some trial and error as you learn your capabilities and limitations. The key is to communicate with your family members and set expectations, so they're not caught off-guard.

Consider reaching out to other entrepreneurs in your network who have been in your shoes to find out how they manage the demands of their businesses while maintaining a harmonious home life.

Also, reach out to a SCORE mentor who can help you bet-

ter prepare for the responsibilities of business ownership. With their breadth of experience, they can offer valuable insight into the realities of entrepreneurship.

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continued from page 4 rack card or brochure to a larger tear-off pad format that will include a map on the back. In addition, a full-color program will be distrib—uted over the summer to attendees of both the Magic Dragon Car Show and Hot Summer Nights. The program, which also includes stories about the monthly events, will also be placed in hundreds of additional locations around the

Lake and state wide at visitor centers through¬out Missouri, "making it the perfect medium to intro¬duce products or services to the thousands of people who flock to the Lake for the cruise-ins. The cover will be glossy stock, the inside 4-color high quality newsprint."

Organizers estimate the cruise-ins bring an estimated 8,000 to 9,000 spectators and participants to each event. In 2011, Hot Summers Nights won the Missouri Tourism Innovator Award, which pays

tribute to those smaller tourist entities that achieved great results on small budgets.

In addition to advertising, organizers also reach out to various clubs throughout the Midwest that they think might be interested in attending and/or setting up displays.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/cruise-hotsummernights or call Bob Schwartz at 314-650-5767. For information on advertising in the program, call Sarah Hagan at 573-348-1958.



with Michael Lasson of First State Bank Mortgage

Tax Tips For Homeowners

Tax season is here, and if you are a homeowner, this can be an important time of year! It's always important to touch base with your tax professional when you have questions about your taxes, but if you need to know what questions to ask or what to start thinking about, here are a few tax tips to keep in mind in as you get ready.

Start Looking Back and Planning Ahead

It's time to start thinking about last year's tax season in preparation for this year. You can dig out your 2018 tax return if you would like to review the detailed information of what you collected last year. There are things you will need to collect again this year regarding itemized deductions, business use of home or car and equipment depreciation. If you have questions about this, you can schedule an appointment with your tax professional or visit: https://www.irs.gov/.

Get Organized

Receipts, invoices, canceled checks, online bill pay or automatic deduction logs, mileage logs and other documents are needed to substantiate deductions. If applicable, you'll need to gather documentation for the following:

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Subscriptions to Professional and Trade Publications

Utility Bills (for Business Use of Home)

Start organizing your paperwork now so that when you need something specific you can find it.

Start Thinking Ahead for Next

If this year has you feeling frenzied, you can start an organization method to make next year easier. Start by creating a meaningful and easy-to-follow record system. Having one place to keep your documents can make it so much easier. Of course, that's the easy part - the hard part is dutifully putting invoices, receipts, and other documentation in there as it comes in. You can utilize a file folder or box to make them easily accessible. Another option is to make use of electronic scanning and storage to help keep things in an easy to find location - but it could be a bit more time consuming if you don't have a plan in

The Basics: Tax Benefits of Home Ownership In 2020

There are tax benefits available for



people who buy or sell a home - and it can make it a great financial decision. There are various tax benefits put in place by the government to encourage consumers to purchase homes, which means that buying could be a great choice for you this year. There are two big areas where homeownership can really save money:

Interest Expense: Did you know that homeowners can deduct interest expenses on up to \$750,000 of mortgage debt from their income taxes? Keep in mind that when you itemize these deductions, you forgo other deductions available - if you need the specifics, you can speak with your financial advisor or visit www.MortgageCalculator.org

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Casino a game changer for Lake of the Ozarks?

By Nancy Zoellner-Hogland

In 1992, Missouri voters were asked to authorize riverboat gambling on the Mississippi and Missouri rivers. They obliged.

Now, 28 years later, Rep. Rocky Miller, R-Lake Ozark, has filed House Joint Resolution No. 87 that will ask voters to add the Osage River to the list of waterways where casinos are permitted. He's hoping for the same response.

Miller, who sits on the Missouri House Economic Development Committee and Special Committee on Tourism, said limiting riverboat gambling to the Mississippi and Missouri rivers has put Lake of the Ozarks at an economic disadvantage and he thinks it's time that changes.

However, even if the resolution makes it through the House and Senate, and voters support the measure in November, it could be quite a while before riverboat gambling arrives in the area because Miller didn't also ask to increase the number of casino licenses from the current 13.

Instead, his proposal would simply allow riverboat gambling to come to the Osage River should one of the other license holders decide to sell their permit or relocate.

Lake Ozark City Administrator Dave Van Dee keeping his fingers crossed that all of the above will happen quickly.

"Casinos give back to the community and support a lot of social programs. Ironically, the casino in Boonville is owned by the same folks that own the casino in Waterloo, Iowa and I was involved with that casino coming in. Everyone thinks there are all these negative consequences but in Waterloo, we didn't find that to be the case. In fact, the entire area around the casino has blossomed. Likewise, if a casino came to Lake Ozark, I think the whole city would benefit - and benefit greatly."

Osage Beach Mayor John Olivarri expressed similar sentiments.

"I think a casino would be good for the Lake. I think anything that brings economic development to the Lake is good. We haven't had anything new as an attraction built at Lake of the Ozarks in the last 25 years. I'm not making light of the great shopping developments that have been built but those are here to take care of people's needs. I think we need something that will be a new draw to Lake of the Ozarks," he said. Some have expressed concern about the impact a casino would have because it would only bring adults - and that we need to do something that will bring more families. My response is that we just missed that opportunity when people voted down building a soccer complex." he said.

Olivarri suggested that anyone with concerns about the effect a casino would have on the area should take a look at Boonville.

"People who make negative comments use the old arguments that were used to throw up a smoke screen when in reality, the casino has allowed the city to flourish. It's the same with the old adage of 'What about the poor

people who think this is a getrich-quick opportunity and spend money they don't have to spend?' My response is people will spend their money the way they want to spend it. If you go to the movies and buy popcorn and sodas, you can be spending your grocery money for a couple days. My position is we can't dictate how people spend their money – nor should we want to," he said.

Boonville city officials agree the Isle of Capri Casino has had a tremendous impact on their community.

In addition to being the city's largest employer, gaming tax revenue has been a major contributor to the city's budget since the casino opened in 2001, currently making up about a quarter of the city's budget. In 2018 the city received \$3.42 million in gaming tax.

In addition to going to general operating funds, the money also allows the city to fund one big project each year. In 2018, the city spent \$428,000 to construct soccer fields next

to the high school. What could be important to Lake Ozark, the tax funds about half of the city's \$700,000 street improvement fund.

According to City-Data.com Crime, the 2018 crime index in Boonville was 122, which was 2.2 times smaller than the national average. The 2018 Boonville crime rate fell by 37 percent compared to 2017. In the last 5 years Boonville has seen a decrease in violent crime and in property crime.

House Joint Resolution No. 87

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing Section 39(e) of Article III of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to excursion gambling boats.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring therein:

That at the next general election to be held in the state of Missouri, on Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2020, or at a continues on page 13



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Lake Ozark asks for voter support to fix streets

By Nancy Zoellner-Hogland

Lake Ozark residents will soon have an opportunity to determine what kind of transportation system they'll have in their city.

On April 7, they'll have the opportunity to authorize the city to borrow up to \$6 million over the next few years to overhaul the city's aging transportation system. The city's decision to put the measure on the ballot is in response to public input and findings of a recent Road Assessment conducted in 2019 by Cochran Engineering.

In that study, available on the city's website cityoflakeozark.net, Cochran outlined numerous options that could be considered but also noted that the city's current transportation budget could not begin to fund the necessary improvements. Currently the main source of income for the city's transportation budget is the transportation sales tax one-half of 1 percent – which funds the entire department and covers fixed costs. That leaves little room in the budget for street repair, according to the report. The report also stated that roadway conditions will continue to deteriorate without finding additional sources of funds. As a result, the city needs authorization to borrow funds to cover the improvements.

After the study was released a group of citizens formed a Citizens Transportation Committee to determine what steps the city could take to begin implementing the improvements – including establishing a debt ceiling for transportation needs. However, state statue prevents the

city from incurring debt until it has approval from the voters – hence the ballot measure.

Lake Ozark Mayor Gerry Murawski said if voters do approve the measure, the next step will require the city to determine how to repay the bonds.

"If the user tax is also approved and we end up with \$120,000 or more each year, that will be a great start. We might also look at a slight increase in property tax or another option is the TDD (Transportation Development District). If the transportation committee can get that in place, it could have a big impact," he said.

Under state statute, TDDs can impose a sales tax in increments of 1/8 percent up to 1 percent on purchases made inside the boundaries of the TDD district. The collected tax is then earmarked for transportation projects only. In November, aldermen passed a resolution allowing committee chairman Rick Hasty to take a closer look at that option.

In this case, the TDD would encompass all businesses along Bagnell Dam Boulevard between the dam and the Business 54 intersection. If the committee chooses that route, a Miller County judge will also have to approve the plan. The next step will be to take it to the 130-some voters who reside inside the TDD boundaries, which extend down Fish Haven Road to the senior housing development. Hasty said if they decide to move forward with that plan, he anticipated the TDD to be on the August ballot.

Hasty explained that if the



TDD is approved by the voters and if they impose a tax of 1 percent, restaurant patrons, for example, would pay an additional 10 cents on a \$10 meal, "but it won't cost business owners a dime. I think there's some confusion on that but this is strictly a pass-through tax - and it's a very small tax. If it's approved, businesses inside the designated TDD boundary will collect the tax, they'll pass it on to the state just like they do their normal sales tax and then the state

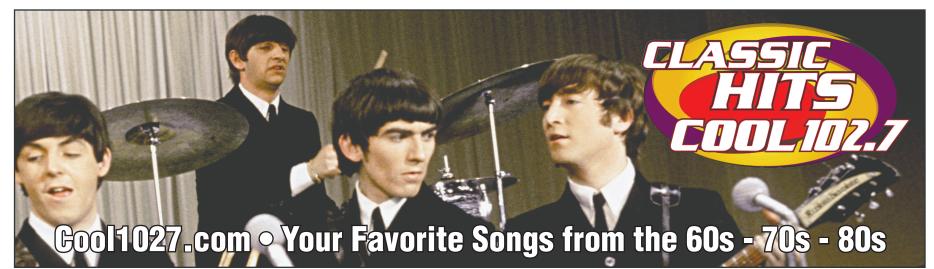
will return it to the city to be used to pay down the debt," Hasty said. "It would be a very painless way to repay the bonds and contrary to what some people have said, an additional penny per dollar tax isn't going to chase customers away. Honestly, does anyone actually make a decision on where to eat based on the sales tax? I don't think so."

Murawski said because the road projects would be completed in phases, the money to pay for the projects would be borrowed as it is needed. "My guess is that it will take us about three years to get all the streets fixed the way we want them."

Both the mayor and the city administrator said they weren't sure what the city will do if the measure doesn't pass.

"Some of our streets are in serious need of work. Without the money to fix them, they'll eventually go back to gravel and without the ability to maintain the rest, they'll fall

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A Matter of Trust

Money Diaries, There's No Secret to Planning for Retirement

Money diaries? What are they? A few years ago, Refinery29, a New York City media company, invited women to keep and submit a money diary to capture the essence of their lifestyle and resultant spending habits. Refinery29 published a few entries. They were a huge hit. Now there is a book with the best ones. The Money Diaries gives you a nice glimpse into everyday life and spending across various income levels and cities in the U.S. Some diaries are thought provoking and others are funny. You have to wonder, "What would my money diary look like to me or to someone else?"

Starting your own money diary might be a great way to help estimate what you will need in retirement.

For a successful retirement, your resources and your spending must work hand-in-hand for a balanced budget. How do you know what to project for your retirement spending if you haven't analyzed your current spending? Are you a budget conscious pre-retiree or do you spend willy-nilly with no long-term plan? Will your spending in retirement be less or more than what it is now? Assuming spending will be less (no commuting, no work wardrobe, cooking & eating at home, etc.) is a common assumption and is often used in basic financial planning projections. However, many new retirees have pent up demand for extra spending, especially right after retirement. Do you have post retirement travel plans, hopes for a second home, a plan to move to a new city, grandchildren's education goals? In the later stages of retirement, will you be faced with unexpected events like increased health care costs or your partner's death?

Dynamic financial planning programs and a trusted advisor can help you determine whether you have saved enough based on a realistic financial plan which will summarize



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Vice Pres. & Portfolio Manager your resources, project your spending estimates and help determine which needs, wants, and wishes fit into your current or projected plan? Your advisor can help you explore how best to cover increases in long-term health care costs or help you determine how much life insurance you might need to cover an early death or to provide a legacy.

Back to the money diary conceptyou might think you can't save another penny! What would you discover about your habits if you actually recorded all of your spending? You might spot unnecessary expenditures. Making small changes can make a huge difference in your ability to save.

If you have an opportunity to have a trusted advisor create a more robust financial plan, one that more finely tunes your future income needs, wants, and wishes now and in retirement, do it! The plan can be updated as time goes by to fit your changing circumstances. A good trusted advisor and a powerful planning process may help you make informed choices now to help increase your retirement success in the future! At Central Trust Company we have financial planning professionals that help get you on the right path. Contact Bart Schulte today at (573) 302-2474 or at bart. schulte@centraltrust.net.

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Casino a game changer?

continued from page 11 special election to be called by the governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of this state, for adoption or rejection, the following amendment to Article III of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Section 39(e), Article III, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and one new section adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as Section 39(e), to read as follows:

Section 39(e). 1. Except as provided in subsection 2 of this section, the general assembly is authorized to permit upon the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers only, which shall include artificial spaces that contain water and that are within [1000] one thousand feet of the closest edge of the main channel of either of those rivers, lotteries, gift enterprises, and games of chance to be conducted on excursion gambling boats and floating facilities. Any license issued

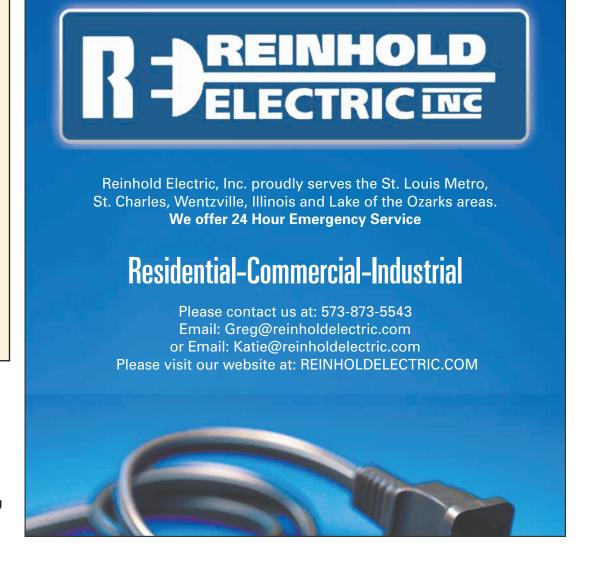
before or after the adoption date of this amendment for any excursion gambling boat or floating facility located in any such artificial space shall be deemed to be authorized by the General Assembly and to be in compliance with this Section.

"In addition to the authorization granted in subsection 1 of this section, the general assembly is authorized to permit lotteries, gift enterprises, and games of chance to be conducted on excursion gambling boats and floating facilities upon the navigable portion of the Osage River only. As used in this subsection, "navigable portion" means the navigable portion of the river as recognized by the United States Coast Guard as of January 1, 2019."

Congress determined the Lake of the Ozarks was a navigable waterway in 1931 and therefore a federal mandated body of water. In 1957 the Eighth Circuit upheld that declaration, stating that although it is entirely within the State of Missouri, the Lake of the Ozarks is "navigable water within the admiralty and maritime jurisdiction of the United States." Cooper v. United States, 489 F. Supp. 200, 201 (W.D. Mo. 1980)

The opinion of the district court contains a description of the Lake of the Ozarks:

The Lake of the Ozarks in central Missouri is the result of the impounding of the waters of the Osage River, a navigable stream, by Bagnell Dam. As a consequence, it is physically impossible for boats to operate freely up and down the Osage River. However, that fact does not destroy the legal concept of navigability since the Osage River is an historically navigable stream, and remains under the control of the Department of Commerce, which licenses boats and vessels operating upon the Lake of the Ozarks.





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A Little Different Perspective on "Branding"

The word, "branding," can be confusing for small businesses. Some people think it's your advertising. Some people think it's your logo. But it's neither. While there are technical definitions of "branding," I recently came across a little different perspective on branding that I really like.

It's by Allan Dib, author of "The 1-Page Marketing Plan." It goes something like this.

Try thinking of your brand as the personality of your business.

Literally, think of your business as an actual person and answer these questions about it. As you answer them about the "person", try to think about the mental and emotional picture it creates of your "brand."

So, if your business was a PERSON: What is the person's name? What does the person wear? How (and how well) does the person communicate?

What is the person's core values?
And do they live by them in all cases?
Who does the person associate

Is the person well-known? And by

As you think about the mental and emotional picture created by your answers, you begin to get a sense of your brand. Now, most likely you answered these questions from YOUR perspective. Here's the real gold ... ask one of your best customers to complete this exercise for your business. The difference in the answers is the gap and it give you an action plan to close the gap, from what your



Sandy Waggett

brand is right now (the customer's perspective) to what you want it to be (your perspective).

The take-away is this. Your branding really occurs AFTER the sale. It's not something you do to entice people to buy from you. It's the experience they have with your business and how they talk about that experience to others over time.

At MSW Interactive Designs, we're celebrating our 20th year in business ... 20 years of building our brand with customers across the country, and 10 years with customers at the Lake of the Ozarks. If you've enjoyed our articles over the years or worked with us in any capacity, we'd like to invite you to join us at our customer appreciation event in celebration of 20 years in business. It's in conjunction with the Lake Area Chamber and Mix 92.7 social on Tuesday, February 18, from 5 PM - 7 PM at Tuckers Shuckers. Come meet the MSW team and allow us to say thank vou in person!

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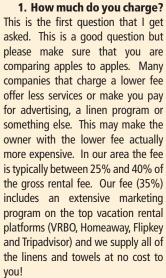
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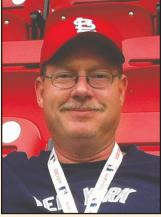
Managing Rental Property

Vacation Rental Management FAQ's

This month I thought it would be fun to look at the most common questions that I get asked by owners looking for a vacation rental manager. So, I have compiled the most popular questions from the last 16 years of speaking with over 500 potential owners.



- 2. What services do you offer? Most companies offer the same basic services; it is the other services that separates one company from another. We screen our guests, provide housekeeping services and inspect each property prior to guest arrival including the cleaning (still one of the only companies that does this to my knowledge). We also offer landscaping services, maintenance, interior decorating, 24-hour emergency services and pest control. Find out what services you are getting for what you will be paying.
- **3. How do you advertise?** My guess is that most vacation rental companies, like us, do the bulk of their advertising on the internet. Some companies who charge a lower percentage actually make you



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pay for your ads on the top vacation rental websites in addition to their management fee. As a large rental company we spend a lot of money on advertising and we don't charge extra to place your property on the top vacation rental websites. We also have an extensive past guest list of more than 8,000 names that we e-mail on a monthly basis.

4. Why do I have to have keyless entry? This is one of the few costs to be on our program but one of our most essential items. Our own internal research has shown that 100% of our guests would rather have keyless entry than to have to pick up keys, keep track of keys and then return keys when their rental is over

5. What about damages? Many owners are concerned about their property getting damaged and I completely understand their concerns. Strangers are in your home or condo and maybe they won't take care of it like you would. Most vacation rental companies (including ours) either charge a deposit, get a credit card on file or have a damage protection plan.

Russell Burdette is the owner of Your Lake Vacation, a professional vacation rental management company at the Lake of the Ozarks since 1986. If you would like more info on renting your home or condo as a vacation rental, please call 573-365-3367 or e-mail russell@yourlakevacation.com.

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Lake Ozark asks voters

continues from page 12 apart too. If anyone wants to come to City Hall and go over our budget to see if they can come up with a better idea, they are welcome to do that. We are very careful about how we spend the city's money but bottom line – we just don't have an additional \$6 million laying around to spend," Van Dee said.

According to Cochran's report, while nearly every street in the city's inventory needs some type of repair, 3.3-mile long Bagnell Dam Boulevard receives the most use and the most complaints and recommends the existing road surface be milled and then overlayed to provide the best driving surface.

Other Cochran Engineering Road Assessment findings

•A 20-year program for citywide street improvement shows costs range from \$5.2 million to \$7.2 million, depending on which improvement option the city chooses.

•The most common complaint is that streets are in poor condition, which can be detrimental to the overall road system since considerable time and funds are spent on that type of roads. Consequently, roads in better condition are often ignored and they in turn begin to deteriorate.

•Due to a limited budget amount and equipment, the

continues from page 12 city's maintenance is relatively limited. That maintenance includes snow removal, mowing right-of-way, drainage repair and graver road maintenance is relatively limited. That maintena

Lake Ozark isn't the only place with road woes. According to a story that ran in September in the Springfield News-Leader, Missouri's road infrastructure has been deemed eighth-worst among the 50 United States with 23 percent falling in the "poor condition" category.

The ideas keep rolling in

Once again, contributors to a social media site had suggestions on how to handle the street-repair problem. One writer suggested diverting money from the schools, which "probably would have little effect on the quality of education the students receive." Another suggested getting money from the federal government to fix the roads and while they're at it, "the city should also ask for and receive big money to police the garbage that tourists leave." Another poster was against the tax because he believed it would be used to repair all the "crappy buildings" on the Strip. "Or we do this so we can have 20 more boat dealers and 15 more bars? I say hell no. A big fat NO."

LOWA continues efforts

continued from page 1 see the results, we'll be able to get funding for more grants so we can get more riprap around the Lake," she said, adding that riprap has proven to be an effective means of preventing soil erosion, thereby contributing to clean, healthy lake water.

However, she said that from a homeowner's standpoint, it's not just about water quality, especially if that homeowner is in a high-traffic area. "When those waves come in, crash against the seawall and roll back out, it's like elephants jumping over each other. Riprap breaks up the wave action and diffuses that force, which equates to a lot less maintenance on your dock."

Swall, who has been bringing

the problem to the attention of the DNR for the past five years, said she was extremely pleased that their dedication paid off.

"I'd take pictures and we'd take teams of people from DNR – all the experts – and show them the erosion but the government likes to spend taxpayer dollars on public land. The Lake is privately owned - we just don't have a lot of public land. So that was part of my pitch – that with thousands of cars driving over the bridge and thousands of boats driving under it, this was highly visible public land and the perfect place to educate the public on the value of riprap."

For more information on LOWA, visit their website www. Lowatershed.org.

Crosswords Solution

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Real Estate and Lake News with C. Michael Elliott

Year	# Trans	Volume	Avg. DOM	Avg. Sales Price	Trans%	Vol%
				homes Waterfront		
2016	773	\$255,427,282	142	\$330,436		
2017	967	\$325,646,002	130	\$336,759	25%	27%
2018	885	\$320,159,844	120	\$361,763	-8%	-2%
2019	891	\$330,426,146	121	\$370,849	1%	3%
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2016	970	\$134,677,515	139	\$138,843		
2017	1033	\$155,504,087	128	\$150,536	6%	15%
2018	1084	\$164,704,013	114	\$151,941	5%	6%
2019	1064	\$178,234,522	105	\$167,514	-2%	8%
			Waterfront	Lots		
2016	64	\$9,167,451	248	\$143,241		
2017	95	\$11,131,250	222	\$117,171	48%	21%
2018	86	\$10,583,050	208	\$123,059	-9%	-5%
2019	77	\$10,150,570	195	\$131,826	-10%	-4%
			Other Lots &	Lands		
2016	210	\$8,114,295	205	\$38,640		
2017	178	\$6,618,754	150	\$37,184	-15%	-18%
2018	254	\$7,638,218	186	\$30,072	43%	15%
2019	275	\$10,697,699	129	\$38,901	8%	40%
			Condos & Time	shares		
2016	726	\$113,574,652	148	\$156,439		
2017	895	\$141,244,805	132	\$157,815	23%	24%
2018	850	\$139,893,152	119	\$164,580	-5%	-1%
2019	858	\$151,354,630	101	\$176,404	1%	8%
		C	ommercial Pro	perties		
2016	82	\$23,408,101	228	\$285,465		
2017	59	\$16,619,484	294	\$281,686	-28%	-29%
2018	80	\$19,908,268	315	\$248,853	36%	20%
2019	79	\$24,903,682	153	\$315,236	-1%	25%
			Farm			
2016	13	\$3,780,400	133	\$290,800		
2017	21	\$5,152,795	86	\$245,371	62%	36%
2018	21	\$6,574,000	99	\$313,048	0%	28%
2019	20	\$5,434,000	113	\$271,700	-5%	-17%
			Homes Over a	Million		
2016	21	\$29,953,500	145	\$1,426,357		
2017	29	\$42,609,670	143	\$1,469,299	38%	42%
2018	28	\$47,533,900	237	\$1,698,354	-3%	12%
2019	26	\$37,497,750	149	\$1,442,221	-7%	-21%
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LO city administrator explains proposed use tax

By Nancy Zoellner-Hogland

The 2019 Road Assessment survey conducted by Cochran Engineering found that many streets in Lake Ozark – not just Bagnell Dam Boulevard - were in a state of disrepair. The study also found that it will take approximately \$5 to \$7 million to fix them all.

To fund the work, the city will be placing two measures on the April 7 ballot. One asks voters to allow the city to borrow up to \$6 million over the next few years to complete the work. State statute prohibits government entities from incurring debt without approval of voters. The other asks voters to approve a use tax. If approved, City sales tax will be collected on online out-ofstate purchases at the same rate as the current Lake Ozark sales tax of 2.75 percent. That tax, which will be earmarked for transportation system improvements, will then be put toward paying off the debt.

"For instance, if you currently shop on Amazon, you're paying state sales tax on your purchases. However, if voters approve this measure, the city sales tax will be collected and forwarded to the city. We don't have any idea of how much we'll be getting but according to Missouri Municipal League estimates, we could expect to receive as much as \$134,000 a year. That money could be better used on our transportation system needs," City Administrator Dave Van Dee explained.

Quite a bit of confusion and misinformation about the measure was shared on a local Facebook discussion page so Van Dee addressed some of the points made – including whether checkpoints will be set up at all entrances to the city so residents could claim untaxed items.

"We will not be doing that," he laughed. "And I'm not sure how anyone could even get that from the wording of the ballot measure! People will pay tax on their items when they purchase them just like always. The only tax this allows is the tax charged for online purchases – and it will be the same tax charged

on purchases made in brickand-mortar buildings in Lake Ozark – no more, no less."

Lake Ozark residents will not be charged double taxes on, for instance, to-go orders for food purchased out of the area (like Osage Beach) but brought back to the city. This is another Facebook claim.

The tax applies to all online purchases made with retailers out of Missouri that are delivered to addresses inside city limits – at the same rate as current purchases made from Lake Ozark businesses.

"If someone purchases a sweatshirt while they are in, for instance, Kansas, they will pay sales tax on the purchase at the Kansas retailer. They will not have to pay another tax on it when they wear it back to Lake Ozark. Now if vou buy that sweatshirt online from a Kansas retailer; which does not have a presence in Missouri; and have it shipped to you, then yes - you will pay sales tax but you will pay Lake Ozark sales tax only - you won't pay Kansas tax and Lake Ozark tax," Van Dee said, adding that people will not be required to, for instance, keep track of expenditures made on vacation, then report it - also a Facebook claim. "Again - this is for online purchases only."

Van Dee said while the use tax proceeds won't pay 100 percent of improvements, "it will pay a portion of that debt."

Mayor Gerry Murawski said once the street improvement needs are met, funds raised by the use tax would be used to maintain the streets and build a balance for future needs.

He said approval of the use tax is especially important since the city recently learned it did not qualify for a matching \$3 million Governor's Cost Share Grant for transportation. The city's share would have been \$1.5 million.

According to Lake Ozark, as much as 12 percent of all retail purchases made this year will be made online – and that number is expected to grow as consumers become more familiar with the Internet. More than 200 Missouri municipalities currently have a use tax on file.

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Purchases that may be subject to use tax include, according to the Missouri Department of Revenue:

- •Mail-order supply purchases
- •Furniture and equipment purchased from out-of-state sellers
- •Purchases of goods bought over the Internet
- •Purchases of goods bought over the telephone
- Cross-border purchases of goods
- Catalog purchases
- Magazine subscriptions
- •TV marketing purchases
- Computer software and hardware purchases

The use tax does not apply if:

•You make a purchase from a
Missouri retailer and pay to Missouri sales tax to the seller; or

•You make a purchase from an
out-of-state seller and you pay
Missouri use tax to the seller.

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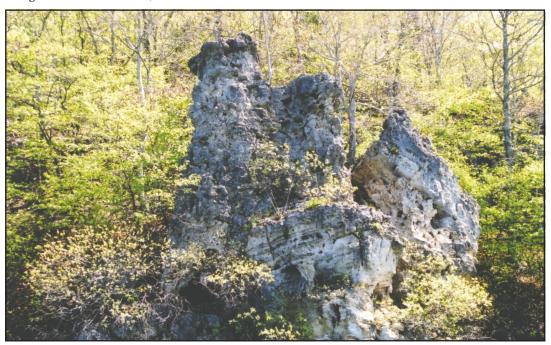
GLIMPSES OF THE LAKE'S PAST With Dwight Weaver

GEOLOGIC FEATURES OF THE LAKE

Most weekenders who come to the Lake to go boating in the spring, summer and fall see very little of the Lake's length or the course of the Osage River. If you enjoy the photogenic geologic features that crop out along the banks of the Lake, like

the soaring limestone bluffs near the Community Bridge between mile markers 14 and 16 and again at the Palisades between mile-markers 27 and 28, you'll really enjoy what you find along the Lake from Bollinger Creek Cove at the 44 mile mark and above all the way to Brown Bend Access and be-

yond. The collection of freakish rock features are strewn along the shoreline, often on both sides of the lake. It is almost as if the dam builders planned to make the full reservoir level of the Lake pass through a museum of natural art. There are enough lakeshore limestone and sandstone anomalies to



tures of the rocks. While most of the features do not have official names, a few do have local names and I have assigned my own descriptive names to some of them for identification purposes such as the Witches Castle, Capstone Chimney or 60-Mile Chimney Rock, Disc Wall, Pharaoh's Archway, and the Wizard's Window. You can see photos of these in my book History & Geography of Lake of the Ozarks, Volume Two. What I find interesting is these features are not mentioned in old county histories largely because the banks of Lake of the Ozarks are at the 660 elevation level and the original shoreline

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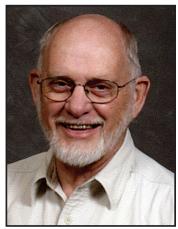
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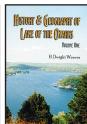
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zarksbooks.com to obtain more information or to purchase one of his books on line.

The author's latest book on Lake history – Images of America, Osage Beach – is now locally available and is a pictorial history of Osage Beach from 1880 to 1980.









"Insurance Talk"

with Ron Hall of Golden Rule Insurance

What is Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap)?

A Medicare Supplement Insurance policy, sold by private companies, can help pay some of the health care costs that Original Medicare does not cover, like co-payments, coinsurance, and deductibles.

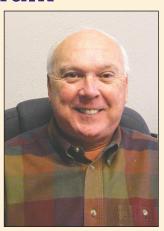
Some Medigap policies also offer coverage for services that Original Medicare does not cover, like medical care when you travel outside of the U.S. If you have Original Medicare and you buy a Medigap policy, Medicare will pay its share of the Medicare approved amount for covered health care costs. Then your Medigap policy pays its share.

A Medigap policy is different from a Medicare Advantage Plan. Those plans are ways to get Medicare benefits, while a Medigap policy only supplements your Original Medicare benefits.

8 Things to Know About Medigap Policies

- 1. You must have Medicare Part A and Part B.
- 2. If you have a Medicare Advantage Plan, you can apply for a Medigap policy, but make sure you can leave the Advantage Plan before your Medigap coverage begins.
- 3. You pay the private insurance company a monthly premium for your Medigap policy in addition to the monthly Part B premium that you pay to Medicare.
- 4. A Medigap policy only covers one person. If you and your spouse both want Medigap coverage, you'll each have to purchase separate policies.
- 5. You can buy a Medigap policy from any insurance company that's licensed to in your state to sell one.
 6. Any standardized Medigap policy is guaranteed renewable even if you have health problems. This means the insurance company can't cancel your Medigap policy as
- 7. Some Medigap policies sold in the past cover prescription drugs, but Medigap policies sold after January 1, 2006 are not allowed to include prescription drug coverage. If you want prescription drug

long as you pay your premium.



Ron Hall

coverage, you can join a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan (Part DO.

8. It's illegal for anyone to sell you a Medigap policy if you have a Medicare Medical Savings Account (MSA) Plan.

Medigap Policies Don't Cover Everything

Medigap policies generally don't cover long term care, vision or dental care, hearing aids, eyeglasses, or private duty nursing.

Insurance Plans that aren't Medigap

Some types of insurance aren't Medigap plans, they include:

- Medicare Advantage Plans (like HMO, PPO, or Private Fee for Service Plan)
- Medicare Prescription Drug Plans Medicade
- Long-term Insurance Plans Indian Health Service, Tribal, and Urban Indian Health plans

Dropping Your Entire Medigap Policy (not just the drug coverage)

If you decide to drop your entire Medigap policy, you need to be careful about the timing. For example, you may want a completely different Medigap policy (not just your old Medigap policy without prescription drug coverage), or you might decide to switch to a Medicare Advantage Plan that offers prescription drug coverage.

If you drop your entire Medigap policy and the drug coverage wasn't creditable prescription drug coverage or you go 63 days or more in a row before your new Medicare drug coverage begins, you have to pay a late enrollment penalty when you join a new Medicare drug plan.

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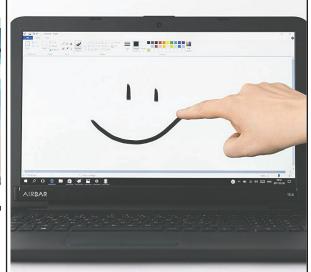
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Four Seasons Realty Announces Top Sales Agent for 2019

Jim Trowbridge has been announced as the Top Sales Agent of 2019 for Four Seasons Realty.

This is Jim's 4th consecutive year to receive this honor. Jim is former military and has been a full time resident at Lake of the Ozarks for over 19 years. He has assisted buyers and sellers in the real estate market since moving to the Lake.

Jim believes in being proactive, not reactive and works aggressively to make sure his clients are extremely well represented and have an easy and comfortable real estate transaction.

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Not much marijuana manufacturing, dispensing will take place at the Lake – for now anyway

By Nancy Zoellner-Hogland

Although Missouri's medical marijuana program isn't yet fully implemented, ballot initiatives have already been filed with the Missouri Secretary of State's Office to legalize recreational use of marijuana for those 21 and older. Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft has already approved four recreational marijuana use questions for signature collection; three proposed constitutional amendments have been submitted.

According to Ballotpedia, one of those - the Missouri Marijuana Legalization and Expungement Initiative - may appear on the ballot in Missouri as an initiated constitutional amendment on November 3, 2020.

The ballot measure would add language to the Missouri Constitution stating that the use, cultivation, and sale of cannabis, also known as marijuana, is not unlawful or an offense in Missouri. The ballot measure would also expunge non-violent marijuana-related criminal and civil offenses

Voters would be asked "Do you want to amend the Missouri Constitution to:

·Repeal all current medical marijuana (cannabis) provisions;

·Remove state prohibitions

on possession, consumption, cultivation and sale of marijuana for personal or medical use, regardless of age;

·Legally allow driving under the influence of marijuana

·Release all individuals from incarceration, parole and probation if convicted only of nonviolent marijuanarelated crimes;

·Remove state prohibitions on commercial cultivation, distribution manufacture, and sale of marijuana;

·Destroy all state civil and criminal records of nonviolent marijuana-related crimes:

·Prohibit Missouri assisting enforcement of federal marijuana offenses; and

·Prohibit the taxation of all physician-recommended medical marijuana?

State governmental entities expect increased revenues of at least \$10.7 million annually and savings of at least \$6.8 million annually by 2027. Local governmental entities are expected to have revenue increases of at least \$26.6 million annually by 2027 and are expected to have cost increases of an unknown amount."

In the meantime, the medical marijuana program continues to move forward. On Friday, January 24, officials with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services posted a full list of LLC, Earths Medicinal Bomedical marijuana retail dispensaries that were licensed or denied licenses – to operate medical marijuana dispensaries and sell cannabis to patients. According to the DHSS, the applicants approved scored the highest during a blind-scoring process.

According to the DHSS, 1,163 applications were received for the 192 available licenses. Just four from the Lake area - one in Eldon and three in Sunrise Beach - were approved:

Heya Eldon Retail LLC 1812 Highway 54, Eldon

MOAZ Industries LLC 24 Putt N Bay Drive, Sunrise

Holistic Missouri LLC 19 Highway 5, Sunrise Beach

Blue Arrow Holdings LLC 12077 N State Highway 5, Sunrise Beach

Applications designated as "Approved" were offered a medical marijuana facility certification and were given five days to confirm acceptance of that certification. The cut-off date was after this issue of the Lake of the Ozarks Business Journal went to press.

The following Lake-area applicants, sorted by city, were denied:

Eldon - Missouri Grown ReLeaf, LLC, Northern Roots

tanicals LLC, Magic Dragon Dispensary, LLC

Lake Ozark - ROI Wellness

Osage Beach - Cresco Labs Missouri, LLC, Premium Medicine of Missouri LLC, MOCO Team, LLC, Genius Missouri Corp, Turning Leaf Centers Missouri, LLC, Western Edge CD3 Retail, Fully Fuzed, LLC, Seven Points Agro- Therapeutics MO, LLC, Missouri Valley Med Inc. and Tellus Health Centers, LLC

Camdenton - Heartland Enterprises LLC, BSD Camdenton Inc., Missouri Grown ReLeaf, LLC, Total Health Camdenton LLC, Lake Area Caregivers LLC, and Nature's Alternative Care BLT, Inc.

Sunrise Beach - MOrganic Ventures, Missouri Medical Options LLC, Missouri Grown ReLeaf, LLC, and Horizon Growth LLC Sunrise Beach

Laurie - Paradigm Missouri, LLC

Gravois Mills - SSSPB LLC and BTMD Holdings LLC

Versailles - MM Jade LLC

The DHSS noted on its website that denials were issued for several reasons, including failure to meet minimum qualification, the results of an analysis for substantial common control, the results of application scoring, or application withdrawal. Notifications of application denial have been sent to the individuals who created the application in the Medical Marijuana Registry Portal.

In early January, the DHSS issued licenses for medical marijuana-infused products manufacturing facilities. Marijuana-infused products are products infused with marijuana or an extract thereof and are intended for use or consumption by a means other than smoking. According to the DHSS, this can include but is not limited to edible products, ointments, tinctures and concentrates.

Of the 373 applicants, 86 were approved. Only one is from the Lake area - Gravois Mills, BTMD Holdings LLC located at 28744 Missouri 5.

Seven other Lake-area applications were denied. Four were from Eldon - Magic Dragon Edibles, LLC, Western Edge PROC1 LLC, Missouri Grown ReLeaf, LLC, and Northern Roots LLC. Two were from Gravois Mills - Missouri Medical Products LLC and Seven Points Agro-Therapeutics MO LLC. One applicant came from Lake Ozark - OZ Manufacturing LLC.

DHSS expects dispensaries will open sometime in late spring or early summer. Dispensaries will eventually begin to dispense seeds and starter plants and will be required to sell patients seeds and starter plants beginning Jan. 1, 2021.

More information at medicalmarijuana.mo.gov.

Ballotpedia.org walks activists through the initiative process

Do you think you have a better idea for how marijuana - or anything else - should be dealt with in the Missouri Constitution? Just visit www.ballotpedia.org, which provides step-by-step instructions on how to put your version on the ballot. Instructions state that in Missouri, the number of signatures required to qualify an initiated constitutional amendment for the ballot is equal to 8 percent of the votes cast for governor in the previous gubernatorial election in six of the eight state congressional districts. Signatures must be filed with the secretary of state six months prior to the election.

The requirements to get an initiated constitutional amendment certified for the 2020 ballot are:

Signatures: The smallest possible requirement is 160,199 valid signatures. The actual requirement depends on the congressional districts in which signatures are col-

Deadline: The deadline to submit signatures is May 3,

Once the signatures have

been filed with the secretary of state, the secretary copies the petition sheets and transmits them to county election authorities for verification. The secretary of state may choose whether the signatures are to be verified by a 5-percent random sample or full verification. If the random sampling projects between 90 percent and 110 percent of required signatures, a full check of all signatures is required. If more than 110 percent, the initiative is certified, and, if less than 90 percent, the initiative fails.



rossword Puzzle

THEME: CIVIL RIGHTS **ACROSS**

- 1. Forever and a day
- 5. Organ of balance
- 8. What Jack Sprat couldn't eat
- 11. Quinceanera or bat mitzvah
- 12. Wagon part
- 13. You can count on these
- 15. Heart of the matter
- 16. Perceive by touch
- 17. Fedora part, pl.
- 18. *Voter test, now illegal
- 20. Ireland's other name
- 21. Written corrections
- 22. One from Laos
- 23. Kind of acid
- 26. *Segregation laws
- 30. *Stop segregation, e.g.
- 31. 40 winks
- 34. Zeus' wife
- 35. Nadya Suleman's children, e.g.
- 37. Subject of "Philadelphia" movie
- 38. Kind of southern pie
- 39. Chico or Groucho
- 40. Cured sausage
- 42. Member of Shoshonean people
- 43. *Montgomery Bus
- 45. Produced by inbreeding
- 47. Brown league
- 48. Kind of ray
- 50. Flying toy
- 52. *He challenged nonviolence
- 55. Juice alternative
- 56. Craving
- 57. Evening in Italy
- 59. Dead to the world
- 60. Harry Potter's mark
- 61. Wet nurse
- 62. Ottoman officer title
- 63. Café alternative
- 64. Kind of bean

DOWN

- 1. *"The __ of the moral universe is long but it bends toward justice"
- 2. Lena Dunham or Allison Williams, 2012-2017
- 3. Red carpet purse
- 4. The Brady Bunch children, e.g.
- 5. Permission for absence from a college
- 6. Smart ____, pl
- 7. Be dependent
- _ Housing Act
- 9. Climber's destination
- the season ...
- 12. *Mandela presided over its southernmost country
- 13. Perpendicular to the keel
- 14. French bun
- 19. Authoritative proclamation
- 22. Not to be given to those in authority
- 23. Manhattan Project invention
- 24. Chocolate tree
- 25. "Dear Diary..." note
- 26. Cup of joe
- 27. Happen again
- 28. Do like Demosthenes
- 29. What moon did
- 32. Not this
- 33. Bupkis
- 36. Oscillator, e.g.
- 38. '70s Ford model
- 40. Farm pen
- 41. Meat grinder, e.g.
- 44. For all to see
- 46. Model-builder's wood of choice, pl.
- on Washington
- 49. Blue-Green scum
- 50. *Nobel Peace Prize winner
- 51. Light bulb
- 52. Necessary thing
- 53. Office dispatch
- 54. Roentgen's machine
- 55. Langley, VA org.
- 58. "Eureka!"

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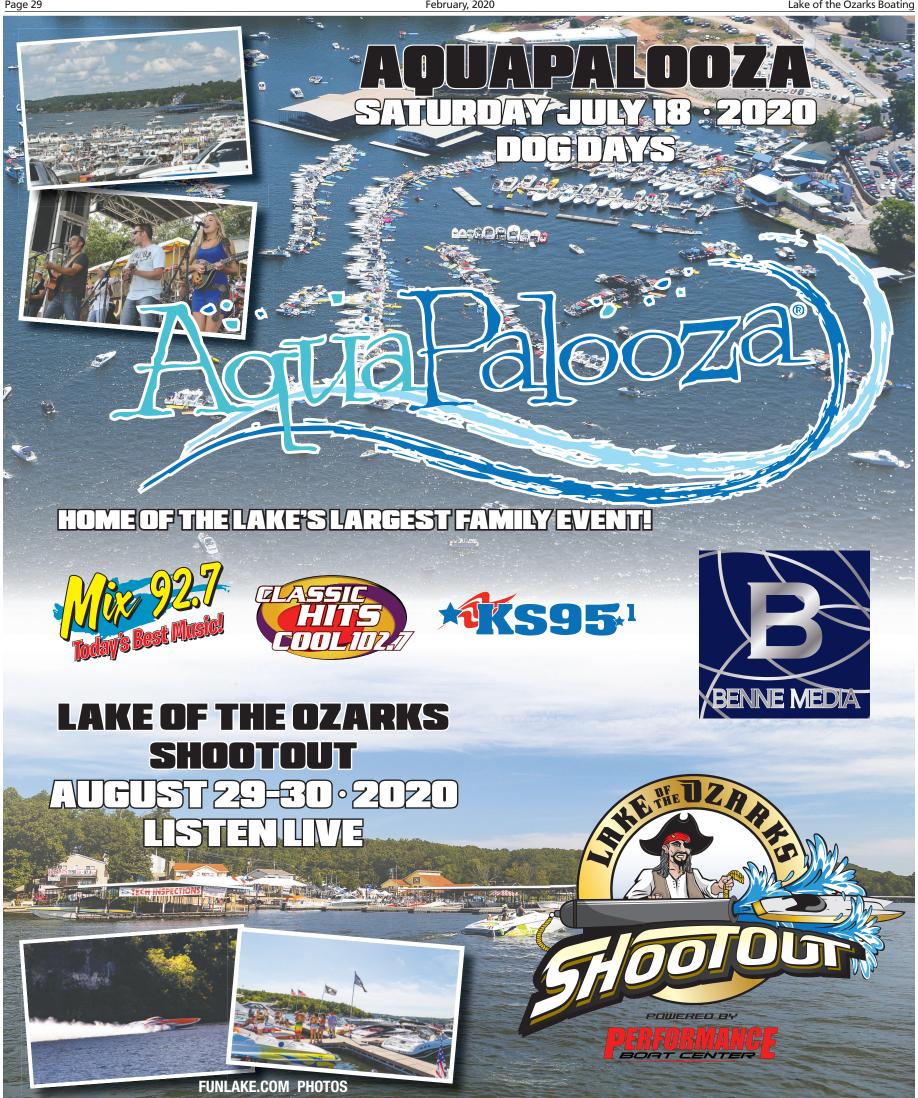
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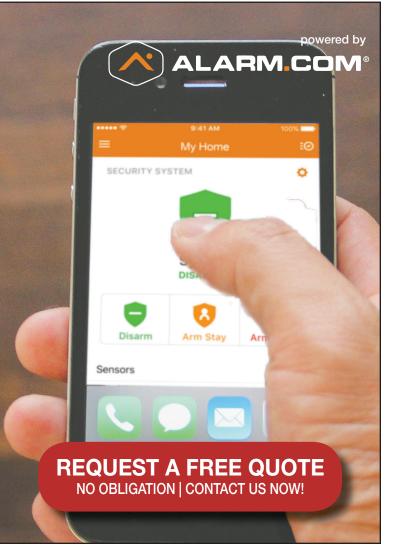
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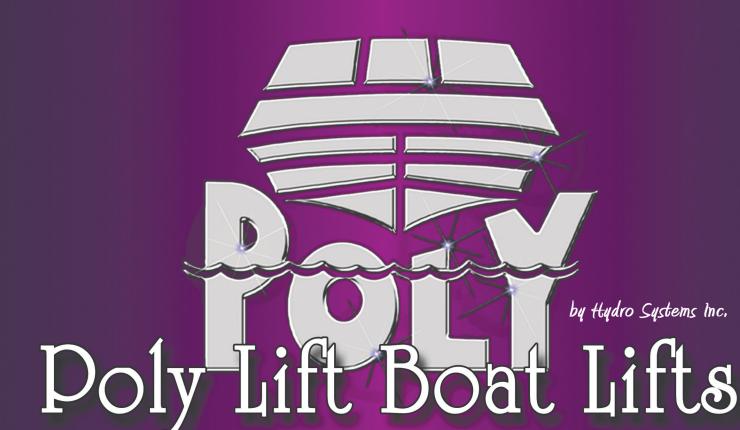
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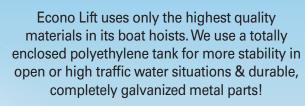
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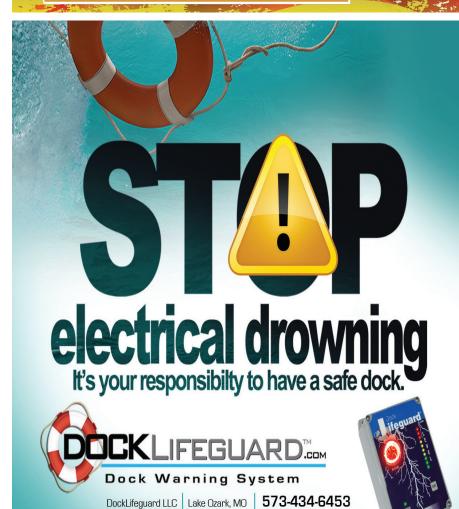
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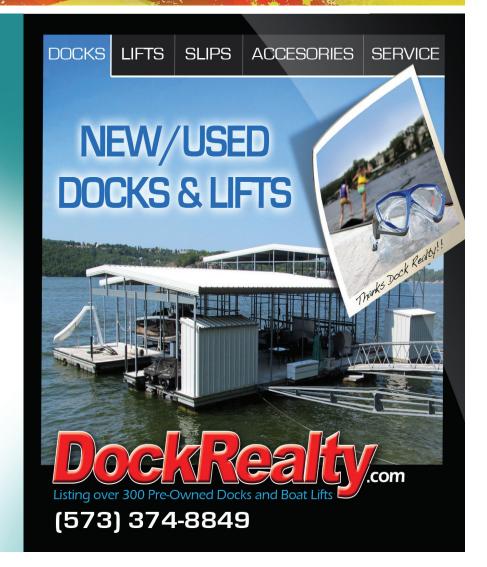


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