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News from around the Lake.....

Project tracker: Rt. 242 will open ahead of schedule

The details

Eleven months ago, Bloomsdale Excavating Company, Inc., made a promise to complete the two-mile Horseshoe Bend Parkway extension in less than a year. It will be 10 months and 26 days, or 330 days, between the ribbon-cutting ceremony announcing the Route 242 project and the ribbon-cutting ceremony officially ending it next week. Rt. 242, also known as Horseshoe Bend Parkway Extension, will connect Horseshoe Bend Parkway and the Lake of the Ozarks Community Bridge to the new Highway 54. It will opening up more than a thousand acres of wooded, landlocked ground for development in Lake Ozark.

The two-mile, four-lane divided roadway includes curb and gutter drainage and an eight-foot sidewalk on the north side of the roadway. The Horseshoe Bend Development Group originally announced the project's plans more than five years ago, in 2007. However, with a lack of funding, construction failed to start. When bids returned in December 2010, the lowest was \$8.3 million, nearly \$4 million lower than expected. Development of the interior district is predicted to bring more than 10,000 permanent jobs to the area. *Continued on page 2*

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The progress

Construction started: Jan. 18, 2011

Contractor: Bloomsdale Excavating Company, Inc.

With the promise of economic growth and job creation for the entire Lake of the Ozarks area, Gov. Jay Nixon announced in June 2010 the \$12 million-estimated project received a \$4 million Community Development Block Grant. The rest of the funding was secured through the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission through the state's Highway Fund. MoDOT will join state and local officials to celebrate the end of construction with a ribbon cutting. The event is open to the public and will be held rain or shine in the westbound lanes of the new Route 242.

COST \$8.3 million **Completion date Dec. 13, 2011** Dec 4, 2011. Dan Field. *Lakenewsonline.com*

Horseshoe Bend will see money for road repairs

Money is on its way to Horseshoe Bend to help with maintenance of the roads. On Tuesday, Camden County commissioners approved writing a check to the Horseshoe Bend Special Road District for a little more than \$308,700. The money is the special road district's portion of yearly CART funds, or County Aid Road Trust funds.

The amount the special road district received this year was determined by a specific formula the state developed to distribute motor vehicle sales tax, gas tax and motor vehicle fees back to counties for road maintenance. Commissioners said they use the same formula, but magnified for Camden County, when redistributing a portion of the funds to the Horseshoe Bend Special Road District. The formula looked at the miles of roadway on Horseshoe Bend and subtracted the roads within the Village of Four Seasons' boundaries and the city of Lake Ozark.

Camden County, as a whole, is expected to take in more than \$2.6 million in CART funds this year to maintain the roadways in the county. Missouri's total state fuel tax is 17 cents per gallon. Nov 10, 2011. Deanna Wheeler. *Lakenewsonline.com*

2 powerboat racers honored after Key West crash

Offshore powerboat racers honored two Missouri comrades who lost their lives during the first of three race days at the Key West World Championship.

About 200 racers, officials and supporters gathered under a large tent in the dry pits Thursday to remember 74-year-old Robert M. Morgan of Sunrise Beach, Mo., and 47-year-old Jeffrey Tillman of Kaiser, Mo. They died Wednesday when their 46-foot catamaran Big Thunder Marine violently crashed during a race inside Key West Harbor.

Team members wearing Big Thunder shirts sat near Morgan's widow, Sue. She clutched a large bouquet of flowers during the memorial. ... Nov 10, 2011. Associated Press. *Lakenewsonline.com*

Bull, Scism win Key West championship

In a weekend marred by accidents and the deaths of racers from Sunrise Beach, a driver and boat owner from the Lake of the Ozarks took top honors at the 31st Annual Key West World Championship of offshore powerboat racing. CMS Mechanical took first place overall in the superheat unlimited class with Macks Creek native Bob Bull on the steering wheel.

Bull, along with MTI boat manufacturer Randy Scism, won the Wednesday and Friday races and placed third on Sunday to collect 905 points in the event.

Their average pace of 111.29 mph was fast enough to edge second-place Maritimo by 27.5 points.

Bull and Scism drove with heavy hearts just days after two racers in their division died in a crash on the opening day of the Key West Worlds. Bob Morgan and J.T. Tillman, both of Sunrise Beach, died after their four-engine Skater from Big Thunder Marine suddenly flipped backwards on the fourth lap of their seven lap race.

A throttleman in the Superboat 850 class died Friday at Key West as a result of injuries he sustained in a racing accident. Veteran racer Joey Gratton was killed when his 28-foot Skater rolled on an offshore turn on the 6.5 mile course.

Following three fatalities in two days of racing, Bull and Scism opted for a conservative setup on the CMS Mechanical MTI that favored control over top speed. The result was a third-place finish in the Sunday main event that was enough to hold on for the overall win. Nov 15, 2011. Rance Burger. *Lakenewsonline.com*

FERC Sets Record Straight on Shoreline Plan at Lake of the Ozarks

The following is an email from FERC to the Bagnell Dam Association of REALTORS®

November 10, 2011

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) today provided certainty for citizens at Lake of the Ozarks in Missouri by setting the record straight that FERC has not required shoreline homes and structures with valid deeds, permits and easements to be removed. The Lake of the Ozarks reservoir is part of the Osage Hydroelectric Project, licensed to Ameren UE.

"I am confident that today's decision will bring clarity to residents along the shoreline of the Lake of the Ozarks," FERC Chairman Jon Wellinghoff said. "I expect Ameren to move quickly to comply with the Commission order. This will resolve all outstanding issues associated with its shoreline management plan and bring this matter to a swift and satisfactory resolution."

FERC's prior order on this case, issued July 26, 2011, was misinterpreted to mean that the Commission would order all privately owned structures built within the boundaries of the Osage project to be removed. Ameren is responsible for managing the shoreline, which includes ensuring that structures within the project boundary around the Lake of the Ozarks are built with the proper authorizations.

Today's order states:

- Whatever property rights that owners have in lands within the boundaries of the Osage Project, whether conferred by deed, lease, easement or other conveyance, have not been and will not be altered by FERC's actions today. Nothing in this order affects any previously issued valid permit authorizing a non-project use of project lands or waters.
- For structures without valid deeds, permits or easements, Ameren must determine whether they interfere with the Osage project. If they do, Ameren must take some action, such as redrawing the boundaries of the project, so those structures no longer are sitting on project lands. This would put them outside of the project boundaries and therefore outside of FERC jurisdiction.
- If any structure does interfere with the operation of the Osage project, Ameren and the structure owner must find a solution that satisfies both sides. Ameren itself has stated that after the project boundary is revised, it expects the majority of structures will no longer be considered nonconforming.

FERC established these requirements in the context of directing Ameren to change its shoreline management plan for the Osage project. Ameren must file with the Commission its plan to modify the project boundary by June 1, 2012.

Fact Sheet/FAQs - <http://www.ferc.gov/media/news-releases/2011/2011-4/11-10-11-factsheet.asp>

Overview - <http://www.ferc.gov/media/news-releases/2011/2011-4/11-10-11-osage-overview.pdf>

Decision - <http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/Files/20111110090759-P-459-310a1.pdf>

Camden County to pursue shoreline management

By a show of hands at a recent town hall meeting, Camden County is going to pursue its claim to regulating the Lake of the Ozarks' shoreline that falls within the Lakewide Planning District. If successful, Camden County will also lend its voice to regulating structures along Lake of the Ozarks.

Camden County Presiding Commissioner Kris Franken said the move will level the playing field between government agencies and force the entities to sit down at the same table together to hash out their differences over regulating structures along the shoreline. Franken described it as "coordination" and a "very powerful tool". "Any process that can bring a federal agency to the table with equal rights with a local entity is definitely a powerful tool," he said in an email.

Coordination would mean that Camden County is throwing its hat into the dispute between Ameren Missouri and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to resolve the issue of encroachments with Ameren Missouri's project boundaries around Lake of the Ozarks.

Franken described the move last weekend at a town hall meeting that brought representatives from the hydroelectric company and property owners together. He explained the county garners the power through the voter-approved lakewide planning district and Missouri State Statute Chapter 64. *Continued on page 4.*

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He asked those in attendance to raise their hands if they were in favor of the county pursuing their enforcement rights, which the vast majority in the audience did.

Franken said taking on the additional responsibility of managing the shoreline will not be any additional burden, except for minor costs of postage and posting public meeting notices. Which, he noted, he felt was an important part in the process. Franken said he did not attend any of the public shoreline planning meetings before he took office because he was not aware of any meetings.

The county, he said, was contacted during the 2006 IMZ issue, but not during this round for the SMP.

Camden County approved its master plan in 2011. Nov 25, 2011. Deanna Wheeler.lakewebonline.com

Ameren gets aggressive

Ameren Missouri has fast-tracked an aggressive proposal for redefining the boundaries of Lake of the Ozarks, saving more than 1,000 homes from future boundary disputes.

On Thursday, Ameren Missouri officials announced a timeline for submitting their proposal to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to resolve the issue of encroachments with the Project Boundary at the Lake of Ozarks. Ameren Missouri will submit its proposal in the first quarter of 2012, well in advance of FERC's June 2012 deadline.

The news comes just days before a town hall meeting scheduled for Saturday in Camdenton at the middle school. "We understand the heightened concerns of the affected property owners and others regarding this issue and are taking, what we believe to be, necessary steps to expedite submitting a proposal to FERC," says Jeff Green, Shoreline Supervisor. "Once we finalize our proposal draft, the next step is to allow stakeholders the required 30-days to provide input. We will then incorporate input received from stakeholders and finalize the proposal for filing with FERC. FERC will have an unspecified time to review the proposal."

Ameren Missouri is strongly considering a proposal to lower the project Boundary to an elevation of 662 feet with additional revisions for those existing residential dwellings below the 662 elevation. Based on information gathered in recent years, and presented within the framework of the recent FERC order, Ameren Missouri believes it can provide the necessary information to FERC in support of this project boundary change. The new FERC order clarified the agency's position regarding structures within the project boundary – an elevation-based, strip of land surrounding the lake's shoreline. FERC's recent order came in response to a petition filed by Ameren Missouri Aug. 26, seeking reconsideration of certain parts of FERC's July 26 order and provides Ameren with the tools to proceed.

Joe Roeger, a lake area title agent and legislative chairman of the Lake Area Chamber of Commerce said the creation of a uniform project is a solution that would eliminate the confusion and anxiety of property owners at the lake and greatly restore the public's confidence in the marketability of title of shoreline real estate. Once fully implemented by Ameren it would do much to resolve title issues along the shoreline at the Lake of the Ozarks. Ameren's move puts the issue back in FERC's hands.

The history

The development of the SMP began in 2001. After five years of development and collaboration with state and federal agencies, AmerenUE presented the first final draft to the public. After drawing fire from landowners who said the document was too restrictive the plan was withdrawn and went back to AmerenUE to be revised.

Throughout 2006 and 2007, AmerenUE worked with the various agencies and a consultant to draft the second plan.

In late 2007 AmerenUE took public comment on the plan.

In March 2008 after making adjustments, the plan was submitted to FERC for approval.

In June of 2009, after more than a year under review and an environmental assessment study, FERC posted AmerenUE's SMP for Lake of the Ozarks for public comment.

A final order was issued in July of 2011. FERC has since granted a rehearing request.

Nov 17, 2011. Lakewebonline.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION	CONTACT INFO
Christmas Craft Market	Dec 18 - 19	Linn Creek, MO	573-346-7191
Enchanted Village of Lights Laurie	To Jan 1	Laurie, MO	573-374-8776
Deck your Dock help raise money for Dogwood Animal Shelter	Nov 25 to Dec 31	Laurie, MO	573-374-7855
St Patrick's Festival of Lights	Nov 25 to Dec 31	Laurie, MO	573-374-7855
Versailles Unity Circle of Lights	Nov 26 to Dec 31	Versailles, MO	800-386-5253
St Patrick's Festival of Lights	Nov 25 to Dec 31	Laurie, MO	573-374-7855
Lake Ozark 27th Annual Christmas Parade	Dec 10	Lake Ozark, MO	573-964-1008
Blues Brothers Christmas Gig at Capt Ron's	Dec 17	Sunrise Beach, MO	573-374-5852
So something different.: A lake Cruise	Dec 31	Osage Beach, MO	573-480-3212
6th Annual New Years Eve Party at Captain Rons	Dec 31	Sunrise Beach, MO	573-374-5852
L.O Profile Launch Social Local Restaurants and Bars	Jan 3	TBA Lake of the Ozarks	573-365-2288
Eagle Days Osage National Golf Club & Wilmore Lodge	Jan 7 - 8	Lake Ozark, MO	573-964-1008
Silver Cup Chef's Challenge Seven Springs Winery	Jan 14 - Mar 3	Linn Creek , MO	573-317-0100
Superbowl Party at Captain Rons	Feb 5	Sunrise Beach, MO	573-374-5852

Deck the Docks' lights up the lake for Dogwood Animal Shelter

Dock Realty is excited to announce that they are hosting the lake's first annual dock lighting contest called "Deck the Docks" to benefit the Dogwood Animal Shelter. Dogwood animal shelter is a non-profit, "NO-KILL" refuge for the homeless domesticated animals in the Lake of the Ozarks area. Their facility houses 200 of our furry friends that are waiting for that loving family to adopt them.

Community participation is crucial to make this a successful event so gather your friends and co-workers to join us on one of the five Friday night cruises. The cruises begin on Nov. 25 and run every Friday evening until Dec. 23. The cruise is 2 hours long and we will be viewing the lighted docks between the 13 and 21 miles markers.

We are asking homeowner's to take their holiday lighting one step further and decorate their docks. You will need to register your dock if you want to be considered in the judging of this new and exciting contest. If you do not want to be considered for judging, that's okay, just please still decorate your dock for all to enjoy. More local businesses are needed to be involved! Sponsorship packages are available.

Please contact Julz at Dock Realty to enter your dock, become a sponsor, to make a prize donation for the contest, or to simply make a monetary donation to the shelter. Email: julz@dockrealty.com, call 573-374-8849. Don't forget to ask for contact names and numbers for those companies that can help you create the perfect display for your dock. Nov 19, 2011. lakenewsonline.com

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FOR THE NEW YEAR.

Construction of broadband network on schedule

Construction of the Co-Mo Connect broadband service is on schedule, as crews begin to hang the fiber that will carry the fast-as-light communications network. Crews from Georgia-based Atlantic Engineering Group began the fiber-hanging process, called lashing, on Nov. 1 in the northern pilot project area, extending from the cooperative's Tipton headquarters west toward Syracuse. Two pilot project areas were selected by Co-Mo Electric to test whether it is feasible to build the service to the entire cooperative service territory.

The southern pilot project area is in the Laurie/Sunrise Beach area. The network will bring some of the fastest broadband speeds in the region and in some cases provide for the first time an alternative to antiquated dial-up connections. It will also provide the foundation for the cooperative to enhance its smart-grid technology and improve the efficiency of its electric distribution system. "Things are on schedule," said Co-Mo Connect Project manager Randy Klindt. "We've had favorable weather, and the Atlantic Engineering crews are hard-working guys."

Ken Johnson, Co-Mo Electric Cooperative general manager and president of the Co-Mo Comm communications subsidiary, said he's excited about the network — for the cooperative and for its members. "This network has the potential to allow us to step into the future with smart-grid technology to help deliver electricity more efficiently. The excess capacity can easily be used for an amazing Internet network for our members. It's a win-win," he said.

The process of hanging the fiber began this week as crews from Atlantic Engineering fanned out over both pilot project areas. Atlantic Engineering was selected to do the fiber-network construction based on its success in doing similar projects near and far. The company is finishing up building a similar network at nearby Ralls County Electric Cooperative. Mike Bubulka is the project manager for Atlantic and will be working out of Co-Mo's Tipton headquarters until the work is finished. He said construction is on target to be completed by the end of the year. Klindt said the company will begin bringing subscribers online as the construction progresses.

"We're still looking at having the first subscribers online in early December," Klindt said. While work is continuing to complete the pilot projects, the initial subscribers will not be billed for their service, Klindt said. "There will be times as we finish up construction that we'll have to take the network down for short periods of time, and the speed may fluctuate as we make adjustments. Because of that, we're not going to start charging our subscribers for the service until we certify that the network is complete," Klindt said. This beta testing phase could last around two months after the first subscribers come online, Klindt estimated.

The two pilot project areas were chosen based on their proximity to Co-Mo's two offices and their makeup that was representative of the entire cooperative service territory. The first criterion is helping keep costs down for the pilot project, and the second is allowing the cooperative to take the data it gets from this initial venture and project it over the entire service territory to determine if it is wise to proceed building the network for all Co-Mo members.

So far, construction costs have been in line with projections. Co-Mo began exploring building a fiber-to-the-home network in 2009 after numerous requests from its members. The cooperative attempted to secure funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, but its grant application was not approved. During the grant process, the cooperative received hundreds of letters from its members talking about the need for better Internet communication for things such as remote education and at-home business opportunities. In the wake of that grant process, the cooperative's board of directors approved a plan to explore building the network without government assistance.

Board members authorized the cooperative to proceed with a presales model that sought to test the interest for the service in the pilot project areas. Only if a minimum threshold of subscribers joined would the network be built. With the help of members who went door-to-door to talk to their neighbors and the assistance of two local banks that offered to pay all or a portion of the installation fee for subscribers, that threshold was easily surpassed. Now the pilot project aims to test the belief that the network can be built to all Co-Mo members without negatively affecting electricity rates.

"That's been the key since we started this project," Johnson said. "Co-Mo Connect will not negatively affect electricity rates." Johnson said he looks at the project's potential as a game-changer for this part of Central Missouri. "If we do build this network to the entire service territory, this area will have a huge economic development advantage going forward, and our people will have an even bigger tool for quality-of-life enhancements such as education, medicine, business and even just communicating with grandchildren," he said.

Nov 8, 2011. lakenewsonline.com