



Camdenton Fire Department employees visited Dogwood Elementary School in Camdenton Wednesday afternoon. Kindergartners took turns spraying the hoses under the supervision of fire personnel. SPREE HILLIARD/LAKE SUN

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OSAGE BEACH

Resuscitating business

Citizen advisory committee considers solutions for business shortfalls on the west side of Osage Beach

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The 10-member Osage Beach Citizen Advisory Committee agreed on one thing Tuesday night — there is, indeed, a serious economic problem on the west end of Osage Beach Parkway.

What to do about it is elusive as committee members debated dozens of ideas for well more than an hour before deciding to meet again in three weeks.

Mayor Penny Lyons re-

cently activated the committee to consider several issues relating to the economic future of the city, especially the Osage Beach Parkway west of the Grand Glaize Bridge. The objective is to create a list of possible solutions that can be presented to the board of aldermen in September.

"There are a lot of ways you can go," Lyons said to the group before Geniece Tyler was elected chairman. "There could be some short term ideas or long term ideas."

Osage Beach is a viable, progressive town. I do feel we need somebody more in charge who does nothing but coordinate and develop."

—Phyllis Marose, Ward II Alderman



She encouraged committee members to talk to their friends, neighbors and customers for their input.

Ideas

Getting the business community involved is paramount to moving forward, according to committee member Pat Cantwell.

"The businesses have to come up to the table. They have to show some initiative," he suggested. "We can't expect the city to do it all."

Phyllis Marose, a Ward II

alderman and west end businesswoman, agreed. Marose is not a member of the committee, but represents the economically strapped businesses that are part of her ward.

She offered a list of ideas gathered from her constituents.

"I'm very, very concerned," she said of the economic plight of the area west of the Grand Glaize Bridge. Improving the traffic flow in that area is one way to boost interest, she said.

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LAKE AREA

Just rollin' through

Father/daughter team roll through the lake area in a demanding, but rewarding, bicycle adventure through Mo.

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A father/daughter duo rolled into the Lake of the Ozarks on Thursday marking more than half of the team's goal — to bicycle to 40 Missouri State Parks in 45 days.

65-year-old Dave Ruhlen and 40-year-old Rachel Ruhlen, of Columbia, set out on this adventure on May 1. Their hope is to cover about 1,500 miles by June 14.

For Rachel, her love and passion for cycling began in 2004 when she starting biking for transportation. It soon became a beloved hobby instead of what simply transported her from place to place.

She has set out on a similar journey on her own before, but this time she has her father along for the company. In 2009, she biked from Columbia to Omaha, Neb. and back, totaling 744 miles.

Dave, a retired social worker, began bicycling for health and wellness



Dave Ruhlen and his daughter Rachel Ruhlen stopped in the lake area late last week as part of their quest to bike to 40 state parks in 45 days. SPREE HILLIARD/LAKE SUN

"I'm having the time of my life."

—Rachel Ruhlen on her 45-day journey around Missouri

reasons years ago and when his daughter decided to go on another tour, he jumped at the chance to join her.

"This has been challenging but rewarding," Dave said. He added that he had enjoyed the peacefulness of being out in nature.

This trip has been in the back of Rachel's mind for about five years.

"A lot of details have gone into it," Rachel said. "It has been so much fun."

For the pair, some of the most memorable parts of the trip not only

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LAKE AREA

Carroll promoted to Regional Ad & Marketing Director

Melissa Carroll, of Lake Ozark, has been promoted to Regional Advertising and Marketing Director of the Missouri Lakes Group, which includes the Lake Media family of products and newspapers in Rolla, St. James and Waynesville.

Carroll joined Lake Media as Group Advertising Director in February 2012.

This promotion adds responsibility for marketing to Carroll's existing ad sales duties, acknowledging her role in Missouri and promoting Missouri Lakes Group products.

Before joining Lake Media, she was vice president at Lake Printing. She currently is vice president of the Community Foundation of



Melissa Carroll

the Lake, is a member of the Tri-County Y M C A board of directors, member of the Advisory Board for the Columbia College Lake Ozark campus and chairman of the annu-

al Totes for Ta-Tas breast cancer charity event.

"Besides doing an excellent job in her current role of leading our advertising sales team, Melissa is a terrific representative in our communities," Senior Group Publisher Doug Olsson said. "Adding the title of Marketing Director acknowledges how much impor-

ance we place on growing the strength of our brands in the marketplace, while developing deep relationships with all our customers, including readers, advertisers and other business partners. Melissa is critical to that effort and continues to be a highly productive leader on my management team."

CAMDEN COUNTY

P&Z admin search goes on

Planning commissioner aired grievances about the selection process

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The search continues for a new administrator for the Camden County Planning & Zoning Office.

The hiring committee is scheduled to meet June 4 to conduct a second interview of one of the applicants. The follow-up interview comes after another one of the applicants turned down the job, according to Presiding Commissioner Kris Franken.

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