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News from around the Lake.....

Camden County DWI unit cracks down on impaired driving

A new unit will crack down on drunk driving this summer at Lake of the Ozarks. Camden County Sheriff's Office will be stepping up the fight against impaired driving after receiving a grant to fund a DWI enforcement unit. The grant increases the number of law enforcement officers that will concentrate on detecting and removing impaired drivers from Camden County roads.

"We're looking forward to enhancing our DWI enforcement this summer," said Sheriff Dwight Franklin. The Missouri Department of Transportation Highway Safety Division contracted with the Camden County Sheriff's Office to create the DWI enforcement unit, which consists of four deputies and four fully equipped DWI enforcement vehicles.

"We want people to have a good time at the Lake but we don't want you to drink and drive," said Sgt. Bill Moulder with the Camden County Sheriff's Office. "If you're going to get behind the wheel, remember we will be out there, so use a designated driver." *Continued page 2*

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Camden County Sheriff's Office will participate in the statewide impaired driving mobilization, May 5-9, for Cinco de Mayo. Statewide DWI enforcement campaigns are held five times throughout the year on dates selected by the Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Advisory Council (LETSAC) based on holidays with a large number of alcohol-involved social activities.

During the 2009 Cinco de Mayo impaired driving mobilization from May 1-3, law enforcement officers statewide issued 385 driving while intoxicated violations. In addition, citations were issued for 1,606 speeding tickets, 523 safety belt and 33 child restraint violations.

Camden County consistently ranks within the top counties with alcohol-involved crashes and fatalities. In 2009, 268 people were killed and 1,134 were seriously injured in Missouri traffic crashes involving an impaired driver. May 07, 2010 *Lakenewsonline*.

Statistics for 2007, 2008, 2009 for Camden County

Accidents involving alcohol

12 fatalities

90 personal injuries

115 cases of property damage

217 total accidents involving a drunken driver

75 percent of those accidents involved hitting a fixed object (tree, bridge, etc)

Top three months for DWI accidents

12.9 percent are reported in May

12.4 percent are reported in August

12.0 percent are reported in September

Days of the week most likely to happen

24.4 percent Saturday nights

21.7 percent Sunday

18.9 percent Friday

Wednesday is the least likely day of the week to be involved in an accident with a drunk driver

February is the least likely month to be involved in an accident involving a drunken driver

Sunday mornings from 7-10 a.m. are when officers find drivers with the highest levels of intoxication exceeding the legal limit of .08 blood alcohol content

Most common time for DWI accidents

10.7 percent between 1-2 a.m.

8.9 percent between 11 p.m. and midnight

8.9 percent between 7-8 p.m.

Former shortstop stops by lake

It was a dream come true for two Camdenton students who were able to meet Hall of Fame shortstop Ozzie Smith as he came off the golf course after a tournament on Tuesday.

The former professional baseball player met with Seth Tucker and Brogun Betta, members of the Laker traveling baseball team (11 and under) after playing a round of golf at The Oaks. Smith signed baseballs and jerseys giving the students a few words of advice. May 12, 2010. *lakenewsonline.com* Charis Patires, *Lake Sun Leader*.



Home Help: Transform your attic into a stylish bedroom

Home Improvements: Create the perfect attic bedroom

For many people, the attic is an oversized junk closet. However, homeowners forget that a finished attic can be usable living space.

Whether you're trying to increase the appeal of your home before selling or simply adapting to a growing family, a few simple steps can help create a livable, inviting bedroom in the attic.

1. Add natural light

Most attics do not have exiting windows or lighting. And it can be challenging to find lighting options for lower ceilings. Adding a skylight is a great solution to this problem. Skylights are generally easy to install, and provide a lot of natural, cost-free light. In the late evening and night, skylights won't offer as much light, so consider supplementing with track lights or recessed lights.

2. Be color conscious

Sloped ceilings and smaller square footage can make the room feel smaller than it actually is. Using a light or cool colored paint on the walls will help open up the room, and make it feel much larger than it is. Monochromatic color schemes of soft shades of blue or green can make an attic bedroom look larger, feel cleaner and evoke a relaxed environment.

3. Furniture that fits

When choosing furniture for an attic bedroom, focus on pieces that have clean lines and are not oversized. Ornate detailing will clutter the room, and oversized pieces like dressers or armoires will decrease open walking space and make the room feel very closed-in. Consider getting a bed that has storage space underneath.

4. For the floor

Generally, light colored wood flooring will provide the best aesthetics for making small spaces look larger. However, in an attic, footsteps on a wooden floor could be very distracting for the lower levels of the home. A good compromise is sturdy, short sheared carpeting. -- *ARA*

Did You Know ...

Sixty-five percent of potential homebuyers say the end of federal tax credits will have little to no effect on their interest in buying a home, according to a Prudential Real Estate survey. May 05, 2010. *Gatehouse News Service*

Buying a used boat? Avoid the paperwork pitfalls

In recreational boating today it's a buyers market and used boats represent great value.

"Finding your dreamboat is easy," said BoatU.S. Vice President of Boat Finance Charm Addington, who heads the association's Settlement Service. "It's harder, however, to walk away from a boat that pulls at your heart strings — but may have skeletons hiding in the closet such as a cloudy title or other issues.

"Transactions between private buyers and sellers are where we see the majority of potentially costly paperwork issues," she added.

By following these simple seven tips, boat buyers can avoid most of the paperwork pitfalls when buying a pre-owned vessel:

The Seven Paperwork Pitfalls to Avoid

1. Registration: It should be current. Also be aware that a boat that is not located in the state it is registered is one indicator that it may have tax issues that could haunt a new owner.

2. Title: The information on the title should match the registration. A title will also usually list any liens on the vessel, such as a bank loan that will need to be paid off in order to transfer the title. It's important to include a statement in the purchase agreement that requires the seller to pay off the loan within a very limited amount of time after the sale. Any other liens should be cleared up by the seller before any sale occurs.

3. Hull Trace the HIN: Take a pencil and paper to get a rubbing of the boat's 12-character serial number known as the HIN (hull identification number) and ensure it matches registration and title. If it does not, the seller should correct the problem.

4. Taxes: It's advisable to get a statement from the buyer stating that any state or local taxes on the vessel have been paid. This can also be easily included in the purchase agreement. *Continued page 4.*

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5. Purchase Agreement: It's smart — and a widely acceptable practice — to include contingencies for the buyer such as securing financing and receiving an acceptable survey and sea trial.

6. Bill of Sale: Prepare this document with the seller's name as it appears exactly on the title and registration.

7. Payment: A cashier's check is the best way to consummate the deal, but the name on the check must match the name on the title and registration.

The BoatU.S. Settlement Service gives buyers and sellers the information and guidance they need so there are no surprises at closing. It coordinates transactions between buyer, seller, or the bank and can be especially helpful when there is no broker or dealer involved.

Services include purchase agreement forms, lien searches, confirming and handling loan payoffs, as well as verification and transfers of ownership. For more information on BoatU.S. Settlement Services, Documentation Services and boat loans, go to www.BoatUS.com/boatloans. May 06, 2010. *Lakenewsonline.com*

Day 8: Second time around in Linn Creek Cove

WaterBlogged is your daily splash of the Fit & Fun Challenge. Follow Lake Media Publisher John Tucker as he documents a month of swimming in the lake's waters as a testament to Lake of the Ozarks' water quality. Along the way - and with the support of other community members participating in the Fit & Fun Challenge - Tucker provides tips on water safety and fitness.

I swam in Linn Creek Cove this morning and I have to say I'm starting to really enjoy that cove. It was the second time I've swam there and each time has been "warmish." And while I don't think I'm getting any faster, I am completing the workout without feeling completely wiped out.

We had kayakers out with us again on Wednesday (Jade and Kevin Sellers and Tamara McClain). While the water is always pretty quiet on a weekday morning and there is little boat traffic, it's always nice to have a kayaker around. That way you can concentrate completely on the swim.

Other than on a beach front for fun, I've never kayaked. But in talking to Kevin today, I found out that there are quite a few people who consider this their hobby. Kevin is on the lake 5 to 7 days a week. If you see him in person, you know that he's in great shape. He contributes much of his fitness to his kayaking regimen.

Because I've never kayaked I never considered it in this way, but Kevin actually enjoys the wakes that the boats leave behind. It makes it more interesting for him. He likes the challenge and ride that he gets from the waves generated from boats driving by him but he also enjoys the serenity and scenery of the lake when there is no one out there but him.

Kevin and his wife Jade have been a great help during this challenge. Their enthusiasm for the lake and kayaking is contagious and you can't help but get excited about being in the lake – even if it is freezing. Kevin and Jade also bring a little inspiration through their dog Buster. They bring him along during each paddle/swim and you can't help but smile when you look up after laboring through the water to see a little dog with a funny face on a kayak in the middle of the lake.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

May - June 2010

Oma & Noma Days	May 15-16	Lake Ozark, MO (The Strip)	www.omanomadays.org
Life Walk for Cancer	May 15	Lake Ozark, MO	573-873-2219
Memorial Day Fireworks at the LAKE	May 28—31	Lake of the Ozarks, MO	800-FUNLAKE
Shady Gators Miss Planet Beach Model Search Saturdays	May 29—Aug 28	Four Seasons, MO	573-365-6464
Bartender's Ball Fundraiser for Saving Ava & Cystic Fibrosis	May 25	Sunrise Beach, MO	573-348-5852
175th Celebration town of Versailles	May 28-30	Versailles, MO	573-378-4634
Memorial Day Fireworks at The Lodge of Four Seasons	May 30	Four Seasons, MO	573-365-3000
Black & White Party @ Seven Springs Winery	Jun 5	Linn Creek, MO	573-317-0100
HK Golf Tournament	Jun 6	Four Seasons, MO	573-365-3000
Crossover Christian Music	Jun 11-12	Camdenton, MO	800-393-2393
Canine Cannonball	Jun 11—13	Osage Beach, MO	573-348-9797
Osage River Pow Wow	Jun 18—20	Eldon, MO	573-369-2710
ATA Registered Shoot at Mo Trapshooters	Jun 19	Linn Creek, MO	573-346-2449
LAKE AREA COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA PERFORMANCE	Jun 22	Laurie, MO	573-782-2803
Rockin BBQ in Eldon	Jun 25-26	Eldon, MO	573-392-3752

3G service headed to Osage Beach

Techies in the Osage Beach area will soon rejoice as 3G technology becomes available from three communications towers in the city limits. AT&T received permission from the Osage Beach Planning and Zoning Commission and Board of Aldermen to modify its special use permit and add 3G transmitters to its towers.

“They’ve already got their building permits to go ahead and put the new antennas up on their three locations, so as far as we know, right now they are preparing to put those antennas up,” Osage Beach City Planner Cary Patterson said. The technology allows simultaneous use of speed and data services and higher data rates than earlier cellular technology. A 3G system can offer downloads of up to 14.0 megabits per second. In layman’s terms, users of 3G phones can do more in a shorter span of time.

Under a contract with the city of Osage Beach, consultants from the Center for Municipal Solutions reviewed AT&T’s request to modify its tower use agreement. Patterson says the city defers to consultants on, “everything that has to do with a communications tower—everything. Anything that goes, basically 60 feet and up, we let them handle it.”

Patterson says the Center for Municipal Solutions conducted a thorough review of the request, one of the simplest the consultants have tackled for Osage Beach since the city entered into a contract with the company. “They’ve been doing it for a long time and quite candidly, it’s just a situation where cell towers and communication towers are a hot enough topic. Why not let someone that deals with that on a day-to-day basis in numerous communities and counties deal with that for you?” Patterson explained.

The towers that will soon offer 3G service are located on a water tower on Passover Road, at the Osage Beach Fire Protection District headquarters on Bluff Drive, and on a radio tower at KRMS radio on Highway 54 near Nichols Road. May 7, 2010.

Lakewestonline.com , Rance Burger.

Take a hike while the water is still cold

With water temperatures still chilly, it's a little nerve-racking to imagine taking a swim in the lake as a form of exercise and a chance to get outdoors.

This is where the state's largest parks come into play.

Armed with just a pair of tennis shoes, anyone can enjoy the scenic surroundings of Lake of the Ozarks by heading out on one of dozens of trails that wind their way through the landscape.

Ha Ha Tonka State Park

Located Camdenton

Acreage 3,710

Why we love it

This park offers a little bit of everything with a main theme of adventure!

Roam through castle ruins, dark caves, sinkholes and across a huge natural bridge.

On a separate trail, a 250-foot bluff offers one of the best public views of Lake of the Ozarks while the serious athletes (or those looking for a calorie-burning workout!) will head straight for the Ha Ha Tonka Spring and start climbing the stairs.

Our favorite trails

Turkey Pen Hollow Trail - 7 miles

While long and of rough terrain, the Turkey Pen Hollow Trail does allow backpack camping throughout for those needing to rest. Our favorite feature is that it winds its way through the Ha Ha Tonka Oak Woodland Natural Area, a savanna right in the middle of the state park.

Dolomite Rock Trail - 2 miles

This trail has a brochure to help you point out all the interesting aspects of the state park, from geological features to native plants and animals.

While moderate terrain, this trail can be broken up in half-mile sections.



Lake of the Ozarks State Park

Located Osage Beach/Camden & Miller Counties

Acreage 17,627

Why we love it

The Lake of the Ozarks State Park, literally, offers something for everyone. Hikers, backpackers, equestrians and bicyclists all make use of the 12 trails while other visitors line up to take a tour of the Ozark Caverns and the majestic Angels' Showers within. For those wishing to use more of their arms than their feet, the park has numerous accesses to fishing docks and boat ramps, even a marina.

Our favorite trails

Rocky Top Trail - 3 miles

Beginning at the Grand Glaize Beach recreation area, this figure-8 trail carries you through two entirely different landscapes.

But, be forewarned!

Especially heavy rains make this an especially muddy and treacherous trail!

The first loop is through a savanna and along dry woodland slopes before coming back out at the back of a lake cove.

Those who continue onto the second loop find themselves on top of a towering bluff overlooking the mouth of Party Cove before the trail makes its way back to the recreation area.

Coakley Hollow Trail - 1 mile

Self-guided booklets for this interpretive trail are available at the Ozark Caverns visitor center and trailhead.

This moderate trail winds its way through the Coakley Hollow Fen, a swampy, spring-fed meadow. A dam and mill site are also features on the trail. April 29, 2010. Deanna Wheeler lakenewsonline.com