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## A MESSAGE FROM CIERRA....

### Good news, it's looking like Spring is in the air!

It's the first week of March and it's over 70 degrees and sunny! We are already seeing people out on their boats taking advantage of this early spring weather. We can't get too excited as we might be getting one more snow storm before we really get into spring but for now let's enjoy it!

Every year the St. Patrick's Day Parade is the kick off for the spring season at the lake. The parade is a blast and we hope to see you on the 12th at our watch party at our office. This is also the time when homeowners start coming down and getting their lake houses opened up.

These next couple of months Ameren UE will be working with companies and charities who have adopted portions of the shoreline to do our bi-annual Shoreline Clean Up. They do this twice a year when the water levels are down. It's amazing the stuff we pick up from the shoreline. After the Board of Realtors shoreline clean up I will share pictures of anything wild we find! This along with the Highway Clean-up are some of my favorite events to volunteer for because as a resort community we must keep the lake area looking clean and pristine.

We want to keep the tourists coming back year after year!

## Calendar of Events

### March

- 12 - St. Patrick's Day Parade**  
More details below
- 12 - St. Patrick's Day Boat Parade**  
Captain Rons
- 26 - Bridge & Dam Half Marathon**

### April

- 16 - Linn Creek Easter Egg Hunt**
- 21-23 Annual Dogwood Festival**  
Camdenton Middle School



## Gourmet burger restaurant comes to the Lake

BY NANCY ZOELLNER LAKE BUSINESS JOURNAL

**HY-VEE ANNOUNCED THAT ON FEBRUARY 1, WAHLBURGERS WOULD BE OPENING IN ITS OSAGE BEACH STORE. HY-VEE'S MARKET GRILLE EX-PRESS WAS CONVERTED AND TRANSITIONED TO BECOME A CASUAL, COUNTER-SERVICE RESTAURANT THAT WILL BE OPEN FROM 11 A.M. TO 9 P.M. SEVEN DAYS A WEEK.**

**WAHLBURGERS IS A NATIONWIDE CASUAL-DINING BURGER RESTAURANT AND BAR CHAIN OWNED BY CHEF PAUL WAHLBERG AND HIS BROTHERS, ACTORS DONNIE WAHLBERG, WHO, YEARS AGO, WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK, AND MARK WAHLBERG, ALSO YEARS AGO, WAS A RAPPER. THE WAHLBURGERS AT HY-VEE WILL INCLUDE MOST OF THE SAME MENU OPTIONS AS THE FULL-SERVICE WAHL- BURGERS LOCATIONS, FEATURING ITS SIG- NATURE BURGERS, HOME-STYLE SIDES, HOUSE MADE CONDIMENTS, SALADS, SANDWICHES, SHAKES AND A FULL- SERVICE BAR SERVING BEER, WINE, AND COCKTAILS. CUSTOMERS WILL STILL BE ABLE TO ORDER THEIR HY-VEE BREAKFAST FAVORITES FROM 6 A.M. TO 11 A.M. DAILY.**



## ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE WATCH PARTY

Saturday, March 12th @ 12:00 PM  
(Parade starts at 1:00 PM)

We will have a green beer! Make no mistake you'll wanna be here!  
Food, Drinks, and Fun! Bring a chair and come tailgate with us at our office. Cliffside Centre - Parking Lot @ 2140 Bagnell Dam Blvd  
Lake Ozark RSVP to # 573.280.7473

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**You know Spring is near when your favorite local Restaurants are opening!  
Here is a list of just a few and the dates....**

Shorty Pants - March 3	Neon Taco - March 11
Captain Ron's - March 4	Franky & Louie's - March 11
Dog Day's - March 10	Jeffrey's Prime Rib - March 17
Backwater Jacks - March 10	Paradise - April 1

### **Bagnell Dam Bridge May Only Have 15 Years Left, MoDot Says**

Story from Lake Expo by Nathan Bechtold

LAKE OZARK, Mo. — Work continues to resurface the Bagnell Dam bridge, as the Missouri Department of Transportation attempts to lengthen the life of a bridge that Missouri drivers have been crossing for 90 years. But how old is too old, for a bridge? MoDOT Area Engineer Bob Lynch says MoDOT typically has a pretty good answer to that question. Engineers inspect Missouri's bridges every year or two, depending on the condition — Lynch says the Bagnell Dam bridge will likely be on a two-year cycle once it reopens to traffic. As time goes on, that will likely become a yearly inspection. Those assessments will give engineers a good sense of how much life the old bridge has left in it.

The structural inspections allow engineers to identify areas of concern too, like they did in 2020 with the Lake's iconic swinging bridge, which was abruptly closed to all traffic when engineers found a major weakness in one of the bridge's anchor points.

And while Bagnell Dam's bridge is a far cry from the remarkable, rickety swinging bridges, Lynch said no bridge lasts forever, and MoDOT expects this one has a decade or two left. "The bridge is 90 years old," he said. "So we are trying to get another 15 to 20 years of life out of it."

It's important to clarify these projections only apply to the bridge on top of the dam, not the dam structure itself. "It's very much a bridge attached to the dam," Lynch said, explaining the driving surface (deck) rests on girders held up by piers that sit on top of the dam. Bagnell Dam itself underwent an extensive reinforcement project by Ameren in 2017; that project blasted away and replaced old concrete from the dam's face, and installed structural tension rods into the dam, anchored into the bedrock. It cost Ameren approximately \$52 million.

The current bridge work that has closed the dam bridge to traffic since September 2021 is costing MoDOT an estimated \$1.6 million. "The purpose of this project is to repair the bridge deck, expansion joints and barrier walls and to replace the bridge driving surface and repair the adjacent sidewalk," MoDOT said on the project webpage. See progress updates and more information here.

When the bridge reopens—hopefully this spring, MoDOT Central District Communications Manager Adam Pulley says—there will be a weight limit of 18 tons, and Lynch said that's part of the effort to lengthen the bridge's lifespan. But when asked about what a new bridge across the dam might look like, Lynch said it's too early to know.

"Everybody's initial assumption is that it would go on top of the dam again... but really you don't know that either," he said, noting it's too early to begin making any firm plans for a replacement. "We don't start doing any design concepts this early," Lynch explained. "Maybe five years out we'd start looking at it."

As for the cost to replace the dam, Lynch points to the new Hurricane Deck Bridge, which opened in late 2013. It cost \$30 million to build. "That's what you're looking at," he said. "30 to 50 million dollars, to build something."