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With support Lake Ozark could win big

By Nancy Zoellner

If enough Missourians support the move, in the next few years Lake Ozark will be home to a casino, hotel and convention center that promises to greatly increase revenues for both Lake Ozark and Miller County. If the state auditor's figures are correct, it will also put more than \$17 million into early childhood literacy programs in elementary schools throughout the state each year.

Representatives from the Bally's Corporation, which partnered in 2023 with the Osage River Gaming & Convention (ORGC), a group of local investors, unveiled their plans at the September 24 Lake Ozark Board of Aldermen meeting.

Craig Eaton, president of Bally's Rhode Island Operations and corporate secretary, spoke first, talking about Bally's history, their success – they operate 15 different casinos in 10 different states, including a 45,000-square-foot casino in Kansas City – and the partnerships they have developed in those communities.

Christopher Jewett, senior vice president of Corporate Development for Bally's, shared information on the proposed Lake Ozark casino.

He said the project, which will be located on formerly quarried land just north and east of the intersection of Highway 54 and 242, will offer a 50,000 square foot gaming floor that will house 900 to 1,000 state-of-the-art slot machines and 25 to 35 table games, as well as restaurants. The development will also in-

clude a 15-story, 300-room hotel and conference center with rooftop bar and pool that will be constructed at the same time as the casino. A 150,000-square-foot mixed-use conference venue that can be used for large-scale events

Jewett said that the casino will not only provide another form of entertainment and draw more traffic to the lake, the area will gain another hotel product and the development will create hundreds of living wage permanent

jobs and hundreds of construction jobs over a period of years. Currently, state law allowed just 13 licensed riverboat casinos in Missouri and those casinos must be located within 1,000 feet of the closest edge of the main channel of the Mississippi and Missouri rivers only. Amendment 4 also states that all state revenues derived from issuing gambling licenses will



like concerts and graduations, and mixed-use retail, which he said will be handled by ORGC, will follow at a later date.

At an earlier Lake Ozark Board of Aldermen meeting, Andy Prewitt, president of ORGC, said they also plan to construct workforce housing on an adjacent 22-acre strip of land. The entire complex will occupy the 90-some acres that make up Phase 4 of Eagles' Landing.

However, none of it will happen unless voters approve Amendment 5 when they go to the polls on November 5.

If approved, the amendment will permit the Missouri Gaming Commission, the state agency responsible for regulating gambling, to issue an additional license for a gambling boat and that boat would be allowed to op-

erated on the Osage River, specifically between the Missouri River and Bagnell Dam. The location will include an artificial space that contains water and must be within 500 feet of the 100-year base flood elevation as estab-

lished by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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Armchair Pilot

By Nancy Zoellner

TROPICAL STORM HELENE weakened after making landfall, but it had a strong impact on travel – and not everyone was happy about the compensation they received from airlines. According to Department of Transportation rules, every ticket holder on any of the 1,000 flights that were cancelled is eligible for a refund. However, the people booked on the more than 4,000 flights that were delayed won't be getting any compensation since weather is outside airline control. DOT rules state passengers are only entitled to compensation when delays are within the airline's control. Because airlines have different policies, it's best to check before booking – and to also check into travel insurance, which can sometimes pick up where airline policies leave off.

THE HURRICANE MAY have cancelled flights but it didn't cancel trips to Disney World. The park opened as usual the day after Helene made landfall, although news sites report that attendance was down substantially. On the other side of the country, although not weather related, a woman with two children wasn't going to be allowed into Disney Land Friday. That's because she was arrested three days earlier after she tried to take her children into the park without paying. According to a news report, the woman refused to cooperate with park officials when they attempted to verify the age of the children – kids under 3 get in free – so park officials called police. When Disney tried to eject her for the day, she refused to leave, so she left in handcuffs. Park officials said it wasn't their first run-in with the woman, who had been able to get past security and get lost in the crowd without paying multiple times in the past couple months.

EVEN THOUGH FLYING can be stressful for some, the medical profession is advising those with heart or lung conditions that consuming

may lower blood oxygen levels and cause them to stay lower longer while also significantly increasing heart rate. Experts suggest that instead of drinking, nervous fliers should consider relaxation methods such as deep breathing techniques.

THE 2024 North American Airport Satisfaction Survey from JD Pow-



er ranks Orange County's John Wayne Airport as the best large airport in North America. Tampa International came in at No. 2 and the good news for Missourians is Kansas City International was ranked No. 3. St. Louis was also high on the list at No. 25. "Large" airports are those that serve between 10 and 32.9 million passengers per year. Of those polled, around 60 percent said that their favorite airport helped alleviate travel-related stress but severely crowded airports made for a less satisfying experience. The survey rates airport customer satisfaction in several categories including arrival experience; terminal facilities; food, beverage, and retail; ease of travel; airport staff; departure experience and level of trust with the airport.

A 21-YEAR-OLD American college student likely won't be giving the Dubai International Airport a good rating in any category. She was sentenced to one year in a Dubai prison after being accused of "assaulting and insulting" airport staff during a layover last July. According to a press release, while going through airport security, she was told to remove a doctor-mandated waist training brace. She was led to a booth where female security officers removed the trainer in a "rough manner." When the girl attempted to put the brace back on, which usually requires two people, she was blocked from exiting to ask a friend for help. During her attempt to leave the booth, she allegedly bumped into one of the security women. The organization, Detained in Dubai, is calling for increased travel warnings to U.S. citizens.



alcohol in the air to relax could be harmful. A study conducted earlier this year found drinking alcohol and then sleeping on a flight

FOR MORE THAN 35 years, "We'll leave the light on for you" was the tagline of the American-owned Motel 6 hotel chain. Tom Bodett, an American author, voice actor, and radio personality, based the line on something his mom would always say when he came home. In 2021, Motel 6 released new ads featuring a diverse group of people and the tagline was split into two sentences, "We'll leave the light on. For you." Now that G6 Hospitality, the parent company of several hotel brands, including Motel 6, was sold to India-based company OYO, some are wondering if their advertising message will change. According to the company, OYO now operates 320 hotels in 35 U.S. states. Its goal is to add 250 more hotels by the end of this year. There are approximately 1,500 Motel 6 and Studio 6 Extended Stay motels in the U.S. and Canada.

LAKE OF THE OZARKS isn't the only tourist destination offering discounts during the shoulder seasons. According to Expedia, airlines typically drop their rates 10 percent or more from summer months, and in October, international travel average ticket prices can be more than \$250 lower. Hotels also offer great rates. Top fall U.S. destinations include Las Vegas, New York, Orlando, Los Angeles and Boston. The top international destinations for fall are Cancun, Paris, London, Rome and Tokyo.

IF A TRIP TO CANCUN is planned, make sure you take only one portable computer. Unlike the U.S., which doesn't limit the number of laptops you can fly with, Mexican customs regulations allow only one laptop or tablet. Travelers bringing more than one into Cancun face taxes of up to 19 percent of the deemed value of up to \$4,000. The regulation can be found under Baggage and Passenger Allowance in the General Rules for Foreign Trade. If passengers refuse to pay the tax, the devices will be confiscated.

NO MATTER WHERE you're flying to this fall – or any other time – even if the seatbelt sign is off, you should stay buckled as long as the plane is in the air. Not only can turbulence occur unexpectedly, but flights can abruptly alter their course, as did United flight 2428 as it was descending to San Francisco International. When the plane slowed its descent to account for another aircraft at a lower altitude, two passengers, including one who was not seated at the time, were injured enough that they were transported to the hospital after landing.

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5 Ways to Declutter The Family Home Before Listing

Preparing a longtime family home for sale can be a big, emotional undertaking. How do you sort through cherished things that your family has accumulated over decades? Here are 5 areas to get you started.

1. Pitch The Paper

We often become “clutter blind” to the accumulation of items in our homes, and paper is one of the biggest offenders. Move from room to room and gather all the paper items—unsorted mail, documents, bills, magazines, greeting cards, invitations, newspapers, etc. Sort them into three piles: keep, shred, and recycle. File the important items, shred anything with personal information and recycle the rest.

2. Remove The Extra Furniture

Overcrowded rooms can feel small and uninviting to potential buyers. Remove all non-essential furniture and any pieces that are threadbare, excessively worn, or don't fit properly in the space. It's better to have less and use your best pieces to stage your home.

3. Depersonalize The Décor

Your home likely features your favorite collections, photographs, children's artwork, postcards, and memorabilia. These items, while meaningful to you, can make it difficult for buyers to envision themselves living in the space. Pack them away and opt for clean, simple décor that highlights your home's best features without overwhelming potential buyers.

4. Clear The Kitchen

A clean, clutter-free kitchen can make a strong, positive impression on potential buyers. Clear the counter tops, leaving only a few essential items such as a coffee maker or a stylish fruit bowl. Organize cabinets and drawers and ensure the pantry and refrigerator are tidy. A clean, organized kitchen not only looks more spacious but also suggests to buyers that the home has been well-maintained.

5. Streamline The Closets

Crowded closets can give the impression of limited storage space. In bedroom closets, keep only the clothes that you frequently wear and enjoy. Store or donate the rest. Linen closets should have no more than two sets of fresh sheets and pillowcases per bed, and only the best towels and washcloths should remain. Ensure everything fits comfortably in the allotted space. Hall closets should not appear to be bursting at the seams, and there should be enough room to accommodate guests' outerwear.

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Donation will enhance apprehension training

By Nancy Zoellner

A donation to the Camden County Sheriff's Office is helping them take a bite out of crime – literally.

In September, members of the Camdenton VFW Post 5923 and Sunrise Beach American Legion Post 624 presented Shadow and his handler Deputy Dylan Rice with an Elite K9 bite suit. The suit, which protects the decoy's entire body while training the dog, is valued at more than \$1,200.

It was the first of what the sheriff's office hopes will be many donations to their K9 program.

VFW Post Commander Sherry McKinney and Senior Vice Commander Dave Younk, a former K9 handler with a Wisconsin law enforcement agency, said they decided to purchase the suit after Rice demonstrated the K9 at one of their monthly meetings.

"I used to do demos and I thought our members would find that interesting so I contacted the sheriff's office to see if their K9 officer could visit," Younk explained. "The deputy did a fine job and afterwards, we talked for a while. I asked how he trained – if he used a bite suit – but he said they only had a sleeve because suits were expensive, so at

our next meeting I made a motion that we buy one for them. We asked the American Legion if they'd like to split the cost with us and they said they would, so I ordered it."

McKinney said they asked the deputy to select the suit to make sure they would get the one that would best suit the deputy's needs.

"We are very much in support of our law enforcement so we were honored that we got to participate in their program by doing this," she said.

Shadow, a 2-year-old German Shepherd, has been trained to sniff out illegal drugs and to track and he's trained in officer protection. Deputy Rice said he's anxious to start training with the bite suit and will be looking for a volunteer to play the part of the bad guy.

"Since we've only had the sleeve, I haven't been able to work with him on people bailing from cars and running away from us so this will be great," he said.

Deputy Rice said his dad, Dallas County Sheriff Scott Rice, trained Shadow, then donated him to the Camden County Sheriff's Office, "and he trained me to work with Shadow. I worked with

him for around two months before he started riding with me on patrol," Deputy Rice said, adding that in the beginning, a lot of it was just getting to know each other and learning how to "read" each other's signals.

"When we first started working together, he didn't know what I was doing and I didn't know what he was doing. Now, as soon as we walk into a room I can tell if there are drugs just by watching him," he said. "And if the wind is blowing just right and I show up on a traffic stop, I know if he's going to alert on a car before he even walks up to it. He started out as my dog. Now he's my partner."

Since joining the sheriff's office, Shadow has been deployed more than 30 times on traffic stops and because of his bark – and because even the "biggest baddest guys" don't want to chance being bit – he has been instrumental in deputies being able to serve warrants without issues.

The K9 team works county-wide but because of the number of drugs that have been found during traffic stops on Horseshoe Bend, he spends much of his time patrolling in that zone, along with Drug Recognition Expert



Captain Shawn Kobel, Karl Combs, Dale Montague, Dave Younk and Sherry McKinney with the Camdenton VFW Post 5923 and John Seward, Austin Teel and Karl Wendell with American Legion Post 624 in Sunrise Beach pose with Deputy Dyland Rice and his K9 partner Shadow.

Corporal Bryce Easley.

Camden County's last K9 had to be retired when Missourians voted to legalize recreational marijuana. Because the county already had a vehicle set up for K9, they didn't have to spend any additional money to bring Shadow on.

McKinney said they wanted to publicize their donation to encourage others to also give to the K9 program.

Captain Shawn Kobel said the sheriff's office has a budget line

specifically for the K9 program so any donations would go to that program and not into general revenue. Donations to K9 programs in other counties across the state have been used to cover the cost of medical care, food, ongoing training and needed equipment and supplies.

For more information on how to partner with the sheriff's office K9 program, email Capt. Kobel at s.kobel@camdenso-mo.us or call 573-346-2243.

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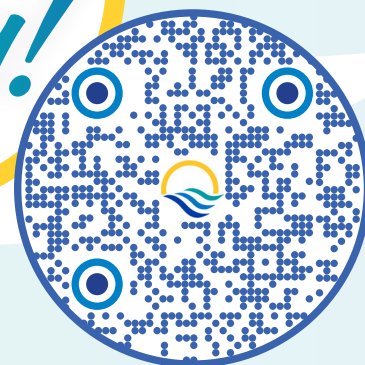
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Making the streets safer

By Nancy Zoellner

Late last month members of the Camden County Sheriff's Office and the Missouri State Highway Patrol worked together

to conduct a rural traffic enforcement saturation event.

According to Lt. David Henderson, the operation supervisor for the sheriff's office, during the

event they focused on the northwest area of Camden County including the Roach and Climax Springs areas. He said three deputies working under a grant and

three deputies who were working their regular shifts, along with two troopers, spent several hours patrolling from around Route 7 and State Road J all the way to the Benton County line.

During that time, they made 28 traffic stops that resulted in 18 verbal warnings and seven citations, and they made four arrests for driving while suspended, no valid operator's license, minor in possession, and DWI - alcohol.

"We sometimes choose the location based off of complaints that we get. We had received complaints from some of the members of that community about side-by-sides on the roadways - but I don't believe we had a whole lot that night," Lt. Henderson said. "These kinds of efforts are for public education. We do them at all hours of the day and night and we try to be somewhat random so they're not always held on a set day or time."

He said that while they try to participate in the statewide efforts that are funded through grants, they conduct the rural saturation patrols once a month from September to April, "when things slow down and we have the manpower available."

Each year, the Missouri De-

partment of Transportation (MoDOT) funds impaired driving saturation events through a combination of state funds and grants. The Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety also offers grants for impaired driving and other roadway safety issues that contribute to serious injuries and fatalities on Missouri roadways.

This is why:

183 people were killed in 2023 traffic crashes that involved at least one substance-impaired driver.

755 people were seriously injured in 2023 traffic crashes that involved at least one substance-impaired driver.

Ten percent of the children less than 15 years of age, who were killed in motor vehicle crashes over the last five years, were riding with a substance-impaired driver.

Over 90 percent of these crashes are the result of someone simply making a poor decision, primarily driving too fast, driving distracted or driving impaired.

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Fewer deer in the headlights

By Nancy Zoellner

To reduce the overabundance of whitetail deer, since 2019 the Village of Four Seasons Board of Trustees has hired highly trained firearms experts with the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Wildlife Services to cull deer inside Village limits. Last year the Village voted to spend up to \$15,000 on the project; the year before they voted to spend up to \$25,000. Each year the Four Seasons Property Owners Association (POA) has also kicked in \$5,000 to help cover the cost.

Although the POA decided to drop out of the program this year, the Village of Four Seasons trustees voted to continue in hopes of keeping the population down.

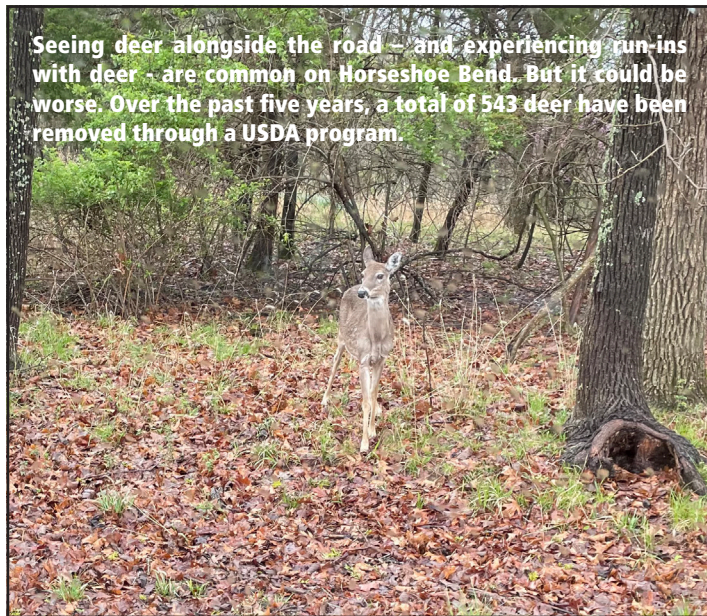
Dan McMurtry, district supervisor with USDA's APHIS Wildlife Services, attended the Village's September 11 meeting via Zoom to discuss this year's plan.

"The deer surveys are important, but the main decision to continue with deer removal should be based on what you're seeing. Are the gardens being consumed, are you still having a lot of deer strikes on the roadways, are people complaining, and do you have the amount of deer you want to live with," McMurtry asked trustees. "The numbers have always been high, although you don't see the dozens and dozens of deer lining the roads like you did in the past. My recommendation is to continue with the program if you want to keep the same level."

Last year the team worked two separate two-night hunts and removed 78 deer – 43 females and 35 males. Baldrige said the Village would like to follow that same schedule in the upcoming hunt.

McMurtry said they would begin the census in October. In an earlier meeting he told the board that's done by driving the roads – anywhere from 13 to 15 miles – and, using a thermal scope, counting the number of deer they see. McMurtry said he then uses those numbers to calculate square miles and create an index of sorts to compare one year to the next.

Once they have determined the areas with the highest deer population, they decide if it would be safe to conduct the deer removal process in those areas. McMurtry said because of the increased number of homes that



Seeing deer alongside the road – and experiencing run-ins with deer – are common on Horseshoe Bend. But it could be worse. Over the past five years, a total of 543 deer have been removed through a USDA program.

are being built in the Village, they can't hunt in as many areas as they could when the program began.

"Many times we go out at night and we see deer but it's unsafe to shoot so we move on. Some of the places that have the highest deer population – Kay's Point is one – you drive around there and try to find a place where you can safely remove deer, but there are no places to do that," he said.

In a written response to questions, Russ Mitchell, co-owner of Missouri Association Management LLC, which manages the POA, said that the POA board voted to pull out of the program because they felt the hunt was "not yielding adequate results for property owner assessment dollars. The POA has pledged to continue to provide the services and physical resources necessary for the USDA Sharp-Shooting harvest program to continue and will monitor the results of the 2024-2025 harvest, in an effort to evaluate the benefits."

He said that a contributing factor in the POA Board's funding decision is that the USDA deer harvest program only serves areas located on Horseshoe Bend while deer populations continue to proliferate in the Porto Cima area of Shawnee Bend.

"The Four Seasons POA Board of Directors is charged with working on behalf of all property owners within the development and is looking for ways to enhance deer population control measures in the Porto Cima area at this time," he explained. "Currently, signage, deterrent measures and enhancing the POA's managed archery deer hunt

program in this area is where the Board has focused POA efforts and resources. The Four Seasons POA Board of Directors will continue to look at further control measures going forward towards the 2025-2026 deer harvest season. If the potential presents itself, a similar USDA program could benefit that area of the property owners association and the POA Board may choose to participate in those efforts, something the Village of Four Seasons could not do since that area is located outside of their geographical boundaries."

The POA is continuing with its Managed Archery Deer Hunt Program, which allows property owners in good standing, their guests and family members to bow hunt in designated areas of common property within the boundaries of the association on both Horseshoe Bend and Shawnee Bend.

"This program has already been established for the 2024-2025 archery season; hunters submitted their applications in July and August, the draw for hunting areas has already taken place and hunters have begun hunting as of September 15th. Hunters report the numbers of deer harvested and this information is shared with the USDA, the Village of Four Seasons and the Missouri Department of Conservation," Mitchell said.

In-season bow hunting is allowed on private property inside the Village of Four Seasons, according to Village attorney Todd Miller, however hunters must be 10 feet off the ground so their arrows have a downward trajectory.

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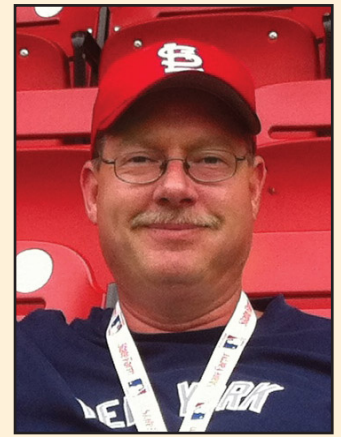
Most of our vacation rental management clients are people who have a second home or condo here at the Lake of the Ozarks and they are looking to off-set the cost of having a vacation property. But even though this might not be an "investment" property, they would still like to keep their expenses to a minimum.

Here are a few ideas to help reduce the overall expenses of owning a vacation home or condo (and obviously some of these ideas will only apply to either a home or a condo but not both).

Smart devices; having a "Smart" thermostat that you can adjust/monitor from your home can help save on heating and cooling costs as well as give you peace of mind during the winter. We recommend a WIFI thermostat, but one that is easy for guests to use. Avoid Nest's or similar thermostats that are not user friendly for your guests. You just need the basics, the ability to monitor the temperature and to adjust if needed.

"Water Sensor" for your AC, water heater or utility room. This device senses water and can alert you to a potential costly leak. Some devices will shut down your AC if it is leaking water to help prevent further damage to your property or in the case of a condo, someone else's property.

"Noise Detector" this is one item that we DO NOT RECOMMEND. We have over 2000 rentals each year and we get less than five "noise" related calls per year. The cost combined with the potential for false alarms just isn't worth it, in our opinion. Now if we received hundreds of noise related calls per year, then it would be worth



Russell Burdette

it.

There are some services that you do not need in the off-season. You can change your trash service to once per month or if you close your property down, suspend it all together until the next spring. If you have Spectrum and have a newer Samsung television or a Roku enabled television you do not even need a cable box any longer. While you will still have to pay for one box to have service, you can download the app on to any compatible television (Samsung or Roku) and eliminate the extra boxes. If you currently have three boxes, eliminating the cost for two of those boxes will save you between \$400 and \$500 per year!

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Most colorful time of the year

By Nancy Zoellner

Although it hasn't actually felt like it, fall officially began at 7:44 a.m. Central Daylight Time on Sunday, September 21.

The trees beginning to turn from green to gold may have some singing songs like "The Autumn Leaves" by Nat King Cole.

Kevin Luttrell, superintendent of the Horseshoe Bend Special Road District, is humming a different tune.

"They're beautiful to look at when they turn different colors, but they sure cause us a lot of headaches," he quipped.

That's because many residents are under the false assumption that the road district provides

they'll stop and talk to homeowners and explain the situation. If no one is home, they leave a letter informing them that placing any debris in the ditch lines is not allowed and it needs to be removed immediately.

Public Works Director Matt Michalik said the city of Lake Ozark stopped leaf pickup several years ago after collected leaves caught fire because they have nowhere to dispose of them.

Osage Beach typically provides leaf pick-up service, which normally begins around Thanksgiving, for residents who live on city streets, but they too have guidelines. Those guidelines, which haven't yet been updated for 2024,

neighbors or citizens, the fire will be extinguished by either the subject or the fire district.

- When Red Flag conditions are announced or the Missouri State Fire Marshal's office issues a statewide burn ban, no burning is allowed.

In the meantime, Forestry Field Programs Supervisor Russell Hinnah with the Missouri Department of Conservation said the drought and warm temperatures could cause leaves to be less colorful and to fall sooner.

"Sugars produced by photosynthesis are trapped inside leaves by the cool autumn nights," Hinnah explained. "Those sugars are the building blocks for the rich



leaf removal so they blow their leaves into the drainage ditches in front of their homes - and leave them. When it rains, the leaves get washed into the culvert pipes and plug them up, sometimes causing ditches to overflow and flood yards and homes.

"Residents can blow the leaves into the ditch and burn them but they need to keep the fire 3 feet away from the culverts and the asphalt," he said.

Luttrell said they do suck up some leaves but only in areas where the shoulders are covered with white riprap. In areas where there are no homes, they use a turbine blower to blast the leaves back into the woods. But with the number of trees on the Bend, and because they're tasked with maintaining some 170 miles of roadway, he said that if they took care of removing all the leaves, they wouldn't have time or the money to do anything else.

When road district crew members find ditches filled with leaves

can be found by visiting www.osagebeach-mo.gov and clicking the "Living and Visiting" tab.

Leaves can't be dumped in the trash because Missouri law bans leaves, grass clippings and garden material from landfills. However, it is legal to burn leaves all around Lake of the Ozarks - but again - there are guidelines that must be followed:

- The wind must be below 10 miles per hour and humidity must be above 30 percent and temperature below 95.

- The fire must be attended at all times, the person must have a hose and rake with them to attend to the fire, and the fire must be out by dark.

- Fires must be at least 25 feet away from any structure and only yard waste can be burned - not plastics or other hydrocarbons.

- You must call the fire district you are in for a burn permit on the day you wish to burn - not the day before.

- If there are any complaints by

red, yellow, orange, and purple pigments. Cooler temperatures cause the breakdown of green pigments in leaves, allowing fall colors to show."

He said Missouri trees first begin changing color in the northern part of the state, then move southward. Sassafras, sumac, and Virginia creeper are some of the earliest to change in mid-September. In late September, black gum, bittersweet, and dogwood are turning. The peak of fall color usually hits around mid-October when trees like maple, ash, oak, and hickory are at their most colorful. Normally by the end of the month, colors are fading and leaves are falling.

MDC provides its annual fall color update at mdc.mo.gov/fall-color. The weekly reports include what species of trees are turning and suggestions on best places to see them. The updates, provided by agency foresters all over the state, run through November.

"Insurance Talk"

with Donna Buxton of Golden Rule Insurance

Securing Your Home or Business

Did you know, every 25.7 seconds a home is burglarized and every 1.9 minutes, a robbery occurs. In 2019, \$15.8 billion were from burglaries and larceny-theft. The average loss per offense was around \$2,600. Only about 28.9% of stolen property is recovered. I know from experience, there are ways to make it easier, while also saving money on your insurance.

Living in the middle of the neighborhood, you are more likely to have your home burglarized than if you live on the corner. Burglars typically look for an easy escape route and/or ease of hiding. For this reason, overgrown hedges, lawns, and landscaping make you a target. Do you have high value items which can be seen through a window? Was there recently a burglary in your neighborhood? These are all things to watch.

One study showed that when confronted with an alarm system, 50% of burglars would stop trying to break in. Seems like pretty good odds to me. So why is it only approximately 35% of people own a security system?

What can you do to lower your chances of being a victim of this crime? The obvious start would be to keep all windows and doors locked. Deadbolts are more secure than



Donna Buxton

standard locks, but a seasoned criminal will have no problems getting past that lock. Keep your curtains and blinds closed when you're not at home. Keep valuable items out of site, and in a safe if possible. Install motion detection cameras. Do not post on social media when you are going on vacation or while you are on vacation if your home will be left unoccupied.

While those tips lower your chances of being a victim, they won't stop it, nor will they catch the criminal. The most effective way to keep your home safe is to install a security system and cameras. Considering most burglars are in and out in under 12 minutes, cameras would certainly help. Not only will they help protect you, but they could also give you a discount on your insurance.

Donna Buxton works at Golden Rule Insurance in Osage Beach. For additional comments or questions, she can be reached at 573-348-1731.

Ribbon Cuttings



Janine's Flowers marked a milestone moment on September 16th with a Joint Chamber ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate their 45th anniversary. The event, held at their charming location at 235 Ha Ha Tonka Cut Thru in Camdenton, was a vibrant celebration of the business' longstanding presence in the community.

Janine's Flowers remains a one-stop destination for floral arrangements, special gifts, tuxedos, balloons, and other event supplies. For more information or to place an order, visit their website at JaninesFlowers.com or stop by their location at 235 Ha Ha Tonka Cut Thru, Camdenton.

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go to early-childhood literary programs for elementary public schools.

According to the Missouri Secretary of State's Office a simple majority is required to pass.

Jewett said that if approved by the voters, the Missouri Gaming Commission will have to approve a license for the casino in order for it to operate. If Bally's get the needed approval, the casino and hotel would likely be completed and open for business 18 months later.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, Merlyn Vandervort said he fully supported the project but was worried about the additional strain on the already inadequate workforce – and the shortage of housing. His was the only concern voiced.

A retired law enforcement officer who owns a second home at the Lake also addressed the board during public comment. He said he was working patrol when riverboat gambling was enacted in Iowa, "and I can tell you that during that time, there was no adverse impact from

gambling. During my tenure, I also served as a jail administrator with the sheriff's office so if someone was coming into the jail I knew who they were and the crimes they were committing and I can tell you there was no measurable adverse impact from gambling. It just wasn't there."

At the end of Bally's presentation, Mayor Dennis Newberry said it was a "no-brainer" and one of the best things that could happen to the city of Lake Ozark.

"Over the last 40 years we've had billions spent on residential, but we have not had the same balance in retail and without a retail development here, our city lacks the funding for adequate roads, sewer and water systems, enough revenue to have a good quality police department and public works so we're going to have to embrace some of these projects," he said. "It's going to bring in, according to the state auditor's office, approximately \$2.5 million to Miller County and the city of Lake Ozark. That would represent about 30 percent of our \$8 million annual budget."

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Osage Beach–Simon violations saga continues

By Nancy Zoellner

The city's case against the owners of the Osage Beach Marketplace Outlet Mall has been continued to October 21.

In mid-August, the city of Osage Beach charged the Premium Outlet Partners, L.P., | Simon Property Group, L.P with 82 violations of the city's building code. The violations ranged from peeling paint and rotten shingles to exposed wiring.

A hearing was initially scheduled for 1 p.m. on Monday, September 9 in front of Judge Gary

On Thursday, September 26, in a written response to questions about the case, Bradbury confirmed that while repairs were being made, the work wasn't progressing as quickly as they'd like. He wrote, "Simon has made a few repairs. We have raised a number of safety issues with Simon but few of them have been addressed yet."

Cole said the city has worked with Simon Property Group, "the largest mall operator in the U.S., worth about \$3.5 billion, as well as several interested developers

wasn't willing to budge on any of the developer's requests on Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and bonding and the deal fell apart. A few months later, another well-known Lake area developer put in an offer to purchase the mall property, but that deal also fell through.

At its peak, the mall, which was completed in the mid-1980s, boasted 110 shops. Now only a handful remain.

According to the probable cause statement filed on August 13 by the city and posted on Mis-



Smith in Osage Beach Municipal Court to discuss the matter, but it was moved to Monday, September 23 when Simon's attorneys entered the case.

Osage Beach City Attorney Cole Bradbury explained that the city holds two dockets every month - usually on the second and fourth Mondays - and the first is for people without attorneys. If a person gets an attorney or in other special circumstances, the case is moved to the second court date, which the city calls the "attorney docket."

During the September 23 hearing, Bradbury told the judge that the mall owners had been making some of the repairs and the city would be updating the charging document as the work progressed. He said the mall owners are to continue making the repairs until they are completed or the mall is sold. The attorney representing the Simon Group agreed to those conditions and to the extension.

since 2022. The city's goals are to keep the mall safe and redevelop the property. Unfortunately, previous developers backed out of their proposals, and in the meantime the mall's owner has left the code violations unaddressed."

For now, the outlet mall remains under contract.

In a phone interview after court on Monday, Lake area developer Chris Foster with Horizon Development confirmed that they are continuing to work with a new group of investors to purchase the mall. However, he said he wasn't free to disclose any further details - basically the same comment he made in mid-August when he announced that they had the mall under contract.

This is the Foster family's second go-around with the city and the outlet mall.

In late 2021, they partnered with national development firm Legacy Development on a \$186 million plan to purchase and renew the mall. However, the city

souri Case.net, the violations were found during an exterior inspection of the buildings. That statement included the following:

"A Notice of Violation letter for the property of 4540 Osage Beach Parkway, Osage Beach, Missouri, was sent on 7/1/2024 and subsequently received on 7/5/2024 that, with an attached list of 2018 International Property Maintenance Code violations, stated the specific violations for each building on the property. The NOV gave thirty (30) days to submit a Plan of Action regarding the repair/correction of these violations. As of 8/13/2024 no plan of action has been submitted and/or no repair/correction of the violation has occurred."

Bradbury said that each of Counts 1 to 82 constitute a separate violation of Osage Beach City Code and each violation is punishable by a fine of up to \$500, 90 days in jail, or by both fine and imprisonment.

Building an effective web presence

with Mike Waggett,
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ADA Compliance

Making sure your website is ADA compliant is more important than ever. Recently, we heard from a local lodging facility that got hit with a lawsuit because their website didn't meet ADA standards. This isn't an isolated case either—several properties in South Florida have faced similar issues. If your website isn't accessible, it could lead to legal trouble. More importantly, it could prevent customers from using your site. Here's why it matters and how you can avoid these issues.

What Is ADA Compliance and Why Should You Care?

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires businesses to make their services accessible to everyone, including people with disabilities. That doesn't just apply to physical spaces—it includes websites too. If your site isn't accessible to people with visual, hearing, seizures, ADHD or other disabilities, you're not only excluding potential customers but also risking legal action.

Think about it—people use the internet for everything, from booking rooms to finding information about your business. If someone with a disability can't use your website, they might take their business elsewhere, or worse, take legal action. This is exactly what's happening to many businesses, and the number of lawsuits from predatory law firms are on the rise.

What Does ADA Compliance Involve?

Making sure your website is ADA-compliant means checking several key areas:

1. Text for Images and Videos: Make sure that all your images, videos, and multimedia content have descriptions or captions. This helps people using screen readers understand what's on your site.

2. Keyboard-Friendly Navigation: Some people can't use a mouse, so your website should be easy to navigate using just a keyboard.

3. Forms: Any forms you have on your site (like booking or contact forms) should be clearly labeled so that screen readers can process them correctly.

4. Good Color Contrast: Your website should have text and background colors that are easy to read, even for those with visual impairments.

5. Video and Audio Accessibility: If you have videos, they should have captions, and audio content should have transcripts.



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6. Responsive Design: Your website should work well across all devices, including smartphones and tablets, which are often used by people with disabilities.

Why You Need to Act Now

Not making your website accessible is not just a risk—it's a growing issue. Small businesses across the country are being sued for having inaccessible websites. The penalties can be expensive, and dealing with legal battles is a headache no one wants.

Beyond avoiding lawsuits, keeping your website ADA compliant makes your business more welcoming and inclusive. That's good for everyone.

What Should You Do?

The first step is getting your website checked by your web designer or developer. They can run an accessibility audit to find out if your site meets ADA standards. If there are issues, they can help fix them and make sure your site is accessible to everyone.

Keep in mind that web accessibility is an ongoing process. As you add new content or make updates to your site, you'll want to make sure everything stays compliant.

Bottom Line

Don't wait for a lawsuit to find out your website isn't ADA compliant. Taking steps now to make sure your site is accessible can save you from costly legal issues and ensure that all potential customers can easily use your site. If you haven't already, reach out to your website design team or call us and get your site checked for ADA compliance today.

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Ribbon Cuttings



New Spring Wellness Center proudly marked the opening of its new location at 1193 State Hwy KK with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, bringing together the Camdenton Area, Lake Area, and Lake West Chambers of Commerce for a unified celebration. The event was attended by board members, dedicated staff from each chamber, esteemed community members, and the facility's owners and team. For more information about New Spring Wellness Center and their exceptional services, please visit NewSpringWellnessCenter.com or call 573-693-1977.



The Camdenton Area Chamber of Commerce proudly held a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at an Open House event on Friday, September 20th, to celebrate Ancell Construction and their exciting new development, The Estates at Tuscany. Located off Pier 31, The Estates at Tuscany is a premier new development that will feature a collection of high-end luxury homes designed to enhance the lifestyle of its residents. For more information about Ancell Construction and The Estates at Tuscany, please visit ancellconstruction.com or call 573-268-0415.



The Camdenton Area, Lake Area, and Lake West Chambers of Commerce celebrated shared business member U.S. Disaster Restoration with a Joint Chamber Ribbon Cutting ceremony on Wednesday, September 11th, 2024. Board members and dedicated staff from each respective Chamber, esteemed community members, and the facility's ownership and team were in attendance. For additional information about U.S. Disaster Restoration and their services, please visit Us-Restore.com or call 573-964-6767.

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Loans, Grants and Other Funding Options for Women-Owned Businesses – October 8

Join us for an empowering webinar dedicated to supporting and guiding women entrepreneurs on their journey to securing funding for their businesses.

In this webinar, you'll learn:

- Understanding the different funding pathways
- Building a Compelling Funding Pitch
- Overcoming Gender-Specific Challenges

A Business Guide to Reporting Beneficial Ownership Information – October 10

Whether you're considering starting a business or are already a business owner, it's essential to be aware of Beneficial Ownership Information (BOI) reporting requirements from the Corporate Transparency Act.

We'll be covering:

- BOI reporting requirements
- Why maintaining BOI should be a priority
- What it takes to file a BOI report
- How to manage and simplify the BOI reporting process

Leverage ChatGPT and AI Tools in Your Business to Increase Productivity – October 17

In today's fast-paced market, leveraging AI tools can empower your business to stay competitive by boosting productivity and providing support with various aspects such as business planning and management.

Learning objectives:

- How to perform better Internet searches with AI
- How to apply AI tools to compare data across disparate documents
- How to analyze your business data with AI tools
- How to summarize information from multiple separate sources with AI

How to Craft a Compelling Sales Message for Your Business – October 22

Struggling to communicate your business in a way that resonates with potential customers?

Whether you're a small business owner or just beginning your entrepreneurial journey, developing a compelling sales message to engage prospects and gain customers is essential for business growth.

What You Will Learn:

- How to identify and target your ideal customer with precision
- How to craft a compelling sales message
- How to establish a repeatable process to keep your pipeline flowing

Mastering Shopify for Small Business Owners – October 24

Starting an e-commerce business can feel overwhelming. From picking the right platform to getting people to visit your site, creating an online store isn't easy. However, there are tools available to help streamline the process, and one of those tools is Shopify.

Key Learning Objectives:

- How to set up your Shopify store
- Explore the tools available in Shopify
- Discover cost-effective marketing tactics to Drive Traffic

The 5 Best Pricing Methods - How to Choose a Pricing Strategy for Your Business – October 29

Setting the price of a product or service can be challenging for new entrepreneurs, but there are structured processes for determining the best price for your business.

In this 90-minute webinar, we'll cover five pricing methods and how to implement them. We'll also discuss the advantages and disadvantages of each pricing method and demonstrate which pricing method is best for each type of business.

Learning objectives:

- Value Added Pricing
- Cost Plus Pricing
- Modified Cost Plus Pricing
- Competitive Pricing
- Value-Based Pricing

We will also discuss combining some of these methods to determine a specific price and sales volume, while also generating a specified profit amount as part of the process.

Missouri's sheriffs, prosecutors need your support

Tell your local sheriff "I've got your six" by voting "Yes" on Amendment 6 when you go to the polls November 5. The amendment supports the resumption of a \$3 court fee that was established in state statute in 1983 to

for certain current and former law enforcement personnel?"

Talking points

Amendment 6 allows voters to define the administration of justice as salary and benefits for sheriffs and prosecuting attor-



create the Missouri Sheriffs' Retirement System.

It is not a new tax or levy. It is simply a court fee for those who are found guilty of a crime in the state of Missouri.

In 2015, a lawsuit was brought against the retirement system stating the \$3 court fee was unconstitutional. The lawyer was able to establish a class action lawsuit in the process. Although the Sheriffs' Retirement System lost the case in the lower court, it won the appeal. However, the plaintiffs appealed to the Missouri Supreme Court, and it lost. The opinion stated that the retired sheriffs had nothing to do with the administration of justice, and therefore the fee was unconstitutional.

After the loss, the Missouri Retirement System asked the legislature to let the people define the administration of justice as salary and benefits for sheriffs, prosecutors, and retired sheriffs and prosecutors. If voters approve Amendment 6, they will be able to again collect the \$3 that has been in state statute since 1983 and has fully funded the sheriffs' retirement system.

The ballot language reads "Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to provide that the administration of justice shall include the levying of costs and fees to support salaries and benefits

neys.

The fee is only collected if a person is found guilty and judges will still be allowed to waive court fees if they find that it is a hardship on the person.

For many sheriffs and prosecutors and widows or widowers, this is the only retirement they have.

If Amendment 6 doesn't pass, the sheriffs retirement system is projected to be bankrupt in 9 years.

If Amendment 6 doesn't pass, the prosecuting attorneys retirement system is projected to be bankrupt in 15 years.

Sheriffs and prosecutors serve an important role. Missouri must have its brightest people running for office. Without a retirement system, current command staff and attorneys would be less likely to run in the future, as it does not make sense financially.

"I've got your six" is an expression that means "I've got your back". It originated with World War I fighter pilots, who used analog clock positions to indicate location. 12 o'clock meant straight ahead, and 6 o'clock meant directly behind. In a dog-fight, a pilot's wingman would have their six, meaning they had their back. The phrase is still used today in the military and law enforcement as a symbol of loyalty and cooperation.



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Classic Country Jamboree to benefit charities Oct. 13

Twelfth Anniversary Of Classic Country Jamboree To Benefit State Fair Community College-Lake Of The Ozarks, Lake Of The Ozarks Soccer Association and Wonderland Camp

The Genuine Country Music Association (GCMA) will host its Twelfth Annual Classic Country

California. He cut his first single, "Big Lonely World," with K-Arkand and signed to MGM in 1970, where he had his first hit with a cover of Merle Haggard's "Irma Thompson."

Leona Williams, International country music star. Leona began singing with her family band as a

talented vocalist and instrumentalist.

Guest performer Rick Newman, fiddler extraordinaire and auctioneer.

There will be two dance floors, concessions and a cash bar. There will be a huge Silent Auction with many great items to bid



Jamboree at 2:00p.m. on October 13, 2023, in the Exhibition Center (Campana Hall) at Lodge of Four Seasons located at 315 Four Seasons Dr, Lake Ozark, MO 65049. A blockbuster event with multi-talented entertainers and the Board of Directors Band performing a variety of traditional country music. Doors will open at 1:00p.m.

The event will raise scholarship funds for students attending State Fair Community College-Lake of the Ozarks, and funds for Lake of the Ozarks Soccer Association and Wonderland Camp.

This year's dynamic entertainers:

Tony Booth, Launching his musical career in the southwest, Tony made his professional debut with the Mel Savage Band and soon toured with Jimmy Snyder. In 1968, after founding the band Modern Country, Booth began working in Las Vegas and from there moved to clubs in California. He renamed the group the Tony Booth Band and became the house band at the Palomino in

child and had her own radio show in Jefferson City as a teen. She has written songs for and performed with such artists as Merle Haggard, Gene Watson, George Jones, Loretta Lynn and many more.

Ron Williams, acclaimed Nashville recording artist, also a crowd favorite.

The Board of Directors Band, with John Farrell on bass, Jim Phinney on guitar, Alicia Farrell Lange, vocalist back from Nashville and backup vocalist for the event, Mike McGee on steel guitar, Darrel Cummings on guitar and Mark Fitch on drums.

Bill ("Goofy") Atterberry, singer, comedian and entertainer who was on Lee Mace's Ozark Opry for over 38 years.

Dennis Stroughmatt, a big fan favorite on the fiddle.

Larry Hurst from Kansas City wowing the crowd with his country favorites.

Helen Russell, Ozark Opry veteran, well-known singer, musician and entertainer.

Marty Schoenthaler, multi-

on. There will also be a live auction for a week's stay at a beautiful beach front condo in Garden City Beach, South Carolina and a raffle for a beautiful guitar!

Tickets are \$35 for GCMA members, \$45 for non-members and free for children under age 12. Table reservations are available for \$1,200 (seats 10 people). You can reserve a table for. Free to all Veterans. Tickets are available at John Farrell Real Estate Co, 5750 Osage Beach Parkway in Osage Beach or online at www.gcmatherealth.com. For more information or tickets contact Lynn Farrell at (573) 348-2181, (573) 216-2182 or at Lynn@JohnFarrell.com.

John Farrell, Brad Rigby and Tony Smith founded the GCMA in 2009 to promote, perform and maintain traditional country music. The association is a 501c3 organization.

Learn more about the GCMA at www.gcmatherealth.com or on Facebook.

As the Lake Churns Increase in New Listings

A review of the sales data for the first three quarters of 2024 compared to the same time frame in 2023 shows a large increase in new listings in all categories. The constant increase in average sales prices has slowed with prices holding steady or showing modest increases in the year over year comparison.

The number of waterfront residential homes, townhouses and villas closed in 2024 is five percent less than in 2023. The average sales price of those properties increased a little over three percent in this time frame and an additional nineteen percent of new listings became available in 2024.

The number of lake view and lake access, residential homes, townhouses and villas that have closed in 2024 are three and a quarter percent less than in 2023. The average sales price of the lake view and access residences increased by five percent in 2024. New properties to the market increased by thirteen and three-quarters percent in 2024 compared to 2023.

The number of off-water residential homes, townhouses and villas that have closed in 2024 are thirteen and a half percent greater than in 2023. The average sales price of the offwater residences remained steady in 2024. The new listings becoming available increased by thirty percent in 2024.

Closings for condominium units took a nineteen percent decrease in transactions in 2024's first three quarters compared to the same time in 2023. The average sales price increased by five and one-half percent and new listings increased by twenty seven percent in 2024. One thing to note is that the units closed in September 2024 had an



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average of 72 days on the market while just a month ago, the units closed in August had an average of 37 days on the market.

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Resident takes 'clean walks' for his community

By Nancy Zoellner

Horseshoe Bend resident Gary Pillow, who moved to the Lake last May, is probably the most prolific plogger of all time in the entire Lake of the Ozarks region.

Ploggers, a term that comes from the Swedish words "jogging" and "plocka upp," which means "pick up," are people who walk or jog and pick up litter along the way. According to several sites, it's the "latest trend in fitness."

Once or twice a week Pillow walks and picks up trash along the road from the Palms

guys who own the Four Seasons Convenience Store, who are letting me use their dumpsters. I'm very grateful for that because that means I don't have to drag 12 bags of trash back to my complex and sneak them into the dumpsters so the neighbors don't yell at me," Pillow said laughing.

He's repurposed their SUV to haul the trash.

"The back seats fold down and I got some cardboard to lay down and a bottle of Fabreze - and I buy heavy duty trash bags so they don't leak," Pillow said.

He won't have to buy his own

ROTC program in an Arkansas high school. The state of Arkansas allowed the group to adopt a one-mile stretch of highway so each month I would take 100 cadets out to pick up trash from both sides of the road," he said. "After I retired and we moved to Lake of the Ozarks, I started getting my steps in on the walking path along on Horseshoe Bend, walking about a 2-mile stretch from my house to the fire station."

While he was walking he noticed a lot of little bottles with red tops - Fireball Cinnamon Whiskey - strewn along the path, so he started bringing a bucket along to haul the bottles off.

"People started honking and waving at me and it felt good to see the results of my work - and know that other people were also seeing it - so I also started walking from the fire station to the golf course on Horseshoe Bend," he said. "I was amazed at how much trash I could pick up - and it just kind-of grew from there. Today I was out for about three

hours and I picked up 12 bags of trash between Menard's and Caseys."

Pillow said his wife Nickie, who taught in the Camden County R-III School District for 31 years before retiring, sometimes walks with him, but she draws the link at picking up trash. Instead, she serves the community by hosting themed tea parties for adults and children at the Lebanon-Laclede County Library, where she worked before they got married earlier this year. They recently hosted an Alice in Wonderland Tea where he dressed as the Mad Hatter and his wife dressed as Alice.

"Around 80 adults - mostly women, but some men, showed up and wore fancy hats. She calls them the 'Kinderhook Novel-teas' because they talk about different novels they've read while sipping tea and eating fancy finger foods. We also hold children's tea parties and around 60 kids will show up," he said.

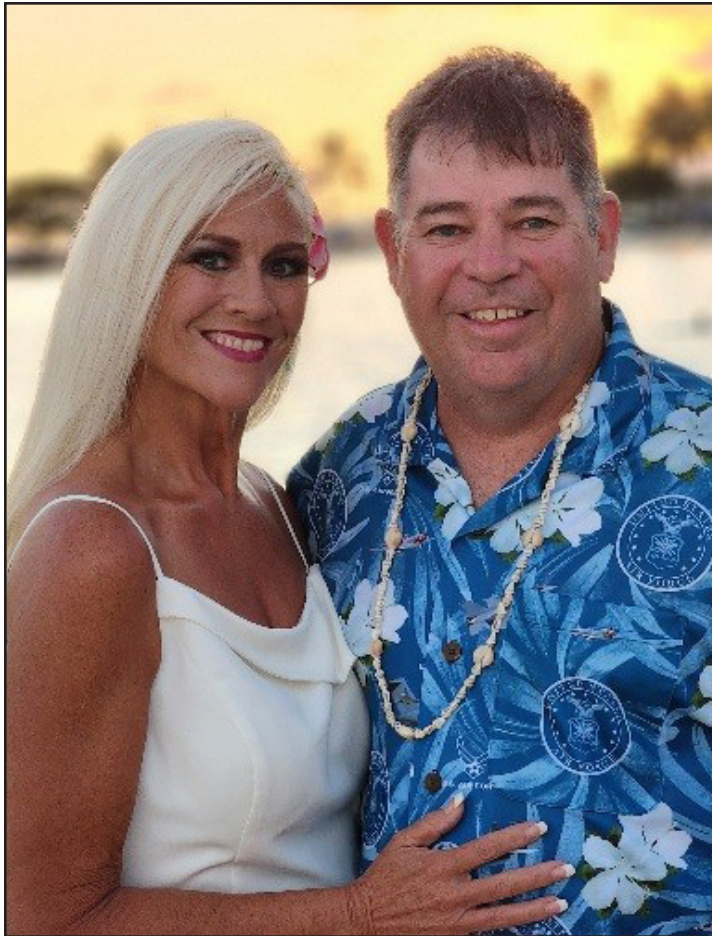
His wife and her friends at the library chip in to pay for every-

thing but Nickie prepares it all.

"She really has a lot of fun with it and so do I. I was serious in the military for so long that I almost forgot how to have fun. I served in war zones with Marines and Army and got shot at. It sure made me appreciate living in the United States because there are a lot of bad places around the world," Pillow said. "I wish some of these young protestors could see for themselves what it's like to live in a country where the most valuable thing you own is a bottle of water."

Being appreciative of his surroundings helps him with his hobby.

"I'll do six to eight hours a week but I'm amazed that I can clean an area and go back the next week and find another four of five bags of trash. It's crazy to me that there's that much litter going out their windows. I wish everybody would volunteer for a couple hours a week because it would make them feel better and make the area look so much better."



Condominiums at the very tip of Horseshoe Bend to the top of Horseshoe Bend, along Route 242 to Menard's, from Menard's to Casey's and then from Casey's to Lake Ozark Helicopters at the intersection of Bagnell Dam Boulevard and Route 242 - about a 13-mile stretch - and he picks the trash up from both sides of every road.

"I started out just walking but I was getting so much trash that I couldn't carry all the bags so now I drive and park and walk a half mile in each direction around my car. That way I can bring two or three bags of trash at a time back to my vehicle. I have several people in the area, including the POA at the aquatic center and the

trash bags much longer.

According to Randy Engle, president and director of the Camden County Public Water Supply District #4 on Horseshoe Bend, they're not only going to supply Pillow with bags, but they're also going to give him safety vests, gloves, a picking stick, and bottled water. They're also allowing him to dispose of trash in their dumpster.

"It seems like the least we can do for him when he's doing so much for our community," Engle said.

Pillow who served in the Air Force for 27 years, said he's been picking up trash for a long time.

"I spent several years as a cadet commander teaching a junior

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- 5. Tire meas.
- 8. Flock member
- 11. Hollywood sidewalk mark
- 12. Architect's drawing
- 13. Muhammad's teachings
- 15. *Leaning Tower city
- 16. Co-eds' military org.
- 17. a.k.a. Pleasant Island
- 18. *Angkor Wat country
- 20. Like some Christmas sweaters
- 21. Walt's Mickey
- 22. Blunder
- 23. Emerge
- 26. "Midsommar" flower arrangements
- 30. *Avenue des Champs-Élysées, technically
- 31. Plural of stria
- 34. Prescribed food selection
- 35. On pins and needles
- 37. Knee-related acronym
- 38. Fur of the marten
- 39. Hissy fit
- 40. Political "shelter"
- 42. The night before Christmas
- 43. Eyewash vessel
- 45. Food tester
- 47. King Kong, e.g.
- 48. Milk quantity
- 50. * _____ Verde National Park
- 52. *Black Hills' Mount _____ National Memorial
- 55. Short-trunked ungulate
- 56. Geometric calculation
- 57. Barbequed anatomy
- 59. Not upright
- 60. Mountain lake
- 61. *Easter Island statues
- 62. Short for detective
- 63. Follow ems
- 64. "Mr. Roboto" band

Solution on page 9
DOWN

- 1. Recipe amt.
- 2. Related to ear
- 3. U.S. space agency, acr.
- 4. Gram, in Great Britain
- 5. Walks weary
- 6. Composer of "Gymnopédies" fame Erik _____
- 7. *Machu Picchu empire
- 8. Twelfth month of Jewish civil year
- 9. On one's guard
- 10. Ostrich-like bird
- 12. Marcel of "Remembrance of Things Past" fame
- 13. Harden
- 14. * _____ Familia, Spain
- 19. Autocratic
- 22. Earlier in time, archaic
- 23. Use blunt end of pencil
- 24. Sack fabric
- 25. Change shoelace knot, e.g.
- 26. *China's Great attraction
- 27. *Mt. Everest's northern slope location
- 28. Tool handle
- 29. Ranch grazer
- 32. Poison ivy woe
- 33. * _____ Strait, Alaskan cruise destination
- 36. *Famous onion-domed cathedral's namesake in Russia
- 38. Ingratiating behavior
- 40. Gobbled up
- 41. Relating to Utah
- 44. Like exes
- 46. Violent weather, pl.
- 48. #13 Across' sacred writings
- 49. Site frequenters
- 50. First one on a ship
- 51. Long narrative poem
- 52. Loan attribute
- 53. Heavy metal's Quiet _____
- 54. E-commerce website
- 55. Sylvester, to Tweety
- 58. Broadway musical about wives of Henry VIII

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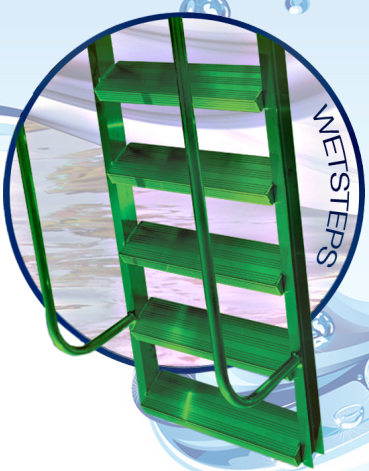
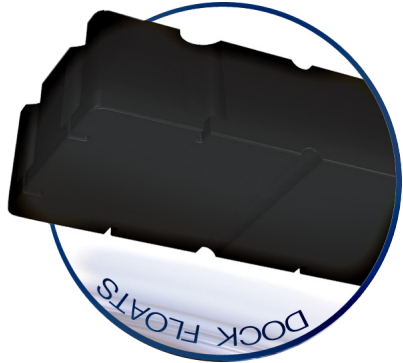
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