



Tishomingo News

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Lou Dinsmore and Jerry Uhlenbrock poised to dig the hole for the Hopfer memorial tree.

Lake View

by Janet Farwig, LTIA Pres

Hello everyone.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself . . . I am currently the president of LTIA and have been an active member of LTIA since we moved here six years ago.

I have been married to Dale for 15 1/2 years and we have 4 beautiful daughters, Natalie (13 1/2), Samantha (12), Alexandra (10), and Abigail (3). We moved to Lake Tishomingo in October 1997 and dearly love it here.

I was invited by my neighbor to take the girls to the Children's Christmas Party in December 1997. We went and I was hooked on LTIA. Santa came, the kids were thrilled, and I was able to take pictures of the girls with Santa.

There was no charge and no limit as to the number of pictures I could take. With three kids, it was too expensive to take them to the mall to get even one picture of each with Santa.

When the neighbors informed me that the Easter Bunny comes at Easter, I made sure that I signed up to be a member of LTIA. My kids loved the Easter Bunny and still like going to the Children's Easter Party. Now the older two enjoy helping Santa and the Easter Bunny at these parties.

It's still the same today. You can come and take as many pictures as you like with Santa at the Christmas Party or with the Easter Bunny at the Easter Party. It will only cost you a snack to share with some friends — or some soon-to-be friends. (By the way, thanks to Dixie Bryant for making the brand-new fabulous Santa suit.)

As President of LTIA, I invite you all to become members, come to the dinners, and take advantage of what we offer.

Hope to see you on May 10 at 6:30 pm for BBQ. Bring a side dish to share and enjoy time with your neighbors.

-- Janet Farwig

Next Event . . .

May Dinner

Saturday May 10, 6:30 pm

Lake Tishomingo Community House
 Bring: a side dish to share

We'll be serving BBQ chicken and you bring along your choice of side dish.

Coming in June. . .

June Dinner

Saturday Jun 14, 6:30 pm

Lake Tishomingo Community House
 Bring: a side dish to share

It'll be grilled pork steaks and you bring along your choice of side dish.

How About a New Garden Club?

by Dixie Bryant

When my husband Rick and I moved here 6 years ago from Arkansas, I was enchanted with the serenity and beauty of the lake and the friendliness of the residents. Everyone seemed so nice, but it wasn't until Phil and Dee Chambers moved in across the street from us that we started getting involved with the Lake activities. In the last two years I somehow became Treasurer of the LTIA and now attend most of the events that are planned. Tired of being a couch potato? Get involved with the board. They really keep me on my toes.

The one thing that I regret is that I don't have enough time to do all the things I would like to do in my yard. I have 6 lots and if I can get all of it mowed in one weekend, I feel I have really accomplished something. Working full time in St. Louis leaves me little time to do what I would like to do in my yard. Several of my neighbors spend a lot of time on their landscaping and it shows.

This brings me to the point of this article. Spring is here and the flowers are beginning to show spring color and I'm

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New Stuff

The Lake Tishomingo website, www.laketishomingo.com, continues to grow and new material is always being posted. Be sure to visit.

The minutes of all LTPOA meetings since August 2002 are posted. And the newly proposed building regulations are also available.

To help support this website, or if you have questions, comments, or suggestions contact Janet Hirsch, F-29, jhirsch@catenary.com, (314)962-7833 or (636)285-0813.

2003 Calendar

- May 10 Sat 6:30 pm LTIA Dinner meeting. LTIA provides BBQ chicken, bring a side dish.
Jun 14 Sat 6:30 pm LTIA Dinner meeting . LTIA provides grilled pork steaks, bring a side dish.
Jul 4 Fri 1 pm Independence Day boat parade
Jul 4 Fri Independence Day fireworks display
Aug 9 Sat 7 pm Trivia Night. Form your teams now: six persons per table, \$10 per person.
Sep 13 Sat 6:30 pm LTIA Dinner meeting. Bring your favorite pasta dish to share.
Oct 11 Sat 6:30 pm LTIA Dinner meeting. Bring soup or salad to share.
Nov 8 Sat 6:30 pm LTIA Dinner meeting. LTIA provides turkey, bring a side dish.
Dec 13 Sat 6:30 pm LTIA Dinner meeting. LTIA provides chili, bring a side dish or dessert.

Classified Ads

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LIGHT HOUSEKEEPING JOB

Clean the LTIA community center before all events. \$25 per month. Janet Farwig 274-2038.



Tishomingo Anglers Association News

by Jason Covington, Lake Tishomingo TAA Secretary

After consulting with a local fisheries biologist, TAA members voted to stock 1000 black crappie in the next few weeks. On Sunday, April 13 TAA members and volunteers met at the dam by Rick Hannick's house to build and set out fish habitat. [See related article on page 6.]

Reminder on Daily Limits

It was brought to our attention that some anglers are keeping large stringers of bass. Please remember that there are strict rules concerning daily limits at Lake Tishomingo. These limits were set up to maximize the success of our fishery. Keeping excessive numbers of fish in the restricted slot will ruin all the future fishing for all. Please familiarize yourself with the Lake Tishomingo fishing regulations, including daily limits listed below:

BASS: All bass 14"-20" in length should be returned to the lake. The daily limit on bass is six (6). Only one (1) bass included in this limit shall exceed 20". All other bass up to the allowable total catch (6) shall be under 14" in length.

CATFISH: Catfish 15" and less shall be returned to the lake. Daily limit of 4.

CRAPPIE: Due to the low population of crappie - release all crappie.

REDEAR SUNFISH: Redear Sunfish are stocked to prevent swimmers' itch by controlling the snail population. Release all Redear Sunfish.

GREENSUNFISH: No limit.

BLUEGILL: No limit.

CARP: No limit.

Anyone who is caught with fish outside of the daily limits will be issued a warning. Repeat violations will be handed over to the prosecuting attorney.

In summary you can keep 6 bass under 14 inches and 4 catfish over 15 inches. Additionally, you can keep all the carp, bluegill and green sunfish that you can catch! Return trophy or spawning bass to the lake to ensure successful spawns for years to come.

Warning: No Chemicals at the Lakefront

It was brought to our attention that lakefront residents are sometimes using weed killers on lakefront property. In a few instances, we have heard of residents using large quantities of weed killers to control weeds lakefront. Residents should be aware that using fertilizers and weed killers on the steep banks of the lake can cause a terrible, poisonous run off with any rain, infecting the entire lake. This run off can permanently damage natural habitat, baitfish, stocked fish, and the entire ecosystem, not to mention swimmers (our children!)! Please use environment-friendly products on your property and do not use any kind of chemicals or fertilizers at the lakefront.



Redear Sunfish



Green Sunfish

Bass Tournament Schedule

Sunday, May 18, 6:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Saturday, June 21, 3:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.

\$10.00 entry fee, live well or aerated cooler needed for live weigh-in of fish

On 3/13/03 the members of TAA voted unanimously to change the penalty rule for dead fish weighed in at a tournament. Because of past incidents of dead fish, dead fish will no longer be weighed in, no matter how much they weigh. For example, if you bring in an eight-pound bass at weigh-in time and the fish is dead, it will not count. The same is true for a dead one-pound bass. It will not count.

Release Spawning and Slot Restricted Bass — a reminder to all fishermen: Bass begin spawning when water temperatures approach 60-70 degrees (April-June). If you catch a spawning bass on a nest or a female with a belly full of eggs, please release the fish immediately where you caught it.

Catch the fish of a lifetime! Giant Grass Carp Thrive at Lake Tishomingo

You can catch the fish of a lifetime at Lake Tishomingo by catching a trophy grass carp. They fight hard and are great to eat. They can be grilled on the barbecue or can be cooked traditionally like any other fish. [See *Cookin' Cove* on page 4. *jmh*] The great thing about grass carp is that they don't have a strong fishy taste, mainly because, unlike catfish, these carp are exclusive vegetarians.

You can catch carp with corn, acorns, dough bait, or cherry tomatoes. A few ways to attract the carp to a shoreline include chumming with corn and cutting or trimming the grass and allowing it to blow out on the water. Soon grass carp will be seen feeding in the area. You can catch them any way you want, including a net, pole, or bow and arrow, and there are no restrictions on keeping them. If you catch one and don't want to eat it, please take a picture of it, measure it, and dispose of it. The lake was overstocked with them and they need to be caught.



30-pound grass carp.

Aluminum Can Collection

TAA is in the process of repairing the patrol boat.

Also, TAA plans to continue to collect cans to raise money for fish stocking, boat patrol expenses, and other activities. Please leave your used aluminum cans at the entrance to the maintenance yard at the front gate. The possibility of taking a collection at the gate in May was discussed.

Lake Patrol

Volunteers for Lake Patrol come to the next TAA meeting: May 8, 7pm or call Tim Schryver 285-7474.



the Cookin' Cove

No kidding, Carp are Good Eating, Especially Grass Carp

by Rich Hirsch

In response to the TAA's request to catch and keep Grass Carp, the theme for this month's Cookin' Cove is how to cook Grass Carp and side dishes that complement Grass Carp.

Now you can't easily pick up a box of Grass Carp Helper at Queen's, so we've had to resort to publishing Grass Carp recipes that your recipe maven (me) has not tried, but be assured that these recipes come from a very reputable source, the Internet!

Our first recipe is from a MO Dept. of Ag. pamphlet, "Missouri Aquaculture, A New Taste to Agriculture" (<http://www.mda.state.mo.us/pdf/MoAquaRecipe.pdf>). The preface to this recipe says, "No kidding, Carp are good eating, especially grass carp."

By the way, there are more pounds of carp produced in aquaculture in the world than any other type of fish.

**Braised Grass Carp Fillets**

- 1 T. olive oil
- 3 scallions, finely chopped
- 1/4 c. dry white wine
- 1 T. chopped fresh parsley
- 4 farm-raised grass carp fillets, skinless
(Remove the red meat on the skin side of the fillet for a better tasting dish.)
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 T. butter
- 1 lemon

- 1) In a large skillet, heat the oil over medium-high heat.
- 2) Add the scallions and cook, stirring, until they are tender, about 3 minutes.
- 3) Add the wine and parsley and bring the mixture to a simmer.
- 4) Add the fish fillets, cover the pan, and cook for 3 minutes.
- 5) Uncover, turn the fillets carefully with a spatula, and continue cooking for another 2-3 minutes, or until fish is cooked.
- 6) Transfer fish to a serving platter and cover loosely with foil to keep warm.
- 7) Add the butter to the pan and let it melt. Serve the fish immediately, topped with pan juices. Garnish with lemon slices. Serves 4.

Our second recipe is a side dish, Rice Pilaf, that goes well with fish. This recipe is provided by LT resident and Lake Patrol officer Tim Schryver, who makes it often.

Tim Schryver's Rice Pilaf

- 2 ounces (4 T) butter
- one-half medium onion
- 16 ounces converted rice
- 1 cup diced carrots
- 1 cup diced celery
- one-half cup mushrooms
- salt and pepper to taste

- 1) Saute onions, carrots, celery and mushrooms in butter.
- 2) Add rice, stir and add water in a ratio of 1 part rice to 1 1/2 parts water.
- 3) Cook in 375°F preheated oven for 20 to 25 minutes.

In addition to serving with fish, rice pilaf can be added to cooked turkey or chicken for a full meal.

Our next recipe, Sandy Uhlenbrock's Salmon Potato Gratin, was a big hit at the March LTIA dinner. (It doesn't really fit into the Grass Carp theme, but I suppose you could substitute Grass Carp for the salmon.)

Sandy Uhlenbrock's Salmon Potato Gratin

- 2 pounds potatoes, peeled, thinly sliced
- 4 T. butter, divided
- 1 medium onion, peeled and grated
- 4 cloves garlic, crushed
- 1/2 t. salt
- 1/2 t. ground black pepper
- 3/4 pound cooked salmon, flaked
- 2 c. shredded Gruyère cheese
- 1/4 c. grated Parmesan cheese

- 1) Place potato slices in a bowl of ice water.
- 2) Melt 3 tablespoons butter in a medium skillet over medium heat. Add onion, garlic, salt, and pepper. Sauté until onion is transparent. Remove from heat and set aside.
- 3) Preheat oven to 375°F. Grease a 2-quart baking dish.
- 4) Drain potatoes and layer in baking dish alternately with onion mixture, salmon, Gruyère cheese and Parmesan cheese, ending with potato slices. Dot with remaining 1 tablespoon butter.
- 5) Cover dish with aluminum foil and bake for 30 minutes.
- 6) Remove foil and continue to bake until the potatoes are tender, approximately 15 minutes.
- 7) Set aside for 10 minutes to allow cheese to set. Serves 6

And finally here's a recipe I found usually recommended for cooking common carp:

Baked Carp on a Plank

- 1) Nail carp to a board
- 2) Bake 4 hours
- 3) Discard the fish, eat the board



Lake Happenings

On the Mend

Kathy Ziebol recently had surgery at St Anthony's Hospital. She is recovering very well and back to work.

Carol and Kenny **Kline** report that Kokomo, their friendly red doberman, was taken in for surgery recently for some tumors she developed. She's a real sweetie. Please send good thoughts her way for a full recovery so she'll be able to pester us with her incessant quest for love and marathon petting sessions for the rest of our lives.

Apr 8, 2003 LTPOA Meeting

BoD members present: Carol Kline, Chris Townsend, Rick Hannick, Dale Farwig, Ed Mitchell. Absent: Kathy Hopfer, Gary Ryan

Treasurer — 18 owners have not paid their assessments (due Aug 2002). Any still delinquent by Aug 2003 will be subject to legal action.

Bldg — Davis, O-46, new house construction approved. Other submitted applications that require additional data: Holloran boat lift, Kurt Will boat lift, Chisholm new house.

The list of lot violations is still missing. If not found soon a new list will be compiled. Sites to be investigated by the list committee: Almeyer hot tub enclosure, Holloran drainage problem, lots with debris and construction material.

Silt — investigating use of a backhoe to clean out the coves

Annual Election will be June 21, 2003. Phil and Dee Chambers will be the election officials. Contact them (274-1967) for absentee ballots or to volunteer to assist with the election. Items that will be on the ballot:

- Election of two board members
- Proposed new building regulations
- Resolution to prohibit firearms on Lake common ground
- Assessment increase

March and April LTIA Meetings

Names drawn for repayment of a/c bonds: Marlene Whiteman and Frank Therina (in March) and Uhlenbrock and Dodge (in April.)

We have one candidate for Ms/Mr Tishomingo: Hovis' granddaughter. We would like to have additional candidates. Please call Joan Kreilick with any names.

Trivia Night will be Saturday, August 9, 7 pm, \$10.00 per person, 6 to a table, 12 tables max. Please donate door prizes. Contact Dixie Bryant.

Kathy Ziebold won the LTIA attendance prize in April.

Lake Stocked

The Tishomingo Anglers Association (TAA) recently stocked the lake with 3000 golden shiners and 1000 5 to 6-inch crappie.



Letters

West Nile Virus prevention

Thanks for keeping me informed on what is going on at the Lake. Since I spend so much time in and out of meetings, instead of being home, it is nice to keep up with what is going on. The County has given \$25,000 in money and 4 pickups with gas to haul sprayers around to treat for West Nile this summer. Maybe we should see about erecting some Purple Martin houses around the lake in addition.

Ed Kemp

[Another great mosquito predator is the bat. According to a North Carolina State U website, a single Big brown bat can eat between 3,000 and 7,000 mosquitoes in a night. A single little brown bat can catch 1,200 mosquitoes in just one hour. Bat houses and bat house plans can be obtained at <http://www.batcon.org/catalog/bathouses.html> . jmh.]

Note from Alice

Dear Mrs. Hirsch,

I have just received an E-Mail from long time associate and former editor of the *Tishomingo News*, Frank Jarus. He informed me that you had taken over the duties regarding distribution of that publication. The 'Ask Alice' column was Franks idea after he had seen a similar piece I was doing for a leading newspaper in Ecuador.

Since we had been friends for many years and collaborated on many stories from the 1952 unusual shortage of sand in the Sudan to the 1964 Cow Tipping Championships in Bashful, Ark., I consented to assist him in answering a variety of questions the readers may have.

I am semiretired at the present, traveling quite a bit and attempting to complete a book about my many adventures. I have been told by several reviewers, who have read the initial draft, that this book should be a big seller.

I will be leaving Thailand shortly, plan to visit the war zone in Iraq and interview Taher Salegh who once managed a beautiful restaurant in Nassirijah on the Euphrates River. The river is still there but the restaurant has been shot to hell.

At Frank's request, I would be happy to assist you in your endeavors as I did him. It may take some time for me to respond depending on my schedule.

You may contact me at the following ---

Ms. Alice Bigbottom, c/o Cloudy Day Tribune,
#4 Rainwater St., Seattle, Wash. 97063.

Very Truly Yours,
Alice

[Send your questions for Alice Bigbottom to "Editor, Tishomingo News" and we will forward them all together. jmh]

I've been on TV too

In the March issue of *Tishomingo News* in the "Happenings" column, there was a note about Lake Tishomingo resident Hilda Schryver featuring on the TV show "Show Me St Louis." This letter is to inform you that Hilda is not the only LT resident to be on TV. In fact I've been featured on TWO TV shows. Two years ago I was on "Cops" and last year I was on "America's Most Wanted."

Sincerely,
B Bass



Hopfer Memorial Tree



April 5: Planting the Red Sunset Maple tree as a memorial for Jimmy Hopfer: Lou Dinsmore, Marilyn Meyer, Chyrie DeRoode, and Jerry Uhlenbrock.



Present for the tree planting: Gerald Moody, Chyrie DeRoode, Rich Hirsch, Sandy Uhlenbrock, Jerry Uhlenbrock (front), Mike Hopfer, Dixie Bryant, Julie Hopfer, Lou Dinsmore, Charm Hopfer, and Betty Moody. Not shown: Marilyn Meyer and Janet Hirsch.

Fish Cover

It was a bright sunny Sunday April 13 when TAA members and volunteers Rick Hannick, Phil Chambers, Gary Ryan (Sr.), Gary Ryan (Jr), Jason Covington, and Rich Hirsch met at the dam. They built fish habitat pyramids out of old lumber and filled them with dead bushes and tree limbs. Six pyramids and seven cedar trees were weighted with cement blocks and dropped at strategic positions around the lake.

These guys are the ones who will know where the fish are!



The Ryans and Jason Covington distribute fish habitat.

April 7, 2003

Dear LTIA Members and Friends,

Mike, Julie and I would like to thank you for your thoughtfulness in buying and planting the beautiful maple tree near the community building! Pete and Pat Grace got this project started by donating some money for the tree, but we so appreciate the additional money you donated to have such a lovely tree close-by so that we can all enjoy it over the years.

Jim would say that in burying the roots of this tree, please also bury his faults and weaknesses as a man. He loved living here at Lake Tishomingo. If anyone can remember him with a smile for conversation he shared, a good deed that he did, work he did around the lake or for the friend he was to many, he would be very pleased and so would we.

We have been so fortunate over the years to be blessed with wonderful lake friends! Mike wants to follow up with Jim's dream to renovate the Tishomingo Belle and get her back on the lake.

Special thanks to those who were with us in the planting of the tree! You made the day extra special for us!

We will enjoy the Sunset Maple as a living memorial to Jimmy and continue to remember how blessed we are to have terrific friends like you!

Take care and God bless,
Charm, Mike and Julie Hopfer



Building the pyramids: Gary Ryan (Sr), Gary Ryan (Jr), Phil Chambers, Rich Hirsch, and Jason Covington.



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Mingo, Schmingo

The Loving Husband

Several men are in the locker room of a golf club. A cell phone on a bench rings and a man engages the hands free speaker-function and begins to talk.

Everyone else in the room stops to listen.

MAN: "Hello"

WOMAN: "Honey, it's me. Are you at the club?"

MAN: "Yes"

WOMAN: "I am at the mall now and found this beautiful leather coat. It's only \$1,000. Is it OK if I buy it?"

MAN: "Sure, ...go ahead if you like it that much."

WOMAN: "I also stopped by the Mercedes dealership and saw the new 2003 models. I saw one I really liked."

MAN: "How much?"

WOMAN: "\$60,000"

MAN: "OK, but for that price I want it with all the options."

WOMAN: "Great! Oh, and one more thing....the house we wanted last year is back on the market. They're asking \$950,000."

MAN: "Well, then go ahead and give them an offer, but just offer \$900,000."

WOMAN: "OK. I'll see you later! I love you!"

MAN: "Bye, I love you, too."

The man hangs up. The other men in the locker room are looking at him in astonishment. Then he asks: "Anyone know who this phone belongs to?"

(Contributed by Dixie Bryant)

Iowa Cow

The only cow in a small Missouri town stopped giving milk. The people did some research and found that they could buy a cow just across the state line in Iowa for \$200.

They brought the cow from Iowa and the cow was wonderful. It produced lots of milk all of the time, and the people were very happy.

They decided to acquire a bull to mate with the cow to produce more cows like it. They would never have to worry about their milk supply again.

They bought the bull and put it in the pasture with their beloved cow. However, whenever the bull tried to mount the cow, the cow would move away. No matter what approach the bull tried, the cow would move away from the bull and he could not succeed in his quest. The people were very upset and decided to ask the Vet, who was very wise, what to do.

They told the Vet what was happening. "Whenever the bull tires to mount our cow, she moves away. If he approaches from the back, she moves forward. When he approaches her from the front, she backs off. An attempt from the side, she walks away to the other side."

The Vet thought about this for a minute and asked, "Did you by chance, buy this cow in Iowa?"

The people were dumbfounded, since no one had ever mentioned where they bought the cow. "You are truly a wise Vet," they said. "How did you know we got the cow in Iowa?"

The Vet replied with a distant look in his eye, "My wife is from Iowa."



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itching to get out and dig in the dirt, I just don't know what I should be doing and where. I need guidance and direction. Many have mentioned the demise of the Garden Club to me. I believe I actually attended one activity they held a couple of years ago on decorating your mailbox for Christmas and it was fun. (Although at the time, I didn't even realize it was a GC event.)

My questions are: What were the duties and responsibilities of the GC? What did they do? What were their goals? How often did they meet? Would they have been able to give me direction in planning my flowerbeds? Is it possible to revive the club? Are there others at the Lake who would be interested in reviving the GC? Or is all this just my spring fever kicking in.

If you have information about the club or would like to see the club re-started, give me a call. 285-6043. Why not, after all I've got an hour left on Saturday mornings that I could use for this. Rick can always start doing my house cleaning for me. (Yeah right.)

Happy Spring!



Children's Easter Party

It was a great turnout, Saturday April 19, for the Children's Easter Party: 19 kids and 22 adults. We had the Easter Bunny, an egg hunt, party favors, make-a-bunny craft, candy, hot dogs, and lots and lots of fun. Many thanks to Dan and Kelly Cobb, Janet

Farwig and family, Joan Kreilick, Jan Hunnicutt, and all the other adults who helped and joined in the fun.



Top: party favor mugs filled with treats. Bottom: at craft time the children made bunnies.



Everyone displays a handmade bunny.



from Good Neighbor News, 1, 2003

Facts about Lightning and Preventing Losses

Editor's note: last July Rich and I were swimming in Lake Tishomingo when the sky turned dark and a few drops of rain began to fall. I had always scoffed when told to get out of the water when a storm comes up and continued splashing around. I figured that lightning would hit the highest point, a tree, a chimney, but not the surface of the water. All of a sudden we saw a flash -- then felt it! We were shocked. We were electrified, charged, and very quickly scrambled up onto the dock. We were fine, but definitely learned a lesson: It is dangerous to be in or on the water when lightning strikes! jmh.

• **Two golfers were struck by lightning while riding in a golf cart. They were hospitalized in critical condition.**

• **A Little League coach was on the field when he was killed by a lightning strike.**

All fifty states in the U.S. and the Canadian provinces experience lightning - a visible discharge of electrical energy. Lightning is a grand phenomenon, but each year it typically causes more deaths and destruction than floods, hurricanes and tornadoes combined.

To protect yourself when lightning is present:

- Do not use the telephone, except in an emergency.
- Stay away from electrical appliances, TVs, fireplaces, metal objects, windows and doors.
- Avoid taking a bath or shower during the storm.

If you are caught outside:

- Seek shelter immediately in an enclosed building or vehicle.
- Find a low-lying area, if shelter is not available, and crouch down with feet together and hands on knees.
- Avoid open vehicles such as golf carts, riding lawnmowers, open construction vehicles and open farm tractors.
- Avoid isolated trees, high ground, bodies of water and large open areas.
- Stay away from natural lightning rods such as golf clubs, tractors, bicycles or fishing rods.
- Get to land and find shelter immediately if boating or swimming when the storm strikes.
- Administer first aid to a lightningstrike victim, if qualified to do so, and call for emergency help.



from Missouri Dept of Conservation 2003 Natural Events Calendar

Nature Calendar for May/June 2003

- May 1 Peak of ring-necked pheasant crowing.
- May 1 Jack-in-the-pulpits bloom in woods.
- May 2 Meadowlarks begin nesting.
- May 2 Skunks bear young through early June.
- May 3 Shorebirds plentiful at wetland mudflats.
- May 3 Ohio buckeyes begin blooming.
- May 4 Plant corn when white oak leaves are the size of squirrel's ear.
- May 5 Hawthorns blooming in open areas.
- May 5 Raccoons bear young.
- May 6 Goldfinches eat dandelion seeds.
- May 6 Wood ducks hatch.
- May 6 Male catfish begin making nests around logs.
- May 7 Brown bats are in nursery colonies.
- May 8 Watch for common nighthawks over cities at night.
- May 9 Dewberries bloom.
- May 10 Bobolinks migrate from Argentina and some nest in northern Missouri.
- May 11 Blackberry winter a cold spell may occur, freezing blackberry blooms.
- May 12 Black locust trees in bloom.
- May 12 Bluegill begin spawning.
- May 13 Carpenter bees lay their eggs in wood.
- May 14 Cuckoos (rain crows) return this week to nest.
- May 14 Fawns born through late June.
- May 15 Watch for lightning bugs on warm evenings.
- May 15 Total lunar eclipse
- May 16 Wild strawberries ripen in grasslands.
- May 16 Purple finches leave.
- May 17 Opossum young begin emerging from female's pouch.
- May 18 Stinging nettle is tall enough to sting; jewelweed is big enough to relieve the burn.
- May 19 Serviceberry fruits ripen.
- May 20 Chigger season begins; continues through September.
- May 21 Eastern bluebirds begin second nesting this week.
- May 22 Green sunfish and bluegill begin nesting.
- May 22 Antlers begin to grow on white-tailed deer bucks.
- May 23 Young beavers emerge from lodges.
- May 24 Listen for the gray treefrog chorus.
- May 25 Coneflowers and coreopsis blooming on prairies and roadsides.
- May 26 The large yellow flowers of Missouri primrose bloom on Ozark glades.
- May 27 Coyote pups begin emerging from dens.
- May 28 Young woodchucks leave dens.
- May 29 Young bald eagles begin fledging.
- May 30 Bird song at daybreak is at its peak.
- Jun 1 Turtles begin laying eggs.
- Jun 1 Lady's-slipper orchids bloom.
- Jun 2 Look for tarantulas crossing roads in southwestern MO.
- Jun 3 Tulip poplar trees display yellow flowers.
- Jun 4 Gooseberries ripen through mid-July.
- Jun 5 Catfish fry leave nests.
- Jun 5 Eastern kingbirds rest and defend territories fiercely.
- Jun 6 Peak hatch of wild turkeys.
- Jun 7 Elderberries begin blooming.

- Jun 8 Gray squirrels begin second breeding.
- Jun 9 Watch for butterfly weed blooming on roadsides.
- Jun 10 Trumpet creeper attracts hummingbirds.
- Jun 11 Orioles begin building a gray woven nest; takes about a week
- Jun 12 Snapping turtles lay eggs in deep sand.
- Jun 12 Ruffed grouse hatch.
- Jun 13 Yuccas bloom.
- Jun 14 Watch for birds carrying food to their young.
- Jun 15 Bobwhite quail hatch is at its peak.
- Jun 16 Bobcat kittens are born through the month.
- Jun 17 Peak of bullfrog breeding.
- Jun 18 Bats bear young this month.
- Jun 19 Red foxes are with kits.
- Jun 20 Cattail blooms are covered with pollen.
- Jun 22 Prickly pear cactus blooms.
- Jun 22 Peak of Canada goose molt.
- Jun 23 Female coyotes wean pups.
- Jun 24 Spiny soft-shell turtles lay eggs on sandbars and gravelbars
- Jun 25 Smoketrees bloom on southwestern Missouri glades.
- Jun 26 Watch for northern water snakes basking near water.
- Jun 27 Peak of cricket frog breeding.
- Jun 28 Dog-day cicadas begin to sing.
- Jun 29 Eastern bluebirds begin third (last) nesting.
- Jun 30 Mulberries are ripening.



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Your risk for serious harm from West Nile virus is low. But here are some simple steps to reduce your risk.



Protect Yourself During Outside Activity

- Spray clothing and exposed skin with insect repellents according to specific manufacturer's instructions
- Use repellents containing no more than 50% DEET on adults
- Use repellents containing 10% or less DEET on children aged 2 - 12
- Wear protective clothing like long-sleeved shirts and long pants while outdoors
- Limit outdoor activity at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active

West Nile Virus - Don't Let It Bug You

Protect Your Home

Don't let mosquitoes breed around your home

- Eliminate standing water from flower pots, barrels, used tires, clogged roof gutters or water-holding containers
- Install or repair window and door screens to keep mosquitoes out
- Keep grass cut short so adult mosquitoes will not hide there



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Often, I receive calls from neighbors asking, "Who should I call to fix this or that". When I sell a home to a new lake resident, I give them a full list of contractors I've worked with & most importantly, been pleased with their work. Here is a brief list of the folks I work with regularly:

Lawn Mowing & Leaf Raking - Dave Pettibone - 636-797-2921

Bulk Trash - (The stuff they won't do on regular Monday pickup) - Tim Moses - 636-284-0242

Well, Pump & Pressure Tank Repair - J & H Pump Supply - Harold - 636-337-2515

Termite & Bug Spraying - Frank's Pest Control - 636-677-1137

Basement Waterproofing (Reseals outside foundation) - Norval Johnson - 1-636-586-7551

Boss Locksmith (Rekeying or changing locks) - Howard Wilder - 636-671-4216

Painting- Interior & Exterior - Paul Juedemann - 314-293-0897

If you're thinking of selling this spring, now is the time to get your home ready to market! Any painting, carpet cleaning, closet cleaning & yard clean up, now's the time to do this! I realize it seems early, but I have already have buyer's looking for homes. They want to be in by summer to enjoy the lake! Call me for a current price on your home & a marketing plan to sell it fast!

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