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## MEETINGS & MORE

### Best of the Lake opens Monday; cast your vote

Lake Lifestyles magazine's 2024 Best of the Lake competition begins Jan. 22.

These awards celebrate and recognize the best of the Lake of the Ozarks has to offer.

Nominations will be accepted between Jan. 22-Feb. 5 as the first part of the competition. The top five nominated and voted for in each category will advance to the final voting round. Final voting round starts Feb. 19.

Those business that make it through the nomination process will also be featured on a Best of the Lake Guru website. More information on the Guru website will be available as the contest progresses.

The final round of voting takes place from Feb. 19-March 4. Once the survey closes, the top two in each category will be contacted. First- and second-place winners will be listed in the May/June issue of Lake Lifestyles magazine.

You must register to vote. Only one vote allowed per day. Minimum of five votes must be cast.

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## BIRTHDAYS TO REMEMBER

Janis Joplin, 1943  
Dolly Parton, 1946  
Mac Miller, 1992

## TODAY IN HISTORY

Jan. 19, 1809  
Poet, author and literary critic Edgar Allan Poe is born in Boston, Mass.

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We must be willing to let go of the life we have planned, so as to have the life that is waiting for us."  
- E. M. Forster

## Lake Area



**Lt. Col. John "Karl" Marks, an Air Force Reserve pilot assigned to the 442d Fighter Wing, Whiteman Air Force Base, in his A-10 Thunderbolt.** PHOTO PROVIDED

## Legendary A-10 pilot to share experiences

One of the U.S. Air Force's legendary fighter pilots will present background and the mission of his aircraft, the legendary A-10 Thunderbolt II, and his own personal combat experiences in this aircraft.

The Lake Ozark Daybreak Rotary, with the support of Treetop Village, organized this unique public presentation for 5:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, at the Encore Lakeside Grill & Sky Bar in Lake Ozark.

The public is invited to attend.

Lt. Col. John "Karl" Marks,

an Air Force Reserve pilot assigned to the 442d Fighter Wing, Whiteman Air Force Base, made history on Sept. 1, 2021, when he became the only pilot to reach 7,000 hours in the A-10C Thunderbolt.

His resume includes 13 combat deployments in multiple theaters of operation including Desert Storm, the Iraqi invasion and six deployments to Afghanistan. He's known for destroying 23 Iraqi tanks in one day in

A-10 THUNDERBOLT

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## Lake Ozark

# City to start repair of Bagnell Dam Blvd.

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At their Jan. 9 meeting, aldermen approved the first reading of a contract with Capital Paving and Construction LLC for milling, paving and then striping the driving lanes and shoulders of Bagnell Dam Boulevard from the Route MM overpass next to J.B. Hook's to the Miller County line at School Road.

The second reading is set to be held at the Jan. 23 meeting. The board approved a resolution to accept Capital Paving's bid of \$594,952 in December.

Pavement milling is the process of removing a portion of the surface of a paved area. The machine used to do the milling has rows of carbide cutting teeth on a cutting drum that rotates across the pavement's surface and digs up and grinds the asphalt as it goes. The teeth can remove anywhere from just enough thickness to level and smooth the surface to the full depth of the asphalt. The milled material is then collected by a conveyor belt and deposited into a waiting truck for disposal or recycling at the asphalt plant.

Lake Ozark Public Works Director Matt Michalik said

Aldermen approved the first reading of a contract with Capital Paving and Construction LLC for milling, paving and then striping the portion of Bagnell Dam Boulevard from the Rt. MM overpass next to J.B. Hook's to the Miller County line at School Road.

while they don't yet have a start date for the project, it probably won't get underway until April 15. Regardless of the start date, work won't be done from April 29 through May 6 - the week of the car show.

"The asphalt plant won't be fired up until the first week in April - but that's obviously weather contingent. The whole thing will probably take only about a week and it will probably be a night project when traffic isn't so bad," he said. "During the project, the traffic signal at HH will be on red flash because when they mill out that section of the road, they'll mill out the detection loops. After the asphalt goes down, new detection loops will be put in."

City Administrator Harrison Fry said that, according to the contract, once Capital Paving begins work they will have a 30-day window - not count-

ing bad weather days that may occur throughout that period - to complete the project. If the work is not completed in 30 days, Capital Paving will pay the city damages of \$1,000 per day for every day that passes until the work is completed.

At the meeting, Fry told aldermen that the city has contracted with Capital Paving on other projects and has been happy with their work.

At the Jan. 9 meeting aldermen also approved a resolution accepting a contract with Alpha Engineering and Surveying LLC to develop a construction bid packet for the installation of cape seal from Bagnell Dam to School Road, a stretch of 3,300 feet, and to provide a boundary survey for both sides of Bagnell Dam Boulevard in that area. The bid also includes re-establishing monument markers, as needed.

"We had a survey done in 2015 on one side of the Strip but we don't have a survey for the entire area. We need that because it's important to get the road treatment in the correct place, but moving forward we also want to make sure that we are maintaining and con-

ROAD WORK

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## Camden County

# Are some books too graphic and explicit?

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The Camden County Library District Board of Trustees has a big decision to make: should books considered by some that contain pornographic material be allowed to stay in the children's library?

The issue was first brought before the CCLD board at its Dec. 15 board meeting when citizens raised concerns about more than 20 books some say are age-inappropriate that were discovered in the children's library. The books allegedly contain sexually explicit concepts and images.

According to library poli-

cy, any minor 17 years of age and under that has a parent/guardian-approved library card can have access to all library materials physical and digital.

The Missouri Secretary of States office enacted a rule on Tuesday, May 30, 2023, (Library Certification Requirement for the Protection of Minors) that requires libraries to adopt written policies determining what materials are age appropriate. Libraries also are required to honor a parent's decision as to what material their child has access to in the library.

Concerned citizens and officials filled the CCLD board

meeting to capacity Jan. 12 CCLD board meeting.

CCLD Board President Vicky Simbro started the meeting asking attendees to sign in and state their concerns as well as their solutions to the children's library issue. The board extended the usual three-minute citizen comment allowance to five minutes.

"The board will not participate in any discussion today," Simbro informed the crowd. "We will take it all into consideration. The board and the new library director will get together and if we have to have another meeting, we will let you know."

Simbro told the crowd the

issue at hand was the reconciliation of materials in the library. She said she had reviewed some of the books that were said to be inappropriate for children of a young age.

"I have taken them off the shelf for now," Simbro said. "Until we hear from the community to get your ideas...they will not be put back until this matter comes to a conclusion." Citizens can go into the library to review the books in question.

### Possible solutions

After approximately 1.5 hours of public comment, BOOK ISSUES

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# Cardiovascular Screening

7:30-10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 17 • Lake Regional Hospital, Third Floor Conference Rooms

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## Obituary

### Cliff Harris, 63

Cliff Harris, age 63, of Warrensburg, passed away Monday, January 8, 2024, at his home.

Memorial services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 20 at Northside Christian Church with Pastor Sid Tiller officiating.

A celebration of life will follow at Milestones Barn from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Johnson County Cancer Foundation in care of Sweeney-Phillips & Holden Funeral Home.



Cliff Harris

## Lake Area

### Compass Health to help count homeless in area

The Point in Time Count is an initiative to count the homeless population throughout the 101 counties of the Missouri Balance of State Continuum of Care. The homeless population census will assess the number of homeless individuals and families following regulations set forth by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the night of Jan. 24.

HUD requires the count occur biennially during the winter to gauge progress towards national goals of reducing and ending homelessness. In addition to the biennial count required by HUD, the Missouri Balance of State Continuum of Care conducts an annual count to better track trends and needs of individuals and

families experiencing homelessness.

Each county's leader is responsible for ensuring volunteers record unsheltered survey results in a secure, web-based platform, and the Lead Agency of the Missouri Balance of State Continuum of Care then submits the data to HUD. Sheltered survey information is reported to the Institute for Community Alliances.

For 2024, Alizebeth Wright, Compass Health Network will be leading the count for Camden County. To complete the point-in-time count, county leaders need community volunteers to help complete surveys. If you are interested in volunteering, call 660-207-7209.

## Lake Area

### Wind chill advisory for area counties

Miller County Emergency Management Service has issued a wind chill advisory until 12 noon Saturday for counties in the Lake area.

The Wind Chill Advisory will be in effect until noon Saturday. Very cold wind chills expected. Wind chills as low as 15 below zero.

Exposed skin may become quickly frostbitten or frozen. The cold wind chills could result in hypothermia if precau-

tions are not taken.

Affected areas include Miller, Morgan, Camden, Benton, Pulaski and other mid-Missouri counties.

The public is urged to use caution while traveling outside. Wear layered clothing, a hat and gloves. Make frequent checks on older family, friends and neighbors. Ensure portable heaters are used correctly. Do not use generators or grills inside.

## Lake Area

### Empowering women is theme of "#Elevate" event

The Camden County Council of the University of Missouri Extension, in partnership with the Camden County Commission, recently announced a new educational event exclusively for women ages 18 and over.

#Elevate: An Empowering Experience for Women is a free, one-day event featuring concurrent educational sessions, health screenings, an inspiring lunch and learn and an exhibit hall with vendors and services specifically for women.

It is scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday, March 2, inside Campana Exhibit Hall at The Lodge of Four Seasons in Lake Ozark.

#Elevate includes a keynote kick-off featuring St. Louis author and leader Jennifer K. Bardot, MA, MS, on "Owning Your G.R.I.T."

Bardot is a five-time internationally best-selling author, a recipient of the St. Louis 100 Titans of Industry and Founder of the G.R.I.T. Community, a free women's leadership association with 1,000-plus members. The kick-off is a relaxed, inspirational and interactive workshop in which attendees will learn techniques to develop their unique growth and lasting resilience and create an action plan to encourage greater focus on their growth, resilience, intention and tenacity.

Before the Keynote Kick-Off happens, the day begins with a free beginning yoga gathering from 7:45 a.m. until 8:45 a.m. in the Eagle's Peak at The Lodge of Four Seasons. The Eagle's Peak is located in The Lodge's Seasons Bay complex and features a wall of windows with a breathtaking view of Lake

Ozark's main channel.

At 10 a.m., The Jennings Group, led by Becki Jennings, will present "Financial Solutions: Designed by Women for Women."

Beginning at 11 a.m., two concurrent educational sessions will follow. Those sessions highlight building credit as an asset, presented by experts from New Growth Women's Business Center, and a presentation on taking care of yourself, managing stress and creating a more balanced life with MU Extension human development specialist Kyleigh Brown.

The event is highlighted by a lunch and learn at 12:15 p.m. featuring the Real Colors program presented by certified instructors. It is perfect for individuals and organizations seeking to improve their understanding of themselves and others. Individual tickets and tables of eight are still available.

The educational session portion of #Elevate is capped off by an expert panel discussion on women and wellness at 1:45 p.m. moderated by Dr. Lisa Washburn, senior program director for MU Extension Health and Human Sciences and faculty of the Department of Public Health, College of Health Sciences.

The exhibit hall will be open from 10 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. and features free health and wellness screenings and experts providing demonstrations on skincare, hair, beauty, healthy cooking on a budget and other helpful activities throughout the day.

Namaste Acres Yoga will end the event with a drum circle starting at 2:45 p.m. The drum

## Municipal Corner

### Missouri State Highway Patrol

#### Crashes

Two people were injured in an accident around 6:25 p.m. Jan. 17 on Route C at Route AA in Morgan County.

The accident occurred as a 1998 Honda Accord driven by a 17-year-old Russelville male traveled into the path of a 2019 Ford Escape driven by Sara A. Perkins, 56, of Rolla. The teen's vehicle was then struck by Perkins.

Perkins received minor injuries and was taken to the hospital by private conveyance. The teen's occupant, Ty J. Harris, 18, of California, also received minor injuries and was trans-

ported by ambulance to Capital Region Hospital.

Perkins and the teen were wearing seatbelts; Harris was not.

#### Arrests

Jan. 17 — Gary W. Polley, 39, Camdenton, Felony Driving While Revoked - 3rd or Subsequent Offense, 6 p.m., Camden County.

Jan. 17 — Hunter S. Sherwin, 23, Camdenton, Driving While Suspended, 11:27 a.m., Camden County.

#### Osage Beach Police Department Weekly Summary Jan. 8-14

Abandoned Vehicle 1; Accident 5; Alarm 13; Alcohol/Drug 13; Animal Control 1; Assault 1; Building/Area Check 32; Check the Welfare 1; Citizen Assist 4; Disturbance 2; Escort 2; Fire 6; Follow Up 14; Fraud 1; Keep the Peace 3; Motorist/Assist 6; Noise Complaint 1; Open Door/Window 5; Other Agency Assist 1; Pedestrian Check 1; Runaway 2; Special Detail 9; Suspicious Activity 2; Traffic Hazard 3; Traffic Stop 57; Vehicle Check 3; Warrant Service 1.

#### Arrests

Jan. 8 — Paul N. Martinez, 42, Camdenton, Fail to Equip MV w/Tail lamps, Driving While Suspended.



### Fire damages home near Camdenton

The Mid-County Fire Protection District was dispatched to a reported residential structure fire about 1:53 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, on Leap Lane north of Camdenton.

First-arriving firefighters found a home 100 percent involved with fire. Firefighters initiated fire attack on the structure. The fire was marked under control approximately 45 minutes after the firefighters arrived on scene.

The fire occurred in an area with no fire hydrants so tankers were used to shuttle water to the fire.

The residence and contents suffered severe fire, smoke and water damage. The occupant of the structure is being assisted by the American Red Cross.

The fire is being investigated by the MCFPD Fire Marshal's Office. The cause of the fire is undetermined at this time but appears to be accidental

in nature.

MCFPD responded to the scene with one engine, four tankers and one mini-pumper. MCFPD units were also assisted at the scene by units from Osage Beach Fire Protection District and Camden County Ambulance District (Mercy).

All firefighters cleared the fire scene at 4:31 a.m.

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## Back in the Day



BY ROSS MALONE  
Missouri Historian

Jan. 17, 1873 - A huge ice flow broke off at the mouth of the Missouri River and sped downstream to smash into the new bridge piers being erected in St. Louis. The piers held but panicked workmen had to be removed. Jan. 18, 1917 - The shoe factory at De Soto announced that lunches would now be sent from St. Louis and employees could purchase them for 10 cents. Also, "A rest room and other luxuries are being added..."

Jan. 19, 1871 - Plans were presented for a huge city park in St. Louis. Forest Park was to become a jewel of the state and the Midwest.

Jan. 20, 2023 - Farmers around Ava had been reporting "a crazy looking cat" roaming through the area. On this day it was caught and identified as an African serval cat which must have escaped from some private collector. Jan. 21, 1903 - A vault at the office of Secretary of State malfunctioned and could not be opened. Safecrackers were serving time a few blocks away at the State Pen. So they were summoned and solved the problems within five minutes.

Jan. 22, 1955 - The first national country music show on television was broadcast by ABC from Springfield from 1955 until 1960. The show is credited with popularizing country music and featured well-known performers, including Red Foley, Speedy Haworth, Brenda Lee, Porter Wagoner and Slim Wilson.

Jan. 23, 1942 - Fire alarms ringing in short clangs signaled Missouri students to take cover in their very first air raid drills.

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### LIBRARY BOOKS

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three solutions were presented to the board for their consideration:

1. Remove the age-inappropriate books from the library.
2. Remove the age-inappropriate books from the children's library and place them in a special section where children can only have access to them when they are accompanied by their parents.
3. Keep the books in the children's library.

### Citizen comments

Citizen comments have been condensed for space and redundant comments are only stated once.

Cindy Coffey: People have issues with books about the LGBT community. Three reasons why they should not be removed. 1. Parental rights. 2. Lowering suicide among LGBT youth. 3. Section 8 of the First Amendment of the Constitution.

Michelle Myler: This is a free country. I am against book banning. I am a taxpaying citizen and I want the books to remain in the library.

Karen Ketchum: We must consider this through the lens of equity. Will all children and young adults feel represented?

Daniel Ousley: This is not about banning books; this is about protecting children. A parent should be able to bring a child into the library and not have their child pick up a book that teaches them they can be a boy, a girl, or both, and change whenever you want to.

Becky: I am not about book banning, but safety. Parents should talk to their children. These books can be found online. Many parents do not know what their children have access to at the library.



A crowded room of citizens listened and expressed their concerns about books in the Public Library that some believe are not age-appropriate for children.

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Ann Currier: One book in this library for 12 to 17 year olds discusses having sex with teachers, children being roofied, doing drugs and orgies, with all these things happening at school. This puts it in a child's mind all these things are okay. Children can walk across the street from school and pick up these books without their parents' knowledge.

Victoria Howard: It is the parents' right to teach their children about sex, not the library.

Laura Scott: I support kids who did not feel accepted by their peers. My oldest child is non-binary and has faced discrimination. These books are about gender identity, not sex. Leave the books in the library.

Nancy Bates: I was offended and saddened by the remarks made at the last meeting by racists, homophobic, Hitler-wannabes who are trying to take over.

Nancy Pope: When children have more information available to them, they are better able to protect themselves. School librarians are trained to know what is best to put in libraries.

Steve D.: Put the books in a section that says these books

require a conversation.

Camden County Presiding Commissioner Ike Skelton: No one person in this room is into banning books. But there are some books that are absolutely inappropriate for little children. Skelton requested the board look at the age range of 12 to 18 section and reconsider who can have access to certain books. Some of the books absolutely have pornographic information in them, graphic images. I am just as adamant about heterosexual images as homosexual. Skelton continued: An 8 year old cannot figure out whether they are a boy or a girl. He quoted an unnamed adult, "I wanted to be a pirate when I was five...thank God they did not cut off my leg or poke out my eye." Let's look at a way to get the books into an area where the access does exist, but it is very highly regulated.

Mirinda G.: Having books about LGBTQ will not make your child LGBTQ anymore than reading Curious George will make them into monkeys.

Juli Purvis: This is not a religious or gay issue; it is a moral issue and about the attacks on the kids. They are going to lose their childhood if they get into

this stuff too soon. This gets imprinted in their brains. Any pornographic books should go, but educational ones should be put in a special section. She asked if there were Playboy books in the library and was told no. "Why then do we have porn for kids?"

Roma Long: Our community consists of many different opinions. I teach my students to be respectful and not bully regardless of race, sex, religion. There are books in the library that are too graphic for even adults. Don't ban the books but set up a clear section.

Newly hired CCLD Director Jim Pasley addressed the citizens saying, "I don't know the staff, the process of how books are bought, where they are stored or for how long. Give me enough time to figure out what is going on. I promise I will address the issue. I don't have an opinion either way. I agree with respect, and I agree libraries are for education."

### Next meeting

The next meeting of the CCLD board of trustees is scheduled at 9 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 9, at the Camdenton Library.

## Rocky Mount

# Fire Board needs to fill one open seat

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The Rocky Mount Fire Protection District (RMFPD) Board of Directors has one board seat open. It is the unexpired term of Luke Milkas, which ends in April 2025. Craig Dunbar and Tamara Witzman have applied for the open position.

In a closed session meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 10, the board discussed the two candidates. No decision was made.

The board will interview both candidates in closed session at the next RMFPD board meeting scheduled at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 14 at RMFPD Station No. 1. The board will then vote to appoint a candidate to the open seat. When a seat comes open in the middle of a term, the board appoints someone to fill that term. The position is then filled through the election process at the next bi-annual election, which in this case is in 2025.

The current directors are Chairperson Pam Bess, expiring in 2027 and Vice Chair Ron Keller, expiring in 2025. Secretary Dave Kempker was appointed in April 2023, to fill the remainder of the late Director Don Issac's term, which expires in 2027. Treasurer Chris Wilkerson's term expires in 2029. Directors serve for six-year terms.

### Cold Weather Danger

In a separate interview, Chief Hurtubise said the district received two carbon monoxide emergency calls during the recent frigid temperatures. The homeowner reported a rotten egg smell. Firefighters performed a Level 4 gas detector test and the home registered high in carbon monoxide. After a search, it was determined the homeowners had both been warming their car in an attached garage and the fumes were entering the home. One of the occupants was experiencing a headache, which is a symptom of carbon monoxide poisoning. Along with headaches, other carbon monoxide poisoning symptoms include fatigue, a red

face, nausea and vomiting. Carbon monoxide does not have an odor. Chief Hurtubise advises cars to be warmed up outdoors and turned off immediately upon entering a garage. "The extended forecast for Monday is calling for a ½ inch of freezing rain," Chief Hurtubise warned. "If it is at all possible, stay home and get your provisions before Monday."

### Calls for Service

In open session, Chief Hurtubise reported the district's calls for service. The district responded to a total of 445 calls for service in 2023, compared to 480 in 2022 and 388 in 2021.

In December 2023, the district responded to a total of 36 calls for service. The calls included one structure fire, one vehicle fire, one alarm call, 15 medical assists, 11 lift assists, two motor vehicle accidents and five dispatched calls were canceled en route.

The district provided automatic aid to Lake Ozark Fire Protection District (LOFPD) two times and Moreau Fire Protection District (MFPD) once. The district participated in mutual aid with LOFPD and MFPD one time each. The district received mutual aid from LOFPD and MFPD one time each.

### Codes

Chief Hurtubise reported the district handled the following inspections and permits: four residential, one electrical and 11 dock permits, totaling \$1,889.

### Auction

The district sold the following items at the Purple Wave Auction: a 2001 three-quarter ton GMC cab chassis for \$5,800, a 1996 one-ton Chevrolet cab chassis for \$5,400, a 2022 Ford long bed for \$1,200, a 2022 Ford short bed for \$975. The total amount the district received from the auction was \$13,375.

### Bills

The board approved the transfer of \$14,000 from the money market account to the checking account to pay January bills.

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trolling the city-owned area appropriately," Fry explained. "Knowing the city's right-of-way boundaries is also important as we continue to have new development."

He said that once the survey is done, they will share that information with business owners.

"We know that certain parking spaces on the lower end of the Strip are not currently city property - they are privately owned. We would like to give the owners of those parking stalls the opportunity to pay the contractor to pave those areas so we will have a complete project. The city is only able to do the work on the area the city owns," Fry said.

Michalik said the cape seal

project on the lower end of the Strip needs to be done when the temperatures are a steady 50 degrees.

He said that project will be done in two phases. The first phase calls for city crews to patch potholes and seal cracks to create a smooth - or as smooth as possible - surface. Then the contractor chosen for the project will put down chip seal - a base of pea gravel coated with oil to seal the asphalt, which is a one-day process, according to Michalik. He said the chip seal surface can be driven on until crews return to complete the second phase so traffic interruptions should be minimal.

In Phase 2, the contractor will come back a week later and put micro-paving - a sealer - over the top of the pea gravel and stripe the road. Michalik

said although the micro-paving needs to cure for three to four hours before it can be driven on, Phase 2 should also be a one-day process.

Fry said that while the portion of Bagnell Dam Boulevard between Bagnell Dam and School Road might have more public interest, they chose to start with the section from School Road to the MM overpass because it's in worse shape and it's more labor intensive.

Michalik said once the schedule is in place, he intends to meet with business owners so they know what to expect, adding, "Traffic will be disrupted for a couple weeks but hopefully both projects will be completed by the start of tourist season. That should make everyone happy."

Those aren't the only road

projects the city will be tackling in coming months.

The bid from Alpha Engineering, which came in at \$19,750, also includes design services for micro-paving projects for Frudeger Road, Oakridge/Twin Oak Roads, Arrowhead Beach Road, Wren Drive, Quail Circle and Roscoe Road. The city is also planning a reconstruction project for Lighthouse Road this year.

### Year in Review

Fry and Mayor Dennis Newberry will be reviewing projects successfully completed in 2023 and sharing plans for 2024 and beyond at a State of the City event planned for 4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23, at Lake Ozark City Hall. The presentation is open to the public. The regularly scheduled board of aldermen meeting will follow at 5:30 p.m.

### A-10 THUNDERBOLT

Continued from A1

1991.

Marks will deliver a presentation that will feature the history and mission of the A-10 Thunderbolt II and how it integrates into the U.S.

military's air combat arena, providing support of ground troops in contact with enemy forces. There are sure to be a few of Karl's personal war stories supported by gun camera video of his missions.

The A-10 Thunderbolt II, commonly known as the

Warhog, is a formidable close air support aircraft designed for the United States Air Force. It features a 30mm GAU-8 Avenger rotary cannon, capable of delivering devastating firepower against ground targets. Built to withstand significant combat damage, the A-10

is renowned for its durability and ability to operate in challenging environments making it a crucial asset in providing effective air support for troops on the battlefield.

A-10 aircraft are often seen flying down the Lake's main channel.

## Camdenton

# Fishing Expo has all your supplies

Lake of the Ozarks Fishing Expo will be held from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at Community Christian Church, 1064 N. Business Route 5 in Camdenton.

Forty-plus fishing-related businesses will be on-hand including custom tackle makers, fishing guides and fishing and outdoor sports products. Early registration for the Big Bass Bash will be available

and there will be raffles for tackle packages valued up to \$500.

Entry fee \$5 and children 10 and under are free. The first 50 children will receive a one-day pass to Big Surf Water Park in 2024.

The Fishing Expo is a church fundraiser and supports many Missouri small businesses. For more information, email [scalcarl@outlook.com](mailto:scalcarl@outlook.com).

## Camdenton

# IRC announces PizzaFest

The Iowa Reunion Club will host its next event, the "IRC Lake PizzaFest," on Saturday, Feb. 17, for all current 2023 and 2024 Iowa Reunion Club members. This event will be held at Pizza Hut in Camdenton from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

This is the second of 12 events scheduled by the club for this year. This event, as are all Iowa Reunion Club events, is open to all current 2023 and 2024 club

members. The Iowa Reunion Club, celebrating its 30th year on the Lake, is for former Iowans and part-time Iowans who live at the Lake Of The Ozarks. Membership is \$10 per year per household to join the Iowa Reunion Club, one of the oldest and largest clubs on the lake.

For information on this event, go to the Iowa Reunion Club's web site at [www.iowareunionclub.com](http://www.iowareunionclub.com).

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# Two with one shot

**LARRY DABLEMONT**  
Naturalist Writer

The last few days of deer season are tough. Those final days for me occur at the close of the "muzzle-loader season" when whitetail deer are almost finished with the "rut" and bucks are returning to normalcy, not acting so much like the sex-crazed idiots they are in October and November.



Larry Dablemont

In January, deer gather together and "yard up" and lean toward being nocturnal. When you find them they are apt to be in heavy cover during the day, coming out at night to feed and move from one spot to another, then finding cover for bedding down, just at daylight.

My daughter Christy went with me to see if my old muzzle-loader would really kill a deer, and that tendency of deer to "group up" displayed itself. That cold morning we were walking slowly down an old fenceline in the middle of the woods and I saw about

10 or 12 whitetails coming toward us about to cross the fence. Two or three jumped over it, and I drew a bead on a doe, and fired.

The old rifle belched smoke and fire and she dropped in her tracks about 40 yards from us. Then came the surprise... a second deer had also been hit, and it too was dead, right behind her. That .54 caliber slug had hit each deer through the heart. I hadn't seen the second one, but they had to be standing perfectly side by side. Christy had already used her tag by then, but the second deer was not wasted. A friend of mine tagged it. Both were the best of venison, each one a three-year old doe. Amazingly there was a hillside behind them where I dug out the slug and I have it on a shelf in my office.

Killing 2 gobblers at once happens on occasion but I never knew of killing two deer with one shot. Anyway, I have a witness, my daughter tells the absolute truth, no matter how often I have asked her to exaggerate just a little. Strange things happen in the woods, and over the years we have both witnessed a lot of them.

During the muzzle-loader season, which just ended, I came across a totally black skunk scurrying about in the woods in mid-morning as they sometimes do in the dead of winter

when food is scarcer. It was pure black, with just a white patch on its forehead. Long before I was born, my grandfather was a river trapper after mink, beaver, raccoon and muskrat. His young sons ran dry-land deadfall lines. Those produced feral cats, possums and skunks. Killed by a deadfall, a skunk almost never released its scent. In the thirties and early forties, a trapper could get a dollar or so for a possum hide. A skunk with the white stripe was worth about 2 dollars, but any skunk that was totally black was worth twice that.

At fur houses they called those rare individuals "star-blacks" because they always had a little white star on the forehead. None of the trappers in the pool hall ever had seen a complete total black skunk without that little white star. I thought I had finally found one that day in the woods but not so. When he finally turned I saw a little white star not much bigger than a silver dollar. If I had anything but my muzzle-loader I would have been tempted to shoot him, knowing how many ground nests he will destroy this spring: quail, woodcock, meadowlarks and others, including the wild turkey. And I would have skinned him out and have the hide tanned. I would like to have put his unusual pelt in my upcoming museum. Star

black skunks only made up about 1 out of 50 skunk-hides at fur houses long ago.

There is only one predator that will kill and eat a skunk with no concern for the skunk scent it will be blasted with. I will bet that only one out of 50 readers will know what that deadly predator is. I'll give you the answer in next week's column... with a humorous story about my grandfather's attempts to sell more of those star-black skunks in the 1930's.

Please read other columns I write on the Internet at [www.larry-dablemontoutdoors.com](http://www.larry-dablemontoutdoors.com). Much that I write cannot be printed by some of the 40 newspapers or so that use this column so I put them on that website. I want you to see a photo I took recently that is one of the most amazing pictures I ever got. It will be on that website and you won't believe it.

I will also have some new information about my "Big Piney" museum that I hope to open in the spring. You can see some of our recent progress. We are about to put a roof on it when it warms up a little.

I intend to open it about the first of June, and it will be free for everyone to enjoy, no charge!

Please read more of my writings each week on the Internet at [larry-dablemontoutdoors.com](http://larry-dablemontoutdoors.com).

## The Pied Typer

By Dan Field,  
Editor

A big community hug for Natalie Biggers-Short and Marcinda Crawford for opening their hearts in the wake of the recent cold spell. There is hope for humanity — at least at the Lake of the Ozarks.

Natalie, owner of Osage Village Inn, opened her motel in Osage Beach to people needing to escape the bitterly cold weather because they were homeless or were being impacted by the weather. Crawford, a local resident, caught wind of Natalie's kind gesture and helped organize food, money and other types of help from equally generous businesses and individuals.

I'm told there were others who were asked to help but declined.

They would probably let an abandoned dog die in the cold as well.

Regardless, Natalie, Marcinda and others who helped are truly honored and empathetic individuals. Thank you to all of you.

If you missed the story, locate Wednesday's Lake Sun, check our website at [lakenewsonline.com](http://lakenewsonline.com) or the Lake News Online Facebook page.

Local auctioneer Rick Bryant, who volunteers a lot of his time for charity events, has said many times on his radio segment that Lake of the Ozarks residents and visitors are some of the most benevolent in the nation. Rick is a master at squeezing that extra \$1 out of bidders when he auctions at the various charity events.

The wonderment of the various charity events is that the clubs and organizations return the money raised through admission fees and silent and live auctions right back to the community. Now if we could just find someone to donate money for an indoor swimming pool we'd surely name it after them.

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Speaking of warm and fuzzy, we in the Field household have been trading cold/respiratory issues back and forth for a month. Consequently, I've lived on Halls cough drops for a couple of weeks to help suppress a nagging and bothersome cough.

Probably unknown to many in the world, Halls inscribes motivational and uplifting comments on the wrappers of its cough drops. Halls calls it their Pep Talk In Every Drop (it's trademarked).

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Almost better than Valentine's Day candied hearts with loving messages. Or Hallmark cards.

My dad used to give me a swift kick in the butt as my motivation.

A paycheck also helps.

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Brace yourselves, friends. After a brief respite from the polar express we're in for another blast this weekend.

But that brings us one day closer to spring. And each day is getting longer.

# House moving quickly in early days

**REP JEFF KNIGHT**  
District 142  
State Representative

The Missouri House is setting the tone for the 2024 legislative session by quickly referring a substantial number of bills to committees to jumpstart the legislative process. Some would argue we are off and running, others, depending upon your perspective, might argue that gridlock has already ensued in the Senate. With several Senators running for statewide office, the early days will more closely resemble campaign talking points than doing the peoples work.



Rep. Jeff Knight

In the opening days of the legislative session, the Speaker referred more than 100 bills to committee, which allowed members of the House to get to work on the legislation as quickly as possible. With more than roughly 1200 House bills, House Resolutions and House Joint Resolutions, our work is cutout for us. Similarly, the Senate has filed 575.

Are all of them good legislation, no. Can we separate the wheat from the chaff. I certainly hope we can.

Here are a few of those bills which are moving early:

### Preventing Veteran Suicide

The Missouri House Veterans Committee heard testimony on a proposed bill that would task the Missouri Veterans Commission with expanding its work to prevent veteran suicide.

Under HB 1495, the commission would be required to team up with the Missouri Department of Mental Health to provide recommendations and implement measures, programs,

treatment options, additional aid, or any necessary assistance to prevent veteran suicide, contingent on available funding.

A U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs report shows that across the U.S., 6,392 veterans died by a suicide in 2021, marking an increase of more than 100 lives from the previous year. In Missouri, 185 Missouri military veterans died by suicide that year, and the 2023 federal report says Missouri's veteran suicide rate is significantly higher than the national veteran suicide rate.

### House Committee Debates Tax Credit Package to Boost Childcare

We are working hard to address the state's childcare crisis. It remains difficult to recruit workers. If a young family does not have childcare, which can be a significant portion of their budget, they cannot work and pay taxes and contribute to the economy.

The Missouri House Workforce and Infrastructure Development Committee discussed a plan that would provide tax credits to childcare providers, donors to daycare centers, and businesses who help to cover the childcare costs of their employees as a solution to the ongoing crisis while also serving as an economic development tool for the state.

Missouri legislators have been grappling with the issue of the state's growing workforce crisis, and one piece to the puzzle is fixing the lack of access to childcare. With 94 percent of Missouri counties labeled as childcare deserts, many businesses struggle to find workers due to childcare challenges.

House Bill 1488 asks the state legislature to approve a tax credit package that is intended to boost access to childcare options statewide. That package is broken out into three parts:

1. Child Care Contribution Tax Credit Act (Effective from January 1,

2025 to December 31, 2030):

- Taxpayers can claim a 75 percent tax credit against state liability for verified contributions to a childcare provider.

2. Employer Provided Child Care Assistance Tax Credit Act (Effective from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2030):

- Taxpayers with two or more employees can claim a 30 percent tax credit for qualified childcare expenditures, with a maximum credit of \$200,000 per taxpayer per year.

- Applicable to corporations, certain charitable organizations, and individuals or partnerships subject to state income tax.

3. Child Care Providers Tax Credit Act (Effective from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2030):

- Childcare providers with three or more employees can claim a tax credit equal to their eligible employer withholding tax and up to 30 percent of capital expenditures.

- No credit for capital expenditures under \$1,000.

- Non-refundable tax credits, with excess credits carried back or forward up to five tax years.

The tax credits, estimated to cost up to \$70 million, are justified by the potential economic growth and tax revenue they could generate based upon employment wages and tax revenue from those who are able to work and find childcare. The bill would be valid for six years, allowing lawmakers to assess its impact and return on investment.

### Legislation Seeking to Make Missouri an Open Enrollment State Gets Rolling

I have always been highly supportive of public education as a former educator but the House is once again moving forward with open enrollment legislation that passed the finish line in the previous legislative session before failing to navigate through the Missouri Senate. This remains a complex but important

issue. My objective would be to get it right if it passes.

The Missouri House Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education heard testimony on HB 1989, a bill that seeks to allow K-12 public schools to choose whether to let students from neighboring school districts enroll in their district. The Public School Open Enrollment Act aims to enhance educational quality, increase parental involvement, provide access to programs and classes, and align curriculum options with personal beliefs.

Under this proposal, any student beginning kindergarten or already enrolled in a public school may attend a public school in a nonresident district that has opted to participate in the program, allowing parent's choice in the education of their children. The program requires districts to declare participation by December 1st for the following school year, with no obligation to increase resources for transfer applicants. "This bill allows the 899,000 students in the state of Missouri in the public school system the opportunity to have choice within the very system that their parents pay taxes to," the bill sponsor told the committee.

Special education provisions are outlined, and districts may establish standards for transfers. Students must meet admission requirements to transfer, and will be subject to restrictions on varsity sports participation for the first year.

The program initiates in the 2025-26 school year, and districts may limit outgoing transfers based on enrollment percentages.

The bill also establishes the Parent Public School Choice Fund with an \$80 million appropriation to support transportation and special needs education for qualifying students. Districts must publish the number of transfer students accepted annually, with a defined application process and exemptions for desegregation orders.

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## College Honors

### Lincoln University

Lincoln University of Jefferson City announces the fall 2023 Dean's List honorees.

The Dean's List comprises full-time undergraduate students earning a minimum term GPA of 3.00 excluding grades in courses that do not carry credit toward graduation.

The list includes:

**Camdenton**  
Emma Rakes

### Eldon

Benjamin Luttrell  
Clara Taylor

### Iberia

Emily Thompson

### Lake Ozark

Joel Stroschein

### Osage Beach

Biance Stocks

### Roach

Myriah McCabe

### Saint Elizabeth

Nichole Hoecker  
Elizabeth Struempfler

### Versailles

Kierra O'Rourke  
Maris Ollison

### State Fair

#### Community College

State Fair Community College has named the following students to the President's, Dean's and Trustees' lists for the fall 2023 semester.

To qualify for the President's list, students must earn a semester grade point average (GPA) of 4.0 in 12 or more SFCC GPA credit hours. For the Dean's list students must earn a semester SFCC GPA of 3.5-3.99 in 12 or more SFCC GPA credit hours. The Trustees' list requires students to earn a semester GPA of 3.6-4.0 in six or more SFCC GPA credit hours.

#### President's List (4.00 GPA)

**Barnett**  
Brendan A. Oblinger  
Shae E. Sinclair

### Camdenton

Anna C. Jones  
Emily J. Marshall  
Carter J. Ramirez

### Climax Springs

Olivia B. Torimino

### Eldon

Kaylin G. Bradley  
Danielle M. Clifton  
Faith M. Floyd

### Eugene

Wesley A. Settle

### Kaiser

Mary J. Locklin

### Lake Ozark

Alecia P. Carson

### Linn Creek

Audrey J. Blake  
Olivia K. Franken  
Laeli A. Schiefelbein

### Macks Creek

Vanessa C. Christian  
Logan R. Gallamore

### Osage Beach

Arianeli Rodriguez  
Campbell E. Walters

### Roach

Victoria K. Passetti

### Versailles

Gracen M. Clark Mason E. Johnson

#### Dean's List (3.50-3.99 GPA)

**Barnett**  
Isaiah S. Waller

### Brumley

Christian Gonnella  
Byhalia Mississippi  
Keymari L. Caldwell

### Camdenton

Marley S. Ginsky  
Madison E. Heimerl  
Amelia C. Martin  
Tyson J. Page  
Taylor E. Parey  
Damian C. Pryor Sass Jr.  
Jocelyn G. Wolf

### Climax Springs

Congratulations  
to all the students  
for their accomplishments

Mackenzey C. Lee

### Eldon

Brianna H. Grady  
Tabitha Y. Huff  
Jessica L. Mccollum  
Collin E. Waters

### Gravois Mills

Jack O. Clark  
Samantha A. Hicks  
Sabrina R. Robinson  
Bryce L. Turner

### Lake Ozark

Dustin J. Drake  
Glory I. Nimmo

### Montreal

Jazlynn R. Fry

### Osage Beach

Noah M. Breuer  
Julia A. Curley  
Allison N. Johns  
Gianna Vittori

### Rocky Mount

Kristin M. Whitener  
Sunrise Beach  
Abigail I. Castle  
Tyler J. Coon

### Tuscumbia

Addison D. Rogers

### Versailles

Joseph O. Bland  
Tye R. Edgar  
Reagyn S. Ferguson  
Anna L. Zolecki

#### Trustee's List (3.6-4.0 GPA in six or more SFCC GPA credit hours)

**Eldon**  
Sasha M. Hedrick

### Lake Ozark

Taylor N. Ash

### Linn Creek

Madison M. Galey

### State Tech

State Technical College in Linn announces students who achieved the Dean's List during the 2023 fall semester.

To be placed on the Dean's List a full-time student must earn a semester grade point average between 3.5 and 4.0 on a 4-point scale.

### Camdenton

Hayden Patrick  
Zachariah Riedel

### Eldon

Jonathan Bax  
Daniel Cotten  
Trey Fischer  
Eric Hanks  
Sydney Searcy

### Four Seasons

Ethan Henley

### Iberia

Wes Cardwell  
Aiden Kelsay  
Atiera Rowden  
Jaydin Rowden  
Ethan Runner  
Gunner Wilson

### Lake Ozark

Christopher Boyd  
Chance Corbett

### Linn Creek

Seth Trandum

### Osage Beach

Maxwell Spurgeon

### Rocky Mount

Jacob Boone

### Saint Elizabeth

Paige Bax  
Peyton Oligschlaeger

### St. Elizabeth

Jada Dickneite  
Trey Struempfler

### Stover

Alexander Radefeld

### Sunrise Beach

Ryan Sutton

### Syracuse

Jana Harrison

### Tuscumbia

Zachary Holtmeyer  
Quentin King

### Versailles

Lane Klein  
Trace Murdock  
Ethan Siegel  
Kenneth Yang

## Lake Area

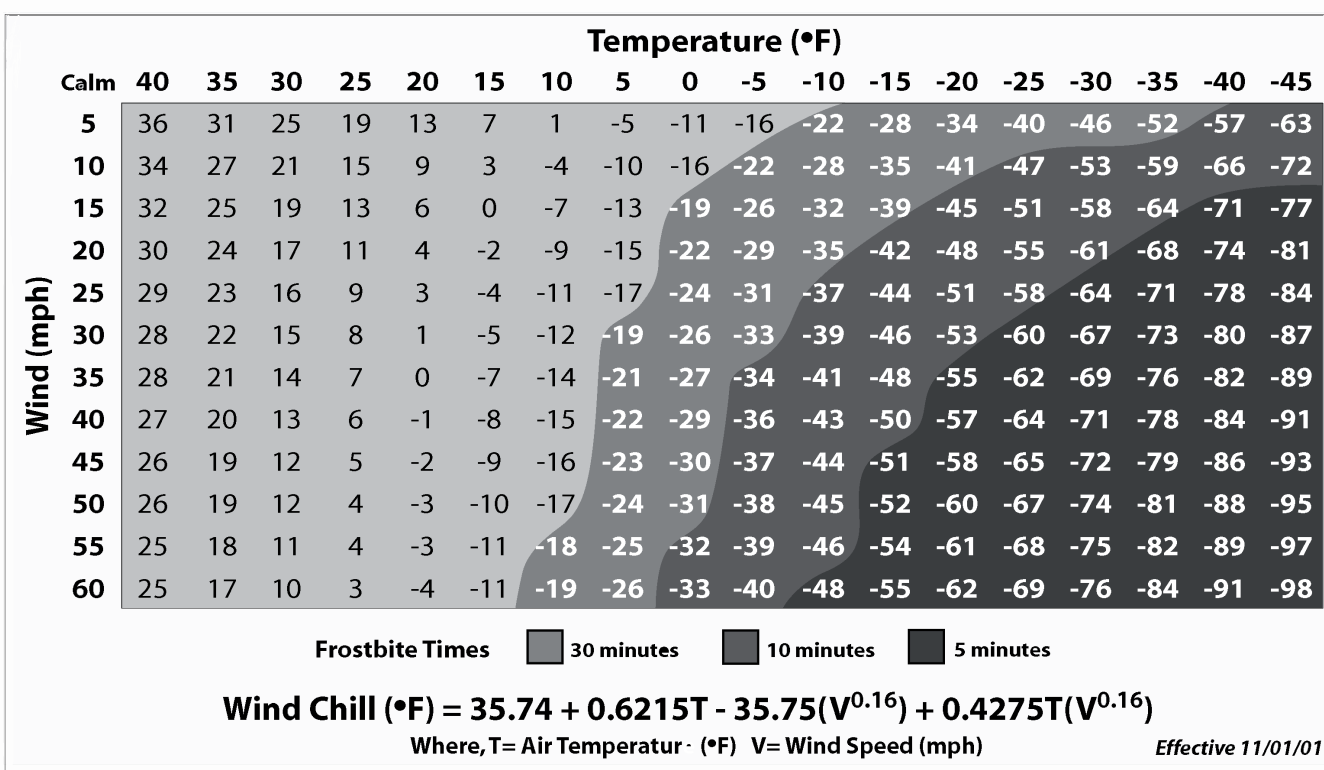
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Keep the garage door closed.

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Keep water moving with a small trickle.

THE CITY OF  
**CAMDENTON**



The Lake area and the Midwest have enjoyed a brief break in the blast of winter that consumed us all earlier this week, but there is a lot of winter left. Above are two charts that provide vital winter safety information. One of the major issues this week was frozen pipes (top photo) and the other was wind chill (bottom photo).

## FBI issues warning about sextortion

The FBI is warning parents, educators, caregivers and children about the dangers of on-line activity that may lead to the solicitation and enticement of a minor to engage in sexual acts.

Sextortion involves an offender coercing a minor to create and send sexually explicit images or video. An adult offender gets sexually explicit material from the child, then threatens to release that compromising material unless the victim produces more. These offenders are seeking sexual gratification.

Financially motivated sextortion is a criminal act that involves an offender coercing a minor to create and send sexually explicit material. Offenders threaten to release that compromising material unless they receive payment, which is often requested in gift cards, mobile payment services, wire transfers or cryptocurrency. These offenders are motivated by financial gain, not necessarily just sexual gratification.

Victims are typically males between the ages of 14 to 17, but any child can become a victim. For financially motivated sextortion, offenders are usually located outside the United States and primarily in west African countries such as Nigeria and Ivory Coast, or Southeast Asian countries such as the Philippines.

These crimes can lead victims to self-harm and has led to suicide. From October 2021 to March 2023, the FBI and Homeland Security Investigations received over 13,000 reports of online financial sextortion of minors. The sextortion involved at least 12,600 victims—primarily boys—and led to at least 20 suicides.

In the six-month period from October 2022 to March 2023, the FBI observed at least a 20 percent increase in reporting of financially motivated sextortion incidents involving minor victims compared to the same time period the previous year.

"The increase in incidents is staggering and heartbreaking—and this increase reflects only what has been reported. As parents and guardians, we must protect and educate our children on the dangers of the internet. We must understand these dangers, and that this crime does not discriminate—any child, anywhere can be a potential target for these on-line predators. It must be clear

to our youth that they are not to blame, they are not alone and there is help," said Special Agent in Charge Stephen Cyrus of the FBI's Kansas City Field office.

If you or someone you know believes that they are a victim of sextortion or financially motivated sextortion, immediately report the activity to law enforcement. You can report it to the FBI by calling 1-800-CALL-

FBI or visiting tips.fbi.gov.

For more information on sextortion and financial sextortion, visit the FBI's resources on the threats at: <https://www.fbi.gov/sextortion> and <https://www.fbi.gov/how-we-can-help-you/scams-and-safety/common-scams-and-crimes/sextortion/financially-motivated-sextortion>.

### Chapter 2

#### Newspaper Connections

Eye safety is very important when viewing an eclipse. Are there ads for eclipse glasses or cell phone solar filters in your newspaper? If not, design an ad and submit it for possible inclusion.

**Enjoy the Upcoming Solar Eclipse but View it Safely!**

Author Linda Godwin | Illustrator Philip Goudeau

### NEVER LOOK DIRECTLY AT THE SUN WITHOUT ECLIPSE GLASSES!

Listed here are important recommendations, according to NASA's site for solar safety:

- Use eclipse glasses—make sure they comply with the ISO 123-2 International Standard.
- Always make sure the glasses are in good shape before wearing and be sure to watch young children to make sure they are wearing the glasses properly.
- Never use sunglasses, no matter how dark, as they are not safe for solar viewing.
- Do NOT use eclipse glasses or handheld viewers with cameras, binoculars or telescopes. Those require different types of solar filters.
- When viewing a partial or annular eclipse through cameras, binoculars or telescopes equipped with proper solar filters, you do not need to wear eclipse glasses. (The solar filters do the same job as the eclipse glasses to protect your eyes.)
- You can view the eclipse directly without proper eye protection only when the Moon completely obscures the Sun's bright face during the brief and spectacular period known as totality. It's safe when you can no longer see any part of the Sun through eclipse glasses or a solar viewer. Put your glasses back on immediately as soon as any small amount of the Sun becomes visible.

is offering free eclipse glasses along with supporting information, training and ideas for activities to conduct at eclipse events at U.S. public libraries. Learn more, and register to participate, on the Solar Eclipse Activities for Libraries (SEAL) website.

Your smart phone can function as a safe way to photograph the eclipse if properly protected. The company Solar Snap offers a safe solar filter for smartphones and a method of securing the filter over the lens(es) of your smartphone camera. An accompanying free solar app is available to assist in the photography. If you want to photograph the Sun at totality any filters will have to be removed. Be sure to replace any filters before the end of totality.

There are many ways to enjoy watching the upcoming solar eclipse safely. Be prepared with the appropriate glasses and/or lenses to protect your eyes and your camera or telescope. Another secondary consideration is that watching the progression of an eclipse through totality and back to full sunlight can take several hours so don't forget the sunscreen for the rest of you!

There are many online sources for solar viewing glasses available and can be found using your favorite online search engine. Just be sure to check for the ISO123-2 rating. Here are some suggested sources:

- The American Astronomical Society site for safe solar viewers lists many vendors for eclipse glasses, filters for cameras and telescopes that comply with the ISO 12312-2 international standard.
- The STAR Library Network (STAR Net), managed by the Space Science Institute,

# Who has the right to life?

BY KIT BROMFIELD  
The Lake Sun

Our constitution says we have the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Who has that right to life? Why did a baby have their right to life taken away? How did we get here that we actually make decisions on who gets to live? What would be the response if I were having a conversation with someone and asked them what they thought about someone choosing to kill a baby? They would probably say that is barbaric and murder and that no one in their right mind would kill a baby.

OK, lets change our language – how do you feel about someone having an abortion as you know it's just a fetus? Many feel that the constitution gives a woman her reproductive rights and her health rights. After all, everyone knows that it's her body – her choice. So what right does anyone have to challenge her choices? "By the way Americans enjoy certain fundamental liberties which are protected by the US Constitution. The right to abortion is not one of these freedoms."



Kit Bromfield

In those two paragraphs, what did I do except change a few key words? Every generation has made changes to their vocabulary, and with those changes society also has changed. Did you know that the original meaning of "awful" was being full of awe when worshipping God? Yet today by leaving out the letter "e" awful now means bad or horrible.

I have come to realize that if you change a word or a letter, you can change a thought, which in turn can change an action and ultimately can change the future. It is said he who defines the terms wins the argument.

Back to my first paragraph, a baby is a baby whether it's inside a womb or outside. How is it we celebrate baby showers and at the same time celebrate the death of a baby through an abortion? One is life, the other is death, and the recipient is the same - an innocent baby.

Abortion is in fact the sacrifice of a child for the choice of another. No longer should we use the word "abortion," but rather use the term describing what it is: "child sacrifice." In our present debate over abortion, and through the words we use to describe the issue, the happiness of the woman is chosen over the life of the baby.

On Jan. 21 there will be groups all over this country praying for unborn babies and their moms. "President



Kit's granddaughter, Alyza.

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Reagan designated Jan. 22 as Right to Life Sunday and the closest Sunday to this original date thereafter. The key reason for celebrating Sanctity of Human Life Sunday (as it is now known as) is to remind ourselves of what is unshakably true: God's heart for people is life. To that end, our theme for this special season is Embrace God's Heart for Life – from the womb to the world!"

I realize that not everyone feels the same way I do, and I respect that they are entitled to their opinion. I believe that God does not work in opinions though; He works in facts stated very clearly in His Word. His Word is the basis of all truth.

Now, many may choose not to believe His Word and would rather cling to their opinions, but just because they have an opinion, that does not make it truth.

So let's look at what God's word says about life: Psalm 139:13-16 (Living Bible) "You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit them together in my mother's womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! It is amazing to think about. Your workmanship is marvelous—and how well I know it. You were there while I was being formed in utter seclusion! You saw me before I was born and scheduled each day of my life

before I began to breathe. Every day was recorded in your book!"

Just a friendly reminder, your mother chose life. If she had not, you wouldn't be reading this article.

**With a grateful heart,  
Kit**

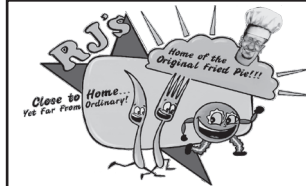
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## January

**20 •** A talented group of local actors will perform their entertaining monthly Reader's Theatre in the style of live Old-Time Radio at Barista GO Coffeehouse on State Road KK at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. For information, contact Beth at 913-909-8603 or Will at 573-462-6623.

**20 •** Mid-Missouri Brewery Collectibles Show, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Inn at Grand Glaize, 5142 Osage Beach Parkway, Osage Beach. Free. Antique and vintage beer cans, bottles, openers, glassware, signs, trays, coasters, labels, cases and cartons, steins and mugs, craft/micro-brewery, all manner of collectible brewery advertising items and much more. Hourly raffles plus grand raffle at 1 p.m. Open to the public.

**25 •** Laurie Elks will hold a blood drive from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the upstairs banquet room at the Elks Lodge, 175 Elks Road, Laurie. Culver's in Osage Beach and in Camdenton has donated coupons for a pint of frozen custard for each pint of blood donated. To make an appointment, visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code ElksLaurie, or contact Katie Bailey at 573-489-2383 or [katheryn.bailey@redcross.org](mailto:katheryn.bailey@redcross.org). For eligibility questions call the Red Cross at 866-236-3276 or visit the Red Cross website [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). Walk-ins are welcome, but it is recommended you make an appointment in case we are only able to take walk-ins to fill in for no-shows.

**27 •** The Royal Theatre presents its 7th Annual Show Us Your Talent Show at 7 p.m. at The Royal Theatre, 107 Monroe Street, Versailles. Friends and neighbors take to the Royal Stage to show what they can do. Singing, dancing, instrumental, comedy and anything else that is family-friendly and entertaining.

**30 & 31 •** State Fair Community College will host OSHA 10-Hour Training Tuesday, Jan. 30, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Wednesday, Jan. 31, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the SFCC Sedalia Campus, 3201 W. 16th St., Sedalia — Fielding Technical Center Room 231. This training is for new employees who need to be aware of hazards associated with their work and how to deal with them, as well as existing employees who can utilize the reminder that hazards exist and the importance of continued vigilance. The cost for the training is \$399, and registration for the even closes on Jan. 25. For more information, call 660-530-5822, or visit [www.sfccmo.edu/the-learning-force](http://www.sfccmo.edu/the-learning-force).

**31 •** Young Professionals at the Lake's Quarterly Networking Social will be held at No Surrender Entertainment, 5473 Osage Beach Pkwy, Osage Beach, from 5-7 p.m.

## February

**2 •** The Lake Area Chamber of Commerce and School of the Osage are hosting a Community Night at the School of the Osage. Time is TBD.

**2-3 •** The Sunrise Beach Little Theatre is producing a Best of Broadway Cabaret Friday and Saturday, Feb. 2 and 3, at 7 p.m. at the Sunrise Beach Community Center, 15133 North Highway 5, in Sunrise Beach. The Cabaret will feature many talented and

varied local performers. Admission \$15. Concessions will be provided. BYOB is allowed. For reservations call 443-207-2442.

**7 •** Young Professionals at the Lake's February Membership Meeting will be held Wednesday, Feb. 7, at Willmore Lodge from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Enjoy lunch and networking with peers. Attendees must RSVP to the Lake Area Chamber at: 573-964-1008 by Friday, Feb. 2, to attend this luncheon. Lunch will be \$15 per person, will be catered and no-shows will be billed.

**9 •** The Lake Area Chamber of Commerce and School of the Osage are hosting Community Night at Osage High School. Osage and Mexico boys will square off with the freshman game at 5 p.m. followed by the junior varsity and varsity teams. This is also Senior Night. Chamber members have been invited to set up booths to promote their businesses if interested, contact the Chamber at 573-964-1008.

**9 •** Charlie Foxtrots is hosting a Singles Mixer featuring Dayne Hudek on Friday, Feb. 9, at 8 p.m. Come meet your match at Charlie Foxtrots. They will have fun interactive games, sample icebreakers, finger foods and more.

**9 •** Sweet Southern Treats is hosting a cookie decorating workshop on Friday, Feb. 9, from 6-7:30 p.m. at The She Shed in Sunrise Beach. In the 1.5-hour class, they'll cover the basics on sugar cookies, do some piping practice with Royal Icing, talk about how to strategize the best ways to decorate sugar cookies and cover the general concepts around dough and icing. Everything you'll need is provided in class along with a live in-person instructor — just bring a smile (and maybe an apron). Cost is \$45.

**10 •** Lake Ozark Daybreak Rotary will host Winterfest at The Lodge of Four Seasons at 6 p.m. The theme this year is "Boots & Bow Ties." A dinner, live and silent auction, and entertainment will be held. The event benefits more than 40 Lake area charities. For more information, go to [www.daybreakrotary.org](http://www.daybreakrotary.org).

**11 •** The 11th Annual Super Bowling 5 Game Sweeper will be held at the Eldon Lanes bowling alley Sunday, Feb. 11. Registration opens at 10 a.m. and 15 minutes of practice starts at 10:45. Players will draw for lane assignments and the National Anthem will be played. Bowl 5 Games of 10 pin moving one pair right after each game. There is a \$60 entry fee with \$40 to prize fund and remainder to lineage and exp. Payout is 1:4 with a minimum of 3 places paid. There will be brackets, scratch and handicap. This is a USBC Sanctioned Handicapped event. All bowlers must have a USBC Card and be in good standing with USBC. Handicap is based on your 2022/2023 average. If no average for 2022/2023, then they will use your 2023/2024 average if you provide your most recent Sanctioned League Average of 21 games or more. All others will bowl scratch. Handicap is 75 percent of 220.

**12 •** Music Bingo will be held Charlie Foxtrots Monday, Feb. 12, from 7 - 10 p.m. There will be fun, prizes and good tunes. Music Bingo is held every Monday.

**14 •** Celebrate love at HK's with a Valentines day featured menu. For table reservations, call 573-365-8009. Live music will be from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

**15-18 •** The Lake of the Ozarks Marine Dealers Association will host the Overland Park Boat Show for 2024. The four-day event

— held Thursday, Feb. 15 - Sunday, Feb. 18 — will be located at the Overland Park Convention Center in Kansas. Hours are: Thursday 2 - 9 p.m.; Friday 12 - 9 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Admission is \$14 for adults, \$8 for children ages 6-12, and children 5 and under free. Two dollars of each paid adult admission is donated to Kids' Harbor Child Advocacy Center.

**17 •** The Lake of the Ozarks Mardi Gras Pub Crawl will be held at restaurants and bars in the Osage Beach and Lake Ozark area. Purchase a wrist band and ride the bus to participating stops. For more information, go to [www.lakepubcrawl.com](http://www.lakepubcrawl.com).

**20 •** The Lake Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting its Monthly Networking Social on Tuesday, Feb. 20, from 5 - 7 p.m. at Brick House, located at 1333 Bagnell Dam Blvd.

**23 & 24 •** The Home, Business and Lake Living EXPO will be held at The Regalia Hotel & Conference Center. Hosted by the Camdenton Area Chamber of Commerce, the expo will have booths representing Lake area businesses. Hours are 3-7 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday. For more information, go to [www.camdentonchamber.com/home-business-lake-living-expo](http://www.camdentonchamber.com/home-business-lake-living-expo).

**24 •** The 2024 Polar Plunge and Strut Lake of the Ozarks will be held Saturday, Feb. 24, with events starting at 9 a.m. The Plunge will take place at Osage Beach Public Beach #2. This event supports local Special Olympics Missouri athletes while offering a fun atmosphere with music, funny costumes and lasting memories for everyone!

**24 •** Riverview Baptist Church is hosting a Women's Conference, Mastering Connection, on Saturday, Feb. 24, starting at 9 a.m. Cost is \$25, students \$10. Admission includes lunch. Join Heather Holleman for a fun, practical and interactive workshop to learn the four mindsets, six conversational pathways and three fresh goals to begin and continue loving conversations that lead to warm connections. Doors open at 8:15 a.m. and the conference begins at 9. To register, visit [www.rbclake.org/events](http://www.rbclake.org/events).

**29 - 3/3 •** The Lake of the Ozarks Marine Dealers Association will host the St. Charles Boat Show for 2024. The four-day event — held Thursday, Feb. 29 - Sunday, March. 3 — will be located at the St. Charles Convention Center. Hours are: Thursday 2 - 9 p.m.; Friday 12 - 9 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Admission is \$14 for adults, \$8 for children ages 6-12, and children 5 and under free. Two dollars of each paid adult admission is donated to Kids' Harbor Child Advocacy Center.

## March

**1 & 2 •** The Camden County Museum Garage Sale will be held at the Camden County Museum, 206 S Locust St., Linn Creek. The event starts at 9 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Lunch will be available. For more information call 573-873-2990.

**2 •** The Lake Area Chamber of Commerce and the Young Professionals at the Lake will be hosting their Annual YPL Dodgeball Tournament. The tournament will be held on Saturday, March 2, from 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the School of the Osage Middle School. The Young Professionals at the Lake will donate a portion of all sales back to the Lake Area Chamber Scholarship Fund. To learn more about this event contact the Lake Area Chamber at 573-964-1008.

HK's Restaurant & Bar, TBA, 6:30 p.m.  
JB Hooks, Adam Powell, 5:30 p.m.  
Brick House, Anthony Nanney, 7 p.m.  
Casablanca, Cheryl Lynn, 7 p.m.

**Saturday, Feb. 3**  
Off the Cliff, Ray Cardwell, 5 p.m.  
Charlie Foxtrots, Yeah Buoy, 8 p.m.  
HK's Restaurant & Bar, TBA, 6:30 p.m.  
Brick House, Adam Powell, 7 p.m.  
Casablanca, Spamfest, 11:30 a.m.  
Casablanca, Steven Scott, 7 p.m.

**Monday, Feb. 5**  
Off the Cliff, Levi karaoke, 6 p.m.  
Brick House, Anthony Nanney, 7 p.m.

**Tuesday, Feb. 6**  
Off the Cliff, Travelin Kind, 5 p.m. Levi karaoke, 7 p.m.  
Brick House, Mitch Shields, 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, Feb. 7**  
The Encore, Adam Powell, 6:30-10 p.m.  
Off the Cliff, Duane Ramelot, 5 p.m.  
Kind, 5 p.m.; Levi karaoke, 7 p.m.

**Thursday, Feb. 8**  
Off the Cliff, Travelin Kind, 4:30 p.m.; Grayson Wood, 7:30 p.m.  
Casablanca, Tim Newell, 7 p.m.

**Friday, Feb. 9**  
Off the Cliff, Cindy Lawhorn, 5 p.m.; Presley, 8 p.m.  
HK's Restaurant & Bar, TBA, 6:30 p.m.  
Brick House, Jordan Isakson, 7 p.m.  
Casablanca, Mitch Shields, 7 p.m.

**Saturday, Feb. 10**  
Off the Cliff, Turnstyles, 8 p.m.  
Charlie Foxtrots, Mad Existence, 8 p.m.  
HK's Restaurant & Bar, TBA, 6:30 p.m.  
Brick House, Marcus Words, 7 p.m.  
Casablanca, Grayson Wood, 7:30 p.m.

## Ongoing events, club meetings & support groups

•VFW Post 5923 Bingo every Friday and the first Saturday of the month. Doors open at 4 p.m. Bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. VFW is located at 65 VFW Drive, just off south business 5 in Camdenton.

•The Civil War & More Roundtable meets on the fourth Thursday of the month 6 p.m. at the Camden County Museum in Linn Creek. For more information go to [www.militarywarroundtable.org](http://www.militarywarroundtable.org).

•Drop in Stitchers Day is the third Thursday of the month from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Central Bank in Camdenton (lower level meeting room). Cross stitch, needlepoint, wool appliqué, rook hookers, quilting. All skill levels welcome. For more information, call Marge at 573-864-4018.

•Elks Lodge 2517 Bingo every Sunday. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Bingo starts at 2 p.m., 5161 Osage Beach Pkwy, Osage Beach. Full service bar for soda, snacks and drinks.

•The Lake Area Fiber Arts Guild meets the second Thursday of the month at Community Christian Church, 1064 North Bus. Rt. 5 in Camdenton. Social and sack lunch 11 a.m., meeting at noon and program at 1 p.m. All fiber arts from knitting to sewing to paper to weaving are explored and embraced; all skill levels welcome. Check website and Facebook or call Jackie at 608-692-9641.

•The Lake Area Parkinson's Support Group meets the third Thursday of the month at noon for a carry-in dish lunch at Lake Ozark Christian Church, 1560 Bagnell Dam Blvd, Lake Ozark. If you have Parkinson's, we can help. For more information call 573-365-3365.

•The Lake of the Ozarks Woodcarvers Club meets the third Monday of the month at the Community Christian Church in Camdenton at 7 p.m. For more information, go to [www.lakeozarkswoodcarvers.org](http://www.lakeozarkswoodcarvers.org).

•The Kiwanis Club of Ozark Coast meets the first and third Wednesday of the month from 12-1 p.m. at First Watch in Osage Beach. For more information, go to [www.ozarkcoastkiwanis.org](http://www.ozarkcoastkiwanis.org).

•The Lake Area Chamber of Commerce hosts socials the third Tuesday of the month (except October) from 5-7 p.m. at Lake area venues. For more information, go to [www.lakeareachamber.com](http://www.lakeareachamber.com).

•Women's Serenity Group 12 Step Program for co-dependent women seeking healthy and loving relationships. Meeting weekly. For more information, text Barb at 573-480-1448 or Jan at 573-434-4499.

•The Sunrise Beach Little Theatre meets the first Monday of each month (except July and Dec.) at the Sunrise Beach Community Center(15133 N Hwy 5) in Sunrise Beach at 6 p.m. All people interested in community theatre are welcome. For more information, call 573-374-0374.

•Sunrise Bible Church, 17184 N. State Highway 5 in Sunrise Beach, is offering a Bible Healing Study Course at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday evenings beginning June 4. The class is free. The Bible Healing Study Course book is \$15. Scholarships are available. For information, call 573-286-2624.

•The Lake Area Parkinson's Support Group meets the third Thursday of the month at noon at Lake Ozark Christian Church, 1560 Bagnell Dam Blvd., Lake Ozark. Bring a dish, exercise, talk, literature table, etc. Call Patsy at 573-356-6036.

•Lake Bloomers Garden Club meets the second Wednesday of the month. A local civic Federated Garden Club of Missouri member, all projects are in the area of Laurie and Sunrise Beach. Contact Mary at 573-374-1151.

•The Lake Area Duplicate Bridge Club meets every Thursday at 9:30 a.m. at the Westside Senior Center in Laurie and every Friday at 9:30 a.m. at the Osage Beach Senior Center on Osage Beach. All duplicate bridge players are welcome. Bring your own partner or call for information on obtaining a partner. For more information, text or call Barb at 573-864-4733 or Bill at 573-569-2473.

•The Lake Area Fiber Arts Guild meets on the second Thursday of the month from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Community Christian Church, 1064 N. Business Rte. 5, Camdenton. Social hour, business meeting and guest speaker. For more information, go to [www.lakefiberarts.com](http://www.lakefiberarts.com).

•The Lake Area Camera Club hosts a bi-monthly meeting on the second Monday of the even numbered months. Meetings feature presentations by club members and guest speakers. Held from 4-6 p.m. at Faithbridge Church. For more information, go to Lake Area Chamber Club on Faceook.

•The Spools and Needles Group meets every Friday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Camden County Museum in Linn Creek. Just show up, bring what you want to work on and join in. Bring a sack lunch. For more call 573-346-7191 and leave a message.

•The Ozarks Brush and Palette Club meets the first Thursday of the month from 7-8 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, 340 W. Hwy. 54, Camdenton. Meetings are open to the public.

•The Camdenton Lions Club meets on the second and fourth Mondays at 8 a.m. at Tonka Hills Restaurant. Visitors welcome. Breakfast and a meeting is held.

•TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets every Wednesday at Central Bank, 101 Dogwood Lane, in Laurie. Weigh-in at 9:30 a.m., meeting at 10 a.m. For more information, call Judy at 573-374-8503.

Send your ongoing events and meeting listings to [newsroom.lakesun@gmail.com](mailto:newsroom.lakesun@gmail.com).

# Live entertainment at the Lake

## How to submit

Attention musicians, bands, bars and restaurants: Send us live entertainment schedules to be included in our live music listing. Event information must include name of venue, name of entertainer, time, date and contact information for verification. Send information to [charis.lakesun@gmail.com](mailto:charis.lakesun@gmail.com). The following list has been updated as of press time.

## January

**Friday, Jan. 19**  
Off the Cliff, Zac Simpson, 5 p.m.  
HK's Restaurant & Bar, Sax Man Mike Byington, 6:30 p.m.  
JB Hooks, Adam Powell, 5:30 p.m.  
Brick House, Johnny Henry, 7 p.m.  
Casablanca, Tim Newell, 7 p.m.

**Saturday, Jan. 20**  
Off the Cliff, Ray Cardwell, 5 p.m.; Disengaged, 8 p.m.  
HK's Restaurant & Bar, Me & Jim, 6:30 p.m.  
Charlie Foxtrots, One More Shot, 8 p.m.  
JB Hooks, Steve Moore, 5:30 p.m.  
Brick House, Adam Powell, 7 p.m.  
Casablanca, Steven Scott, 7 p.m.

**Monday, Jan. 22**  
Off the Cliff, Levi karaoke, 6 p.m.  
JB Hooks, Adam Powell, 5:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, Jan. 23**  
Off the Cliff, Travelin Kind, 5 p.m.; Levi karaoke, 7 p.m.  
JB Hooks, Mike Byington, 5:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, Jan. 24**  
The Encore, Adam Powell, 6:30-10 p.m.  
Off the Cliff, Ray Cardwell, 5 p.m.  
JB Hooks, Joe Farrell, 5:30 p.m.

**Thursday, Jan. 25**  
Off the Cliff, Travelin Kind, 4:30 p.m.;

Grayson Wood, 7:30 p.m.  
JB Hooks, Joe Farrell, 5:30 p.m.

**Friday, Jan. 26**  
Off the Cliff, Cindy Lawhorn, 5 p.m.; Zac Simpson, 8 p.m.  
HK's Restaurant & Bar, Sax Man Mike Byington, 6:30 p.m.  
Redd's Bar-B-Q, Bound & Determined, 7 p.m.  
JB Hooks, Adam Powell, 5:30 p.m.  
Brick House, Sam Swanson, 7 p.m.  
Casablanca, Jake McVey Accoustic Duo, 7 p.m.

**Saturday, Jan. 27**  
Off the Cliff, Ray Cardwell, 5 p.m.  
HK's Restaurant & Bar, Tim Gaines, 6:30 p.m.  
JB Hooks, Steve Moore, 5:30 p.m.  
Brick House, Drew Stevens, 7 p.m.  
Casablanca, Sam Swanson, 7 p.m.

**Monday, Jan. 29**  
Off the Cliff, Levi karaoke, 6 p.m.  
JB Hooks, Adam Powell, 5:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, Jan. 30**  
Off the Cliff, Travelin Kind, 5 p.m.; Levi karaoke, 7 p.m.  
JB Hooks, Mike Byington, 5:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, Jan. 31**  
The Encore, Adam Powell, 6:30-10 p.m.  
Off the Cliff, Ray Cardwell, 5 p.m.  
JB Hooks, Joe Farrell, 5:30 p.m.

## February

**Thursday, Feb. 1**  
Off the Cliff, Travelin Kind, 4:30 p.m.; Grayson Wood, 7:30 p.m.  
JB Hooks, Steve Moore, 5:30 p.m.  
Casablanca, Tim Newell, 7 p.m.

**Friday, Feb. 2**  
Off the Cliff, Zac Simpson, 5 p.m.

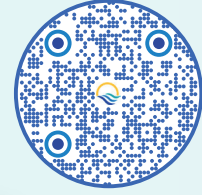
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# SPORTS

## Weekly Fishing Report



BY JOHN NEPORADNY, JR.  
The Lake Sun

### Bagnell Dam Report

The lake level was 659.01, generation of 10,000 CFS (cubic feet per second) throughout the week for a level of 658.5 by the weekend. Surface temperature at Bagnell Dam was 42 degrees. Truman Lake was at the 707.1 level.

### To Note

The Lower Lake is from the dam to the 22-mile mark; Mid-Lake is from the 22- to 44-mile mark, the Upper Osage is from the 44-mile mark to the Route 65 Bridge.

### Tournament Results

Bass World Sports tournament last Sunday was cancelled due to the cold weather.

### Bagnell Dam spillway/Osage River

Water clarity: Clear. Fishing is slow for all species.

### Lower Lake

Water clarity: Clear. Shallows of back ends of large coves are frozen. Black bass: Fair on suspending stickbaits and jigs around brush and main lake rock banks. Crappie: Fair on jigs 12 feet deep off main lake docks.

### Gravois

Water clarity: Clear. Upper Gravois is frozen around the Gravois Mills access area. Fishing is slow.

### Mid-Lake

Water clarity: Stained. Black bass: Fair on jigs and suspending jerkbaits along channel banks and secondary points.

### Grand Glaize

Water clarity: Stained. Back of Linn Creek is frozen. Fishing is slow.

### Niangua

Water clarity: Clear. Main channel and coves of the Niangua are frozen above the Larry Gale access. Little Niangua is frozen above the 6-mile mark. Crappie: Slow on jigs fishing off docks 7 to 8 feet deep.

### Upper Osage

Water clarity: Stained. Main channel and coves are frozen above the 50-mile mark. Crappie: Fair on jigs tipped with Crappie Nibbles 6 to 8 feet deep off docks.

### Truman Dam spillway

Water clarity: Clear. Dead water channel is freezing up. Crappie: Fair on jigs along the rocks. White bass: Fair on jigs along the rock riprap. Walleye: Good on jigs along the rock riprap.

### Sources

Guide Alfred Chapman (573-465-3810), www.lake-ozarkfishingguideservice.com; Big Ed's Guide Service (573-692-6710) www.bigedsguideservice.com; Guide Jack Uxa (573-434-2570) www.lakeoftheozarksfishingguide.com; Guide John Blankenkner (573-280-1455); Guide Terry Blankenship (573-480-2835); Guide Jim Dill (573-204-9005) www.jamesdillguideservice.com; Fitz Fishing (573-693-9299); Bryants Osage Outdoors (573-374-2278); Casey Scanlon (913-449-3176), Unreel Guide Service (636-751-8816) and Cody's Bait & Tackle (660-723-5115). Tournament Results—Thanks to www.bassingbob.com.

## Osage tops Belle to open tourney

BY SAM KOMBRINK  
The Lake Sun  
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The School of the Osage girls basketball team cruised to a 53-25 win over Belle in the opening round of the Mid America Bank Osage Girls Basketball Invitational on Wednesday, Jan. 17, at the Osage High School gymnasium.

The No. 5 Tigers (8-5) struggled to contain senior Osage forward Lauren Bartlett who led the No. 4 Lady Indians (11-4) with a game-high 17 points and came up just a few rebounds short of breaking the all-time school rebounding record. Junior shooting guard Elizabeth Yoder followed with 12 points, while sinking a team-high four 3-pointers.

"I thought that we came out with a lot of intensity and effort," said Lady Indians coach Jaryt Hunziker. "We were able to put it all together there at the beginning and make a statement. We were knocking down shots in that first half and getting the ball inside to let Lauren (Bartlett) do her thing and it was a perfect way to start the tournament."

Hunziker pulled the Osage starters in the third quarter to give other Lady Indians more playing time.

"They kept up the tempo and the pace and defensively they did a good job of keeping their scorers, Kinsey and Lansford in check," he said. "We kind of struggled a little bit to score there at the end, but I'm more of a defensive guy, so if they can get stops on defense and do their job there, that pleases me."

**OSAGE GIRLS (53)**—Lauren Bartlett 17, Elizabeth Yoder 12, Avery Sperling 5, Macy Sakelaris 2, Lorelai Hunziker 6, Grace Ribaudo 6, Claire Sallee 4

**BELLE GIRLS (25)**—Anastyn Lansford 7, Miranda Sanders 2, Natalie Gehlert 3, Nevaeh Kinsey 11, Ava Feeler 2

Osage 21 19 10 3 — 53  
Belle 2 10 4 9 — 25  
3-pointers—Yoder 4, Ribaudo 2, Sperling 1; Kinsey 2  
Records—Osage (11-4); Belle (8-5)  
Next—Mid America Bank Osage Girls Basketball Invitational, Jan. 17-20.

### Other tournament scores from Wednesday

St. Elizabeth 60, Springfield Central 43  
Eldon 59, Lebanon 40  
Richland 55, Plato 40  
St. E played Osage Thursday night and Eldon played Richland in the semifinal. Springfield Central played Belle and Lebanon played Plato in the consolation round.  
Championship games Saturday, 4 and 7 p.m.  
Check lakeneonsonline.com for up-to-date scores.

And More...  
GIRLS BASKETBALL

**Wednesday's Results**  
Gary Keeling Invitational, 1/17-1/18  
Camdenton 63, Glendale 55  
**Tuesday's Results**  
Macks Creek 71, Climax Springs 37

### UPCOMING GAMES

**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
**Friday**  
Osage at Eugene, at 7:30 p.m., at Eugene High School  
Macks Creek at Webleau, at 7 p.m., at Webleau High School  
Climax Springs at Fair Play, at 7 p.m., at Fair Play High School  
**Saturday**  
Chillicothe at Camdenton, Laker Shootout, TBD, at Camdenton High School  
**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
**Friday**  
Osage vs TBD, Mid America Bank Osage Girls Basketball Invitational, 1/17-1/20, at Osage High School  
Macks Creek at Webleau, at 5:30p.m., at Webleau High School  
Climax Springs at Fair Play, at 5:30p.m., at Fair Play High School



Osage freshman guard Grace Ribaudo (No. 21) nails one of her two made 3-pointers for the Lady Indians in the 53-25 win over Belle.  
SAM KOMBRINK/LAKE SUN



Osage junior shooting guard Elizabeth Yoder (No. 33) fires off one of her four made 3-pointers in the 53-25 win over Belle.  
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Osage senior forward Lauren Bartlett (No. 42) puts up a shot during the 53-25 win Wednesday, Jan. 17.  
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of Missouri's outdoors. People can learn more about the species of owls found in Missouri on Jan. 26 and again on Feb. 9 at the Missouri Department of Conservation's Springfield Conservation Nature Center's "Owl

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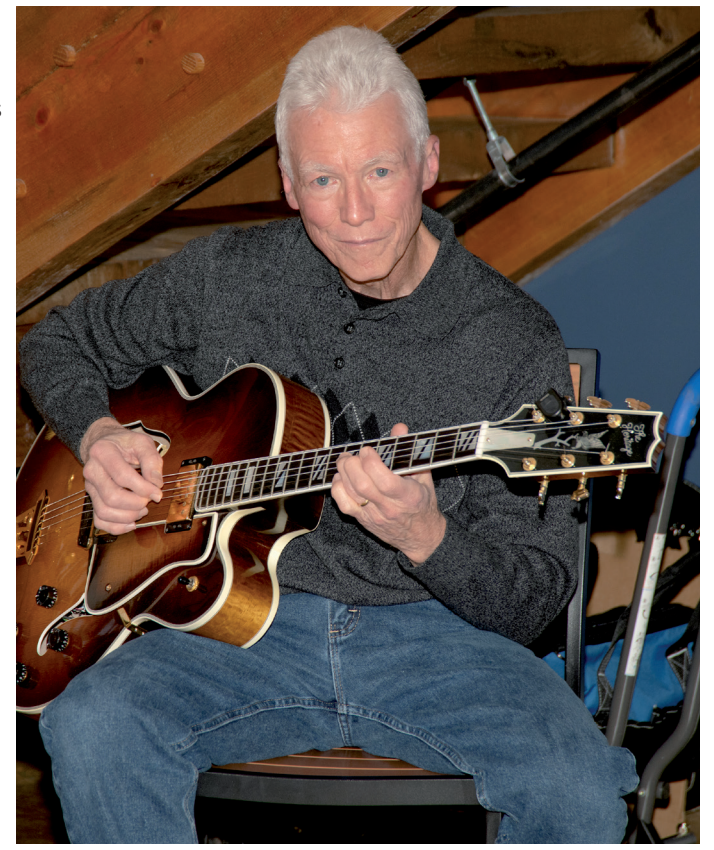
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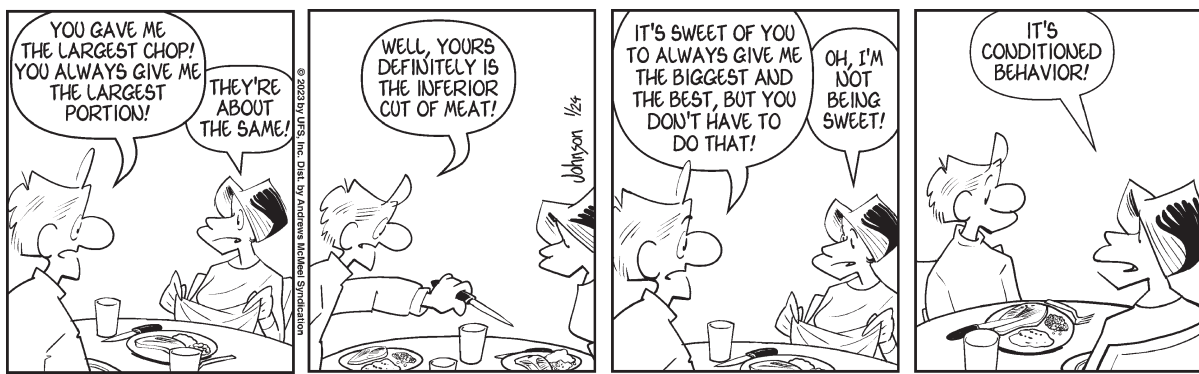
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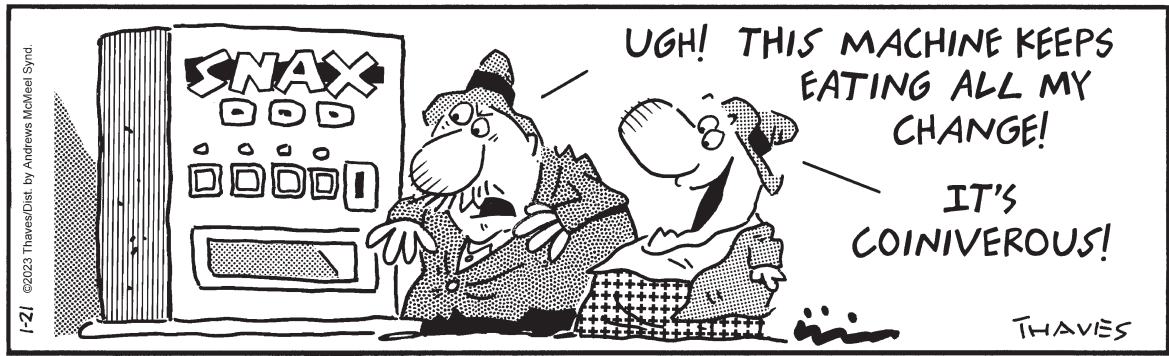
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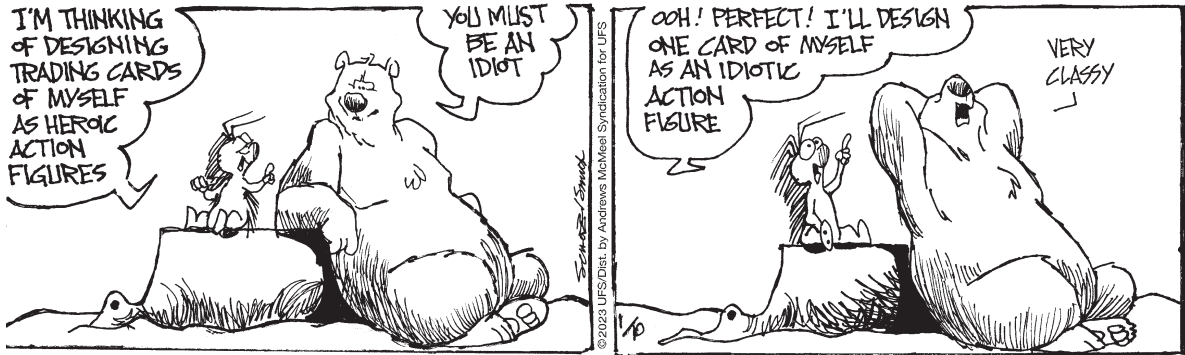
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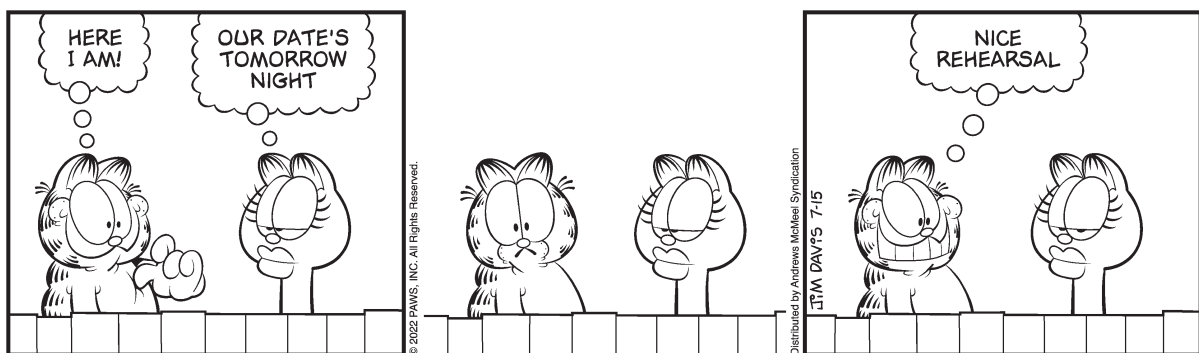
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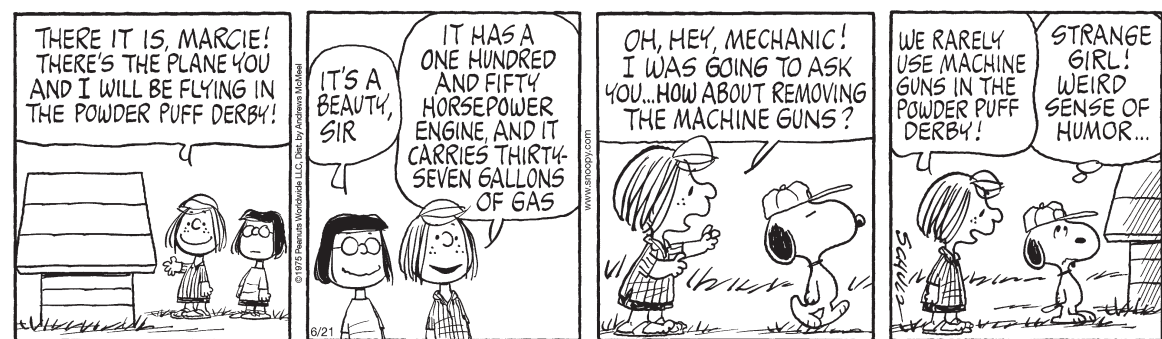
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by Luis Campos

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- 41 KOA visitors
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**PUBLIC NOTICE 23151**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**SUNRISE BEACH PLANNING**  
**AND ZONING COMMISSION**

Notice is hereby given that the Village of Sunrise Beach Planning and Zoning Commission will conduct a public hearing on Monday, February 5 at 6 p.m. at Sunrise Beach City Hall, 16537 N. Highway 5, Sunrise Beach MO 65079 to hear comments on the following proposals:

Map Amendment (Rezoning) 1: Camden County Parcel ID: 002+02-7.0-35.0-000.0-000-036.000. The property is located at the northwest intersection of Beachwood Drive and Rock Harbor Road and is approximately 4.36 acres m/l. The applicant is seeking rezoning of this parcel from R-1 Single Family residential to R-2 Medium family residential, for purposes of constructing a two-family residential structure (duplex) on the property. Darren Trunck, applicant.

Map Amendment (Rezoning) 2: Camden County Parcel ID: 002+02-7.0-35.0-000.0-000-037.001. The property is located at the northeast intersection of Beachwood Drive and Old Sunrise Acres Road and is approximately 20.03 acres m/l. The applicant is seeking rezoning of this parcel from R-1 Single Family residential to R-2 Medium family residential, for purposes of constructing a two-family residential structure (duplex) on the property. Darren Trunck, applicant.

Citizens are invited to comment on this proposal at the specified date and time. Copies of the proposal are available for inspection at Sunrise Beach City Hall during regular business hours and on the City website, [www.sunrisebeachmo.gov](http://www.sunrisebeachmo.gov). Anyone needing accommodations for this meeting should contact Sunrise Beach City Hall, 573-374-8782, at least one day in advance of the meeting.

By: Steve Roth, City Manager / Zoning Officer  
First insertion: 1-19-24, 145-006  
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The names of all of the parties to said suit are stated above in the caption hereof, and the name of the attorney for Plaintiff is Kenneth O. McCutcheon, Jr., whose address is 110 N. Monroe, P.O. Box 5, Versailles, Missouri 65084. You are further notified that, unless you file an answer or other pleading or shall otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid petition within forty-five (45) days after the 19th day of January, 2024, judgment by default will be rendered against you.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Circuit Court this 11th day of January, 2024.

/s/ Kayla Henry, Circuit Clerk  
/s/ Tricia McCollum, Deputy Clerk  
First insertion: 1-19-24, 145-006  
Last insertion: 2-09-24, 145-012

**PUBLIC NOTICE 23145**  
**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

Lake Ozark Village is requesting proposals from qualified experienced General Contractors. In order to be considered, the Contractor must complete and submit a proposal electronically in accordance with the solicitation documentation. Plans can be obtained by emailing [nsharp@fairwaymanagement.com](mailto:nsharp@fairwaymanagement.com). Deadline to submit Proposal: January 31, 2024 at 5 pm local time. Contact Nikki Sharp, [nsharp@fairwaymanagement.com](mailto:nsharp@fairwaymanagement.com)

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**Graphic Designer.** Mfg. company with international sales in hobby industry has immediate opening for graphic designer. Requires design capabilities for ads/brochures/catalogs/web sites, photography, 2-4 yrs. computer design programs experience. Lake of the Ozarks location, M-F, 8-5. Benefits. Submit resume, design samples to: [human.resources@woodlandscenics.com](mailto:human.resources@woodlandscenics.com), PO Box 98, Linn Creek, MO. 65052 or [human.resources@woodlandscenics.com](mailto:human.resources@woodlandscenics.com).

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# LAKE SUN

**PUBLIC NOTICE 23150**  
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**NOTICE OF CITY ELECTION TO THE LEGAL AND QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF LAKE OZARK, MISSOURI**

Notice is hereby given that the annual election will be held in the City of Lake Ozark, Missouri on April 2, 2024. At said election, candidates for the following offices will be voted upon:

Alderman Ward I	Two year term
Alderman Ward II	Two year term
Alderman Ward III	Two year term

All those persons wishing to be a candidate for any of the above named offices must file a Notice of Candidacy with the City Clerk of Lake Ozark, Missouri. For the April 2, 2024 election, the first day of candidate filing is December 5, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. and the last day is December 26, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Polling places shall be opened at six (6) o'clock a.m. on April 2 2024 and shall remain open until seven (7) o'clock p.m. on said date.

Ward I, Miller County	Mt. Carmel Church
Ward II, Miller County	Mt. Carmel Church
Ward III, Miller County	Mt. Carmel Church
Ward III, Camden County	Lodge of Four Seasons-Exhibition Center

Given under my hand and seal of the City of Lake Ozark, Missouri the 17th day of November, 2023.

Kathy Vance  
City Clerk  
573/365-5378

## Trends in homebuying: Understanding today's real estate landscape

(BPT) - Trends in real estate and home buying go far beyond mortgage rates and home prices. Better Homes and Gardens' Real Estate has identified several more trends that provide insight into today's homebuyer and what they are looking for in a home.

### Who are the buyers?

There is a big difference between a first-time buyer and someone who already owns a home. In fact, the 2023 Profile of Home Buyers & Sellers by the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR) reports a 23-year age gap between a typical first-time buyer (35 years old) and a repeat buyer (58 years old).

There are also more unmarried people buying homes today. While 59% of all buyers were married couples, single females purchased 19% of homes, followed by single men (10%) and unmarried couples (9%). It's also noteworthy that 70% of recent home buyers did not have a child under 18 living in the home, a drastic increase from 42% back in 1985.

"First-time buyers remain active and continue to account for about 30% of all home purchases," said Ginger Wilcox, president of Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate. "While saving for a down payment remains a challenge, the overwhelming majority of first-time homebuyers are not putting down 20% and many are getting financial help from parents, families and friends. The repeat buyer has a significant advantage as they can utilize equity from their previous home to either pay cash or reduce their mortgage as they move up or down in home size."

### Staying close ... again

"The pandemic-fueled, work-from-anywhere trend that allowed so many to purchase a home in more affordable areas seems to be subsiding," Wilcox said. "Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate affiliated agents are reporting more and more buyers who left a market are starting to return due to work or because they miss family and friends."

This trend is shown in NAR data, according to Wilcox.

"For years before the pandemic, it was normal for repeat buyers to move within 15 miles of their previous home," she said. "It jumped to 50 miles a year ago as so many opted to move to more affordable locations and take advantage of the remote work boom. We are back to a 20-mile radius today."

### What do buyers want?

NAR reported that 39% of repeat buyers traded up, while 33% purchased a smaller home. But home size is not the only consideration, according to Wilcox.

"It was interesting to see that 60% of all buyers said the quality of the neighborhood was the most important factor in determining where to live," she said. "We are returning to a real estate market where life events trigger buying decisions. Being close to family and friends is the biggest driver of where people want to be, even more than affordability."

"We are also seeing a trend in longevity in a home. While most live in their home for 10 years, today's buyer believes they will stay in their recently purchased home for at least 15 years. Therefore, it is important for potential buyers to look as

far into the future as possible when choosing their next home and thinking about job locations, marriage, children, and other factors."

### What about older Americans?

Better Homes and Gardens' Real Estate is tracking the home buying and selling patterns of baby boomers. This generation, those now 59-77, have redefined societal norms since they were born and are now doing the same in housing as they age. The U.S. Census reports the homeownership rate is more than 75% for baby boomers and AARP reports an overwhelming majority of this group wants to age in place.

"One of the big questions hanging over the housing market is how long baby boomers will stay in their existing homes," Wilcox said. "As those in this demographic move on to the next phase in their lives, they will be looking for more manageable homes, nearby medical facilities, accessible community amenities and proximity to friends and loved ones. A good real estate professional will be able to assist and understand how to maximize the equity they have built."

NAR shared that those over 60 almost tripled the number of home purchases in senior-related housing compared to the previous year (19% vs. 7%, respectively). Retirement, health of a loved one and the desire to downsize are the driving factors for a move for those 65 and older. Only 3% in this age group say they want a larger home.

### The process

The fast-paced housing market continues. It's important that buyers select an agent

with whom they are comfortable, with a like-minded communication style and experience working in the price points and communities the buyer is interested in. It is also important to choose an agent who can help identify reputable loan officers with various

financing options.

"More than half of all buyers use an agent who was referred to them or someone they worked with previously," Wilcox said. "I always encourage buyers to ask around and interview more than one agent. Don't be afraid to spend time

with your potential agent to ensure they are right for you."

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