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Galvin Humphries is shown in a grey suit, white shirt, and patterned tie, sitting and smiling. He is holding a rolled-up document.

News from around the Lake.....

Dierbergs construction underway

With a picturesque snapshot of the Lake of the Ozarks glistening in the background, local and Dierbergs Market officials turned the first spades of dirt to mark the start of construction of a 77,000 square grocery store.

“This project is good for Dierbergs, good for Osage Beach and good for the entire lake community,” commented Greg Dierberg, president and CEO of Dierbergs Markets. The store, which will anchor a multi-store development named Dierbergs Lakeview Pointe Shopping Center, is scheduled to open in the spring of 2013 — one year from now.

A fourth-generation Dierberg in the grocery business, Dierberg praised the relationship between his company and the city of Osage Beach and Camden County. Among others, he thanked Mayor Penny Lyons, Camden County Presiding Commissioner Kris Franken, City Administrator Nancy Viselli and City Attorney Ed Rucker.

“We’re doing this today because we want to get the word out that construction is underway,” Dierberg said. “We expect this to be a new market challenge, but it’s also a new market for our family. We consider the lake our home away from home. It’s a mix of family, business and fun.” Continued on page 2.

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A load of authentic dirt was brought in for the groundbreaking, and four engraved, stainless steel shovels were used by the principals in the event. Dierbergs officials had a tent set up with displays of the proposed store along with reusable goodie bags filled with Dierbergs specialties for those attending.

Brent Beumer, Dierbergs' director of real estate, opened the brief ceremony by saying it was "good to see so many familiar and new faces today." He also thanked city officials including board of aldermen at the groundbreaking.

"Nancy (Viselli) and Ed (Rucker) were very professional and cooperative in helping us bring this project to fruition," he said. He added, "I'm extremely proud of the project and look forward to serving Osage Beach and the lake."

Mayor Lyons also offered her official welcome to the Dierberg project, noting that Osage Beach was emerging as a retail destination community at the lake.

The inclusion of a mezzanine that overlooks the lake is a good example of how Dierbergs worked with the city and incorporated the lake's natural beauty, she said. The mayor said Dierbergs would be an asset to the city, and that "we're happy to have them as a neighbor and business partner."

Also expressing gratitude was Presiding Commissioner Kris Franken, who said it was exciting to see a St. Louis business icon come to Osage Beach and make an investment. "A lot has been happening on the north end (Lake Ozark area) that didn't do Osage Beach any good," Franken said, "so I'm excited to see Dierbergs here...because it sends a message to retailers about investing here."

May 10, 2012. Dan Field. *Lakenews.com*

Eagles' Landing expanding

Developer Gary Prewitt will begin construction shortly on two more stores at The Shoppes at Eagles' Landing. "Our retail base is growing daily," Prewitt said. "We already have tenants interested in the new spaces."

A Menards home improvement store, Kohl's department store and CVS pharmacy have opened at Eagles' Landing in the first months of 2012. A multi-screen, state-of-the-art movie theater will be opening this summer. The new, developer-built stores will be 14,000 and 4,000 square feet. Construction began in April.

"More stores mean more jobs and sale-tax revenue for Lake Ozark," project manager Andy Prewitt said. "We want to take a hands-on approach to expanding the retail opportunities at Eagles' Landing."

Eagles' Landing is a 220-acre development at the intersection of Bagnell Dam Blvd. and Highway 54 generating as many as 600 jobs and millions of dollars in sales-tax revenue for Lake Ozark and Miller County when complete. Gary Prewitt is also the developer of Prewitt's Pointe in Osage Beach. Apr 17, 2012. *Lakenewsonline.com*

Boaters should be cautious around Hurricane Deck bridge construction

With construction of the new Hurricane Deck Bridge now underway, the Water Patrol is advising boaters on the Lake of the Ozarks to be careful as they approach the area at the 35 mile-marker of the Osage Arm.

"We recommend boaters in that area use caution as they approach from upstream or downstream. There are a number of regulatory markers to help them to know when to slow to no wake idle speed. They need to pay attention to the markers that are there. That's the key thing," said Water Patrol Captain Matt Walz.

A row of buoys on the upstream side mark the start of the No Wake Idle Zone about 700 feet from the construction area. On the downstream side, the row of buoy markers is at around 600 feet.

Within this 1,300 foot idle speed zone, there are spots that are marked Boats Keep Out to protect the specific spots where actual construction is underway. Boaters will be funneled under the middle section of the existing bridge during normal construction operations.

The channel will stay open though restricted for most of the construction period, though there will be times when it could be closed temporarily to accommodate work and demolition.

May 11, 2012. Dan Field. *Lakenews.com*

Camdenton pedestrian bridge ready for foot traffic

COST \$500,500

COMPLETION DATE Monday, May 21

THE PROGRESS

An opening date has been set for a new pedestrian bridge on the east side of Camdenton. The ribbon cutting ceremony is at 9 a.m. on Monday, May 21. The date is several weeks ahead of the Memorial Day holiday weekend deadline. Officials credit the quick winter and warm temperatures for helping speed up construction.

THE DETAILS

Construction consisted of 2,100 feet of new sidewalk and a pedestrian bridge across the south side of the Highway 54 overpass over Route 5. The bridge and new sidewalks connects pedestrians to businesses and residences on the opposite side in a safe manner. The current method to cross the bridge on foot or bike is by using the bridge's narrow shoulder.

Work also included widening the northbound Route 5 off-ramp to eastbound Highway 54 to allow for dual right-hand turns.

Transportation officials believe the improvement will decrease the minor backups occurring on the exit ramp and provide more room for tractor-trailer trucks to make right-hand turns at the top of the ramp. May 8, 2012. Deanna Wheeler. *lakenewsonline.com*.



Intersection closed until new plans are implemented

The Missouri Department of Transportation has not stalled in its decision to consider three different options to improve the cross-over intersection at Highway 54 and Key Largo Road/Osage Beach Parkway.

Temporary cones went up on Saturday blocking vehicles on Osage Beach Parkway from turning onto eastbound or westbound Highway 54. The blockade was an immediate action in response to a serious crash involving a Chevy Silverado pickup truck and a Ford Escape. The pickup truck was exiting the Osage Beach Parkway and attempting to turn onto westbound Highway 54 when the vehicle was T-boned by the Escape, which was traveling on eastbound Highway 54. Both drivers sustained serious injuries and had to be extricated.

Officials from several departments made the decision right then to limit traffic at the intersection until a permanent solution is implemented. Limiting traffic exiting Osage Beach Parkway was one of three options MoDOT presented at a public hearing the Wednesday before in order to improve safety at the intersection.

Counting Saturday's crash, there have been six crashes at the intersection resulting in five serious injuries and four minor injuries.

The intersection is also attracting twice the number of vehicles it was designed for, according to a one-day traffic count MoDOT completed. And, it's not even prime tourism season. Area Engineer Bob Lynch said blocking all traffic to the intersection from the Osage Beach Parkway side may not be the permanent solution. Instead, the department had immediate access to the number of cones and signs needed for that option, so they went with it.

MoDOT is taking public comments on the intersection until Wednesday, May 2. After that, officials will sit down to review the comments and decide a permanent course of action.

The solution could be a combination of several ideas and suggestions. Lynch said the goal is to begin work as soon as plans are finalized so any type of construction at the intersection would be completed before Memorial Day, the official start of the tourist season at Lake of the Ozarks.

MoDOT is also considering ideas for the large amount of vehicles having to turnaround near Lazy Days Road because Osage Beach Parkway stops at a dead-end. May 1, 2012. Deanna Wheeler. *lakenewsonline.com*.

Lake Ozark approves Blues & BBQ, mayor rejects beer on the Strip

It took a tie-breaking vote from the mayor Tuesday night to approve the Lake of the Ozarks Blues and BBQ Weekend without allowing alcohol on the Strip. The Blues & BBQ event, sanctioned by The Kansas City Barbeque Society, will be held Thursday-Sunday, May 31-June 3.

"We welcome the event. I think it will be fantastic. We just don't need open containers," Mayor Johnny Franzeskos said. The Board of Aldermen locked at 3-3 on the motion made by Alderman Tony Otto to approve the event, close Bagnell Dam Boulevard from noon-6 p.m., Saturday, June 2, and deny the request to lift the open container ordinance. Clearly, the sticking point came with the request from Blues & BBQ organizer Jonathan "JR" Hartenstein to allow attendees to drink alcohol on the Strip as part of the flavor of the event.

"Open containers will make a good time even better, bring in a lot more people and make them look forward to coming back to the 2013 event," Hartenstein said. "If the trash collected from the Magic Dragon Car Show is any indication, then we know that people want to drink. The dumpsters were half filled with beer cans. They are the ones that bring money to the city. This is why I am pushing for the open containers."

Alderman Jeff Van Donsel supported the idea. "I think you are handicapping this event by not allowing open containers," Van Donsel said. If the board approved open containers Hartenstein would have been required to solicit one of the bars on the strip to apply for a one-day picnic/caterers license in order to have alcohol outside of their business. Hartenstein told the board he had several bars ready to do just that.

"I don't see the need for open containers when there are eight bars on the strip and if the brewery is up by then we will have nine," said Alderman Larry Buschjost, a former Highway Patrolman. "You want to turn alcohol loose on city streets and make it difficult for the police to get down in there. This makes it the city and the police department's responsibility. You and the bar owners are not going to handle it, the police will. If someone gets hurt, it's our lawsuit. We have 22 events in our city without open containers and they all do great."

"There are only a handful of people not in support of this," Hartenstein said. "Every other Blues and BBQ event has open containers and they shut down their streets, this is the whole nature of the event." "I don't see the need to use the Lake Ozark Police Department anymore than they would be used on a typical Saturday afternoon or evening," Hartenstein said.

The board asked Lake Ozark Police Chief Mark Maples how many police officers are normally on duty on a Saturday night. Normally there would be four officers, Maples said, but closing the strip for six hours would require additional officers for calls as two officers direct traffic near barricades at each end of the Strip.

Hartenstein said his security would be comparable to the Shootout Street Party -- not all licensed police officers, but professionals trained in security. "There will be some off-duty police officers," Hartenstein said. "We have resources, I can hire some, but I don't think we need to. The more money we save the more the benefactors will receive." Hartenstein told the board at the April 24 board of aldermen meeting he would be using Boy Scouts at the event to take care of the trash, to which Alderman Larry Buschjost replied, "I am adamantly opposed to kids working in an area where alcohol is being served."

Hartenstein came back before the board and said the Boy Scouts would not be handling the trash, but are still one of the benefactors of the event. Hartenstein plans to provide a beverage cart to the Scouts, so they can earn money from the sale of soda and water. Hartenstein is hoping the Lake Ozark Fire Protection District will also benefit if he can find organizations to donate meat for the fire fighters to barbeque and sell to the public as a fundraiser.

"In the future I would like to add some kind of benefit for the Lake Ozark Police Department as well, it might help to get that extra officer that is needed," Hartenstein said. There was also discussion among aldermen of moving the event below the dam in 2013. "Why take it down below the dam? That would not benefit the businesses on the Strip. The Strip is a jewel," Hartenstein said.

The Lake of the Ozarks Blues & BBQ Weekend will attract amateur and professional BBQ chefs smoking various meats to be judged by the sanctioning body of the Kansas City Barbeque Society for points in a national cook-off to be held in Kansas City, Mo. In addition to the competition, there will be live music, a vendor village, winery displays and various other compatible outdoor activities. After the barbecue, a street party will launch in the blocked-off area of the Strip. "We encourage people to stay and listen to the blues bands," Hartenstein said. May 9 2012. Janet Dabbs. LakeExpo.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

May ~ June

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION	CONTACT INFO
Free Lesson Month Dogwood Hills Golf Resort	May 1 - 31	Osage Beach, MO	573-348-3153
3rd Annual Dam to Dam Power Boat Fun Run	May 18 - 20	Lake Ozark, MO	573-571-7400
Oma & Noma Heritage Festival	May 19	Lake Ozark, MO	573-365-7132
Blues Concert on the Strip	May 26	Lake Ozark, MO	573-873-5258
Lodge of the Four Seasons - Fireworks	May 27	Lake Ozark, MO	888-265-5500
Tan-Tar-A Resort - Memorial Day Fireworks	May 27	Osage Beach, MO	800-826-8272
Memorial Day Golf Special for Military Dogwood Hills Active/Retired Military \$20+ tax	May 28	Osage Beach, MO	573-348-3153
1st Annual Lake of the Ozarks Blues and BBQ	Jun 1 - 3	Lake Ozark, MO	573-216-0399
34th Annual HK's Hospital Benefit Golf Tournament	Jun 1 - 3	Lake Ozark, MO	573-348-8265
10th Annual Mid-Missouri Car Show	Jun 1 - 3	Osage Beach, MO	314-878-5651
Sandcastle Building Contest	Jun 2	Sunrise Beach, MO	573-374-5852
Hot Summer Nights	Jun 8	Lake Ozark, MO	573-964-1008
Canine Cannonball	June 8 - 10	Osage Beach, MO	573-348-9797
BROstock Wakeboarding Festival at Captain Ron's	Jun 14 - 16	Sunrise Beach, MO	573-374-5852
5th Annual Summer Night Stride 5K Run/Walk	Jun 15	Camdenton, MO	573-346-0660
Ozark Bar-B-Que is celebrating 55 years at the Lake of the Ozarks on Father's Day.	Jun 17	Sunrise Beach, MO	573-374-7769

Mark Your Calendars!!

Midwestboatparty is proud to announce the dates for the **5th Annual Support Our Troops Poker Run** at the Lake of the Ozarks. This year the event will be held on Friday June 22nd.

Since its inception 5 years ago, we've grown from 60 boats to averaging almost 120 boats and 400 people from all over the country. The support for our military men and women has been truly humbling, and as a result, the Support Our Troops Poker Run has turned into the biggest poker run at the Lake of the Ozarks. To date we have raised over \$55,000 for Operation Homefront. That money goes directly to assisting our brave heroes overseas, and the families they leave behind.

Event Dates

Registration Party and Packet Pick-Up: Thursday, June 21, 2012
6-9PM
Location TBA

Poker Run: Friday June 22, 2012
9AM

Drivers Meeting and Launch from Camden on the Lake (Toad Cove)
ReHab Day: Saturday June 23, 2012
Noon - ??
Details TBA

www.midwestboatpart.com/pokerun/

About Their Charities

Midwestboatparty has always had a fond place in our hearts for the men, women and families of our armed forces. Many of our members are either military personnel themselves, or family members of military personnel. Last year we brought 112 boats and over 400 boaters from all over the country together for this event and we were able to raise and donate over \$12,000 Operation Homefront and \$3000 for The Global Orphan Project.

In total, we have raised over \$55,000 for these great causes. Once again, all proceeds from the 2012 Poker Run will go to Operation Homefront and The Global Orphan Project.

Boat Gas hits low \$3.779 at Lake of the Ozarks

Boat gas prices are in flux. Boaters hitting the Lake this weekend will find up to a \$0.67 difference per gallon depending of the marina of choice. In the chaos, one name stands alone. Formula Boats of Missouri Marina (1MM Glaize) posted \$3.779 for 87 Octane on Friday and no one is even touching the pump price straight up. Add in cash, volume discounts and marina cards, then Kelly's Port 19MM and Point Randall Resort 2MM are there neck-and-neck.

Otherwise, many of the marinas that took wholesale deliveries Friday are pumping between \$3.99-\$4.09. Premium 93 Octane is running 50 cents higher as a general rule. Premium users should ask their marinas about the switch to 91 Octane several are making this year. Most boaters will not notice the difference, but those with performance engines drinking 93 Octane only should expect to pay for it -- big surprise.

Now the good news...

CRUDE & GAS

Benchmark U.S. crude lost 95 cents to finish at \$96.13 in New York. Brent crude, which helps set the price for oil imported into the U.S., lost 47 cents to end at \$112.26 per barrel in London. At the pump, U.S. gasoline prices dropped another half-cent to a national average of \$3.734 per gallon, according to AAA, Wright Express and Oil Price Information Service. Gasoline has declined by about 20 cents per gallon since peaking this year on April 6.

Gas prices on the water [as of] 3 p.m., Friday, May 11, 2012

MAIN CHANNEL

- ◆ (2 MM) Point Randall Resort & Gas Dock – \$4.00 87 Octane (\$3.85 50 gallons+), \$4.40 93 Octane (\$4.25 50 gallons+)
- ◆ (3 MM) Village Marina - \$3.999 87 Octane
- ◆ (7 MM) Toad Cove Marina - \$4.20 87 Octane, \$4.409 93 Octane, \$4.12 Diesel
- ◆ (8MM) Lake Shores Marina - \$4.059 87 Octane
- ◆ (10 MM) Frankie & Louie's - \$4.09 87 Octane, \$4.49 93 Octane
- ◆ (10.5 MM) Ozark Bar B Que – \$4.20 89 Octane
- ◆ (13 MM) Pointe Oasis - \$4.09 87 Octane, \$4.69 93 Octane, \$4.19 Diesel
- ◆ (13.5 MM) Four Seasons Marina - \$4.459 87 Octane, \$4.399 Diesel
- ◆ (19 MM) Kelly's Port Marina - \$3.99 87 Octane, \$4.69 93 Octane, \$4.15 Diesel w/ 10 cent discount for cash. Kelly's Port Preferred Customers 10 cents OFF. Cash + Preferred Customer 20 cents OFF.
- ◆ (21 MM) Yacht Club Marina - \$4.22 87 Octane
- ◆ (31 MM) Mariner Pier 31 - \$4.199 87 Octane, \$4.59 93 Octane (10 cents off for Cash) - Pier 31 matches any boat gas price at marinas within 8 miles of Pier 31.
- ◆ (35 MM) Pirate's Point - \$4.09 87 Octane, \$4.59 93 Octane
- ◆ (39 MM) Lighthouse Marina - \$3.97 87 Octane
- ◆ (39 MM) King's Pointe Gas Dock – Closed This Weekend. Will reopen next weekend.
- ◆ (44 MM) Mimosa Beach - \$4.19 87 Octane

GRAND GLAIZE

- ◆ (1 MM) Formula Boats of Missouri - \$3.779 87 Octane, \$4.299 93 Octane, \$3.99 Diesel
- ◆ (2 MM) Moorings Yacht Club - \$4.09 87 Octane

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- ◆ (1 MM) 89 Octane - G&G Marina - \$4.20 89 Octane ValvTect

GRAVOIS ARM

- ◆ (3.5MM) Bumps Barefoot Bar - \$4.09 87 Octane
- ◆ (5.5 MM) The Jerk Shack - \$3.99 87 Octane
- ◆ (6MM) Coconuts - \$4.09 87 Octane
- ◆

Gas prices on land [as of] p.m., Friday, May 11, 2012

- ◆ \$3.41 - Glaize 66 Service Station, Highway 54, Osage Beach
- ◆ \$3.49 - Lake Oasis Convenient Store #2, Highway 5, Laurie

(NOTE: Gas prices on land and water can vary between survey time and your arrival to the pump.)