

Galvin's News and Views from *Lake of the Ozarks*

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A real estate card for Galvin Humphries. On the right is a photograph of Galvin Humphries, a middle-aged man with grey hair, wearing a grey suit, white shirt, and patterned tie, sitting and smiling. On the left is the text: "Galvin Humphries" in a large, stylized font, with "A Legacy at The Lake" underneath. Below that are contact details: "Direct: (573) 216-3600 • Toll free: (800) 879-5687", "Office: (573) 365-8596", "E-mail: galvin@galvinatthelake.com", and "Web site: www.galvinatthelake.com". At the bottom left is the "FOUR SEASONS REALTY" logo with four icons (sun, bird, snowflake, leaf). At the bottom right is the address: "P.O. Box 970, 109 Horseshoe Bend Parkway (Located at Bus. 54 & HH), Lake Ozark, MO 65049". There are also two small icons: one for "MLS" and one for "NMLS".

News from around the Lake.....

Lake of the Ozarks' state parks rank top picks in the Midwest

According to AAA Midwest Traveler magazine, the Lake of the Ozarks is home to two of the top three state parks in the Midwest. Table Rock Lake State Park in Branson claimed top honor amongst AAA Midwest Traveler readers. [Lake of the Ozarks State Park](#) settled for second place silver, and [Ha Ha Tonka State Park](#) finished third in the voting.

The magazine asked its readers to vote for their favorite places to visit, eat and shop. In the spring of 2010, more than 2,500 readers cast ballots for their favorite places to visit in the Midwest.

Lake of the Ozarks State Park Superintendent Bill Arnold said he believes the diversity is what makes the park so popular. "I think it's the beauty of the park and all the facilities the park offers with the group camps and the camper cabins. We have miles and miles of trails, both equestrian trails and bike trails," Arnold said.

The park is also home to two public beaches. Continued on page 2.

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Ha Ha Tonka State Park is best known for its castle ruins, but visitors also enjoy trails, fishing and picnic areas.

"The park is such a fascinating collection of karst features and wonderfully diverse landscapes," Ha Ha Tonka Superintendent Nancy Masterson. "People can come to the lake for vacation. They can come to Ha Ha Tonka and spend a cost-free day hiking and enjoying the scenery."

AAA Midwest Traveler reaches more than 500,000 readers bimonthly. Readers live in Missouri, parts of Indiana, Illinois and Kansas. In addition to the best state park, the publication asked for reader input in 19 categories such as best small hotel, best large hotel, best barbeque and best food festival. *TheLakeOnline.com*

About Lake of the Ozarks State Park

Acreage: 17,626.55

Year acquired: 1946

Activities: Boating, camping, cave tours, fishing, lodging, marina, picnicking, swimming, hiking, equestrian, mountain biking and backpacking

About Ha Ha Tonka State Park

Acreage: 3,709.74

Year acquired: 1978

Activities: Fishing, picnicking, swimming, hiking and backpacking trails

Baxter's sponsors summer golf sweepstakes

Golfers at the Lake of the Ozarks have a chance to win entry to the Wells Fargo Advisors/Baxter's Lakeside Grille golf tournament at The Club at Porto Cima as part of Baxter's Great Golf Giveaway. A private course, the Club at Porto Cima was ranked one of the top private courses in the nation by Golf Digest and was designed by Jack Nicklaus. Located a short drive from Porto Cima, near the Lake of the Ozarks Community Bridge, Baxter's is known for its lake view and a high quality dining experience, made from fresh ingredients and served with personal attention.

Entry forms are available at Baxter's Lakeside Grille, located at 2124 Bagnell Dam Boulevard in Lake Ozark, or online at www.baxterslakesidegrille.com for the chance to win. The grand prize for this year's Great Golf Giveaway is entry for a foursome to play in the Oct. 1 Wells Fargo Advisors/Baxter's Lakeside Grille golf tournament at The Club at Porto Cima, a \$700 value. Other prizes include gift cards to Baxter's and the Porto Cima Pro Shop valued at \$50 to \$200.

Baxter's Lakeside Grille is partnering with The Club at Porto Cima golf course for the sweepstakes. The Great Golf Giveaway will end at 12:59 p.m. July 15, and the winner will be randomly selected after July 17 and notified via email.

For more information, visit www.baxterslakesidegrille.com or call 573-365-2669. The Oct. 1 Wells Fargo Advisors/Baxter's Lakeside Grille golf tournament at The Club at Porto Cima will benefit Lake of the Ozarks Big Brothers Big Sisters. July 6, 2012
TheLakeOnline.com

Operation Dry Water cracks down on BWIs

Operation Dry Water is a BWI crackdown that took place across the nation on June 22-24. The National Association of State Boating Law Administrators have hosted "Operation of Dry Water" for the past four years.

The extra attention on this topic hopes to reduce accidents due to impairment with increased patrol. Officers work extended shifts in an effort to "keep everyone safe" according to Officer Callahan with Water Patrol.

Results:

This year, 13 officers covered Lake of the Ozarks, Gasconade River and Osage River.

A total of 150 boats were stopped, 147 of those on the lake.

15 BWI's were cited along with 202 safety warnings and 44 citations.

Unlike 2011, there was not a checkpoint on the water.

The highest intoxication level seen on the water was .253%.

Last year, a total of 103 boats were stopped warranting in seven BWI's and 16 safety warnings. Operation Dry Water takes place across the nation the weekend before the fourth of July every year. Jun 26, 2012. Spree Hilliard. *Lakenews.com*

Landmark decision for lakeside property owners

In what is being heralded as a major victory for thousands of lakefront landowners and the area in general, the federal agency overseeing management of Lake of the Ozarks issued a momentous decision Tuesday, upholding the rights of property owners and giving Ameren Missouri the right to redraw boundary lines to resolve ownership issues.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission approved the redrawing of the boundary line for the Osage Hydroelectric project (Lake of the Ozarks) so that all private residences and commercial structures at the Lake of the Ozarks will now be outside the project boundary.

The order issued by FERC brings to an end months of controversy and fear for more than 1,500 homeowners and businesses who found themselves involved in a boundary dispute with Ameren Missouri. Many in the lake area view FERC's decision as a landmark, not only upholding the rights of property owners but helping to clarify title issues.

The new boundary line was proposed by Ameren UE, the project licensee. It generally follows the 662 foot elevation except in some upstream areas where it follows higher elevations. The boundary of about 43 percent of the shoreline is already at 662 feet and would remain unchanged, except for carve-outs to ensure that existing residential and commercial structures are outside of the project boundary.

FERC's action removes approximately 28,000 acres from the project boundary, according to Jeff Wright, director of energy projects at FERC. For those landowners who advocated for the project boundary to be lowered to the 660' line, Wright said that was not an option. Wright said there were concerns over lake levels and possible flooding as well as maintaining the ability to manage the shoreline.

The proposal was submitted to FERC on January 31, 2012. The Commission established a 30-day comment period seeking public comment on Ameren's proposal. All comments received were reviewed and are addressed in today's decision. The order can be viewed online at <http://www.ferc.gov/media/news-releases.asp>

FERC's order stems from a requirement that Ameren develop a Shoreline Management Plan for the Osage Project. Shoreline management is a longstanding FERC initiative intended to protect the shoreline around all hydroelectric project reservoirs.

A Shoreline Management Plan manages the multiple resources and uses of a project's shorelines. Striking a balance between local economic interests and protecting environmental resources allows the public to enjoy those resources, and is vital for the long-term success of a SMP, according to FERC. Ameren Missouri officials said they pleased with FERC's decision. The decision resolves the issue of dwelling encroachments within the project boundary at the Lake of the Ozarks.

Under the new plan, the boundary has been lowered to an elevation of 662' plus carving out below 662' for existing dwellings and commercial structures. Ameren Missouri will now move forward with filing Estoppel Certificates in the Recorder of Deeds Office (s) of Camden, Miller, Benton and Morgan counties. The document clarifies ownership and confirms that structures now outside the boundary are not in jeopardy.

"By working and collaborating with property owners, agencies and other key stakeholders, we developed and presented a viable solution to FERC," said Jeff Green, supervisor of Shoreline Management. "We are very happy with the decision to allow us to lower the boundary. Today's decision provides closure to the matter."

In addition to filing Estoppel Certificates, Ameren Missouri will now focus on helping property owners understand the new plan.

Green said that Ameren Missouri has been and will continue being a good steward of the Lake, and throughout the process, the company's primary goal was to redraw the boundary so that all identified encroachments would no longer be encroachments. The challenge was balancing the requirements of FERC license with the needs and concerns of the community and submitting a very comprehensive plan to FERC ahead of their deadline, he said.

FERC has regulatory authority over specific hydroelectric projects including Ameren Missouri's Osage Project in central Missouri. By law, FERC is charged with balancing power generation and non-power generation values when issuing hydropower licenses. FERC accomplishes this balancing by giving "equal consideration" to the wide range of public benefits provided by hydroelectric projects. Jun 5, 2012. Joyce Miller. lakenewsonline.com.



Co-Mo Electric Cooperative to extend Broadband Internet to entire service area

Broadband Internet is now planned for all of Co-Mo country. Ken Johnson — president of Co-Mo Comm, a subsidiary of Co-Mo Electric Cooperative — announced a plan to bring Co-Mo Connect fiber-to-the-home Internet, telephone and video service to the entire cooperative service territory. “This is a historic day for our portion of central Missouri,” Johnson said. “The lack of broadband Internet has been holding this area back in terms of economic development and has been a mark against us in terms of quality of life. That’s about to change.”

The four-phase construction plan could make the service available to every Co-Mo member — about 25,000 households and businesses — over the next four years. [The Co-Mo Connect website, co-mo.net](http://www.co-mo.net), has been updated with a feature so members can see which phase their home or business is in. Each phase of the plan represents an anticipated one-year construction and installation cycle. The first phase is expected to start in the first quarter of 2013 and will cover about 50 percent of Co-Mo’s members. Randy Klindt, the general manager of Co-Mo Comm and the cooperative’s information technology manager, said the phases were determined to help make the project financially successful.

“In each phase, construction will be going on in the northern and southern parts of our service territory,” Klindt said. “The phases proceed logically from what we currently have constructed and build outward. This will give us the best chance of being financially successful so the process can continue to every single Co-Mo member. That’s the whole point behind this plan — to bring Co-Mo Connect to our entire service territory.” At its June meeting, the Co-Mo Electric Board of Directors approved the framework to construct the fiber network and provide Internet, telephone and television service through its subsidiary, Co-Mo Comm. The work would be done on a four-phase plan, and the board approved funding for the first phase. The board retains the right to alter the course of construction or halt it entirely if projections don’t hold true.

“We’ve said from the start that what we’re doing with Co-Mo Connect can’t negatively affect electricity rates,” Klindt said. “That remains as we move into these next phases. In fact, if our projections are accurate, the project could help contain rates in the future.” [The] announcement comes after a year-long pilot-project phase in which Co-Mo Connect service was publicized, constructed and installed in two areas of the cooperative’s service territory. Those two areas — one just south of Syracuse and **the other in the Laurie area — were selected because they reflect the average density across the cooperative’s service territory** and were close to Co-Mo’s two offices.

Construction began in October 2011 after a three-month pre-sales period in which eligible subscribers were asked to sign up in sufficient numbers before Co-Mo Comm was financially able to build the network. The first subscribers’ services were turned on just before Christmas of that year. Since then, the feedback has been exclusively positive. “The service is terrific,” said Jim Kelly, a subscriber in the south pilot project area. “I have no need to run into Laurie anymore to use someone’s free wi-fi service. The connection is very fast and beyond our expectations.” Beyond the Internet, Co-Mo Connect offers unlimited local and long-distance telephone service for just \$25 a month.

“The number of people who have signed up for phone service has surprised us,” Klindt said. “The demand far surpassed our projections.” After examining the data from the pilot project and constructing a financial model to build the Co-Mo Connect network to the entire cooperative service territory, the Co-Mo Electric Board of Directors voted to proceed with the project. “The demand is there,” said Board President Doug Strein. “The staff has done a fabulous job of doing the pilot project and gathering the information we needed to make this decision. It’s a great day to be a Co-Mo member.”

Co-Mo Connect operates using fiber-optic technology. Data is transformed into light and beamed at incredible speeds directly to subscribers’ homes and businesses. “The technology is future-proof,” Klindt said. The technology will also allow Co-Mo Comm to add television service to its initial offer of Internet and telephone. “Television was something we just couldn’t cost-justify in the pilot project. The equipment was too expensive to purchase for just the small amount of subscribers in the pilot project,” Johnson said. “But now that we know this service is going to go systemwide, we can spread that cost over a greater number of subscribers and offer some great television packages at really attractive prices.”

Details of those packages will be announced in the coming months and be posted on the Co-Mo Connect website and on the Co-Mo Connect Facebook page — facebook.com/comoconnect. The service will be offered first to subscribers in the pilot project area while the first phase of the expansion is being completed. The Co-Mo Connect network is providing a great quality-of-life advancement for subscribers, Johnson said, but its primary purpose is to improve the electric cooperative’s service. “That’s the great thing about this,” Johnson said. “Even if you don’t become a Co-Mo Connect subscriber, you’ll be benefiting from this network as a Co-Mo Electric member.” *continued on page 5.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

July & August

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION	CONTACT INFO
Bring your kids to the golf range Month	Jul 1 - 31	Osage Beach, MO	573-348-3153
Fireworks on the LAKE for the 4th Weekend	Jul 4	Lake of the Ozarks	800-FUNLAKE
Lodge of Four Seasons Resort - Fireworks	Jul 4	Lake Ozark, MO	1-888-265-5500
Fireworks at Seven Springs Winery	Jul 7	Linn Creek, MO	573-317-0100
Three Rivers Run—Below Bagnell Dam	Jul 11	Lake Ozark, MO	573-348-9230
Hot Summer Nights on The Strip	July 13	Lake Ozark MO	573-964-1008
5th Annual CADV Golf Classic	Jul 15	Camdenton, MO	73-346-9630
Orion Scientist Summer Camp	Jul 16 - 18	Camdenton, MO	573-346-5516
AQUAPALOOZA	Jul 21	Osage Beach, MO	573-365-5382
National Hot Dog Day - Hotdog Eating Contest	Jul 23	Camdenton, MO	573-873-0022
Miller County Fair	Jul 24 - 28	Eldon, MO	www.millercountyfair.com
20th Annual Hillbilly BBQ	Aug 3 - 4	Laurie, MO	573-374-8776
The Great Bagnell Dam Duck Drop	Aug 4	Lake Ozark, MO	573-964-1008
Hot Summer Nights on The Strip	Aug 10	Lake Ozark, MO	573-964-1008
18th Annual Missouri Wine & Brew Festival	Aug 11	Lake Ozark, MO	573-964-1008
1st Annual Waverunner Rodeo	Aug 11	Gravois Mills, MO	www.premiervacationsatlakeoftheozarks.com

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The cooperative is already using the network to better communicate with “smart” equipment in the field. The Co-Mo Connect network will better allow the cooperative to predict and locate outages, as well as dispatch crews to restore them. “The broadband network we’re able to offer our members is actually a spillover effect from its primary use,” Johnson said. “It’s your classic win-win situation.”

Potential subscribers in Phase 1 of construction will receive a marketing packet from Co-Mo Comm to allow them to sign up. A deposit of \$100 will mark each member’s location on the construction map. Internet packages begin at \$39.95 a month for 5 megabits per seconds of residential service and range up to \$99.95 a month for 100 mbps. Business packages are also available. The cooperative is formulating a triple-play package of Internet, phone and television version. Details will be announced in the marketing packet. Klindt stressed the importance of subscribers signing up during the pre-sales period. “We build our construction maps based on those who have signed up,” he said. “If there’s an entire area that hasn’t signed up, we won’t build fiber to that area, and then it can be much more costly if members decide later they want to join.” Indeed, that has already occurred more than 60 times in the pilot project areas.

Subscribers who have signed up after construction trucks passed their location have paid as much as \$600 to have the fiber extended to their home or business. “When the trucks are passing by building the network, that’s the cheapest it will ever be. If we have to bring crews back and have them go out after the fact, it’s much more expensive,” Klindt said. Johnson said he’s confident the service will be a hit with Co-Mo members. “This is a tremendous opportunity for this area,” Johnson said. “We’ve seen the demand and are able to provide the service. This is just like the late 1930s when the demand was there for electricity and no one else would provide it. We’re happy to see history repeating itself.” Jun 26, 2012. *lakenewsonline.com*.

Verizon offers 4G at the lake

Verizon Wireless, owner of the nation's largest 4G Long Term Evolution (LTE) Network will bring its 4G LTE network to 46 new markets, including the Lake of the Ozarks area, on Thursday, **June 21**, enabling more customers in more of the United States to take advantage of 4G LTE speeds in their own towns. With the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network, customers can enjoy the best experience in wireless data usage when they stream video, share music and photos, download files and surf the Web with **speeds up to 10 times faster than before**.

On Thursday, the company's 4G LTE network will be available to customers in the following cities and towns:

• **Lake Ozark** • **Camdenton** • **Linn Creek** • **Sunrise Beach** • **Osage Beach** • **Laurie** • **Village of Four Seasons**

Jun 20, 2012. Joyce Miller. lakenewsonline.com.

Laurie establishes business development committee

The City of Laurie has established a business development committee to try to help bring more commerce to town.

In a letter to the board, Mayor Herb Keck stated that the city has the "complete infrastructure to attract business." He cited a Highway 5 average traffic count of around 10,000 vehicles per day, though the full time population is just 945 citizens. "It's time we establish a committee with the purpose of selling our city's features, advantages, attractions, and benefits to prospective businesses," Keck stated.

Former mayor and businessman Chuck Chorpening and local businessmen Mark Shellenberg and Dennis Devine were appointed to the committee. There may be other appointees later, according to Keck. "This committee will be more than "good-will ambassadors," they will be actively seeking and soliciting businesses to locate in our great little city," he said. Jun 27, 2012. Joyce Miller.

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A Brief History of...Bagnell Dam

Most St. Louisans probably don't know that Lake of the Ozarks, where they head for summertime fun, is the source of their electricity. Bagnell Dam was constructed to impound water from the Osage River to produce electric power for St. Louis and other parts of Missouri. The resulting lake is now a major tourist attraction in the middle of the state. Its shoreline is even longer than the Pacific coastline of California, measuring 1,100 miles. In the article "Seeing the Lake from End to End" in the November 1932 issue of Union Electric Magazine, G. V. Williamson said, "swimming in this clean, tideless, currentless water and under our warm Missouri sun must be tried to realize that surely nowhere could this sport be more fully enjoyed." And of course, he stated that "the Bagnell Dam is a convenient place to start a trip."

In 1912, Ralph W. Street of Kansas City pondered the idea of damming the Osage River. He worked with partner Walter Cravens and the Missouri Hydro-Electric Power Company to begin work on Bagnell Dam in 1924. Funding problems in 1926 brought work to a halt, however. Union Electric Light and Power Company of St. Louis (now known as Ameren UE) eventually picked up the project, recommencing work in 1929.

During the Depression, the 20,500 jobs created by the project were a boon to the area. Laborers worked 9 to 12 hours per day for 35 cents to a dollar per hour. Conversely, many lost their homes when 54,000 acres were cleared to make way for the lake. The dam's name comes from the city of Bagnell, which was itself named for railway builder William Bagnell, who platted the town in 1883. The dam is 148 feet tall and 2,543 feet long and boasts 12 floodgates. Six water-wheel turbines were installed, with two added in 1953. The dam was poured in 40-foot-wide blocks that are designed to slide in case of a breach. Thus, instead of a total collapse, only one or two sections would move back while the remainder of the dam would be undamaged.

The dam was finished in April 1931, and electric service began on December 24 of that year. Today Ameren uses the dam and Osage Power Plant to serve 39,000 electric customers. And scores of Missourians still head "down to the lake" every weekend in summer to enjoy the warm Missouri sun.

Missouri History Museum. Historyhappenshere.org