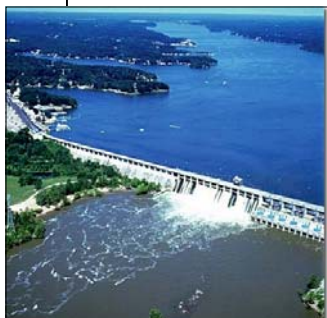


# ELI Weekly

## Spend Some Time At the Lake

Do you have big summer plans? Maybe you are going home for awhile, maybe you are going to travel, or maybe you are staying right here in Springfield. If so, there is a great place nearby where you can spend a few days relaxing. That place is the Lake of the Ozarks. Maybe you have already been there, but if you haven't, it is definitely worth a visit.



Bagnell Dam



The Lake of the Ozarks is actually a man-made lake. It was created when an electric company from St. Louis, Union Electric (now known as AmerenUE) built the Bagnell Dam for hydroelectric power in 1929. Construction on the dam took 2 years to complete. During this time, the Great Depression was beginning in the U.S., but the dam's construction site provided an economic boost to the area. The product of the dam, the Lake of the Ozarks, stretches 92 miles from one end to another and has 1150 miles of shoreline.

When it was completed, the Lake was one of the largest man-made lakes in the world, and the biggest in the U.S. (that title now goes to Lake Mead in Nevada and Arizona).

If you are not lucky enough to know someone with a boat, you may be able to rent one once you get there. If you feel brave enough, you can try parasailing. There are also several companies that take cruises on the lake, so you might be able to hop aboard. You can hang out on one of the lake beaches and have a picnic, or swim in the lake. If you are in the mood to shop, you are in luck, because there are many

outlet malls at Osage Beach. You will definitely want to visit the popular Bagnell Dam "Strip" (located in the town of Lake Ozark), where you will find attractions, restaurants, arcades, and tourist shops selling items like souvenirs, t-shirt, and crafts.



If you decide to take a trip to the lake this summer, it's only about 90 miles from Springfield, which is not too far away. The area is very touristy, so many hotels are available if you want to spend more than a day there. You would probably find the most tourist attractions in the towns Lake Ozark and Osage Beach (since the lake is so large, you will find many communities along it). The lake is a great place to spend time this summer, so consider making the trip!

## Activities This Week

**Tuesday, May 6**

**Film on Campus--"The Birds"**

Watch Alfred Hitchcock's classic movie about scary birds! PSU Theater, 7:00 p.m.



**Friday, May 9**

**Beartones CD Release Party**

Join the party as the MSU men's group, the Beartones, release their 5th CD and sing! 7:00 PM in the PSU theater; Tickets cost \$3.00

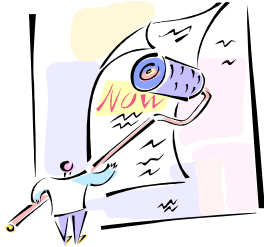


For more events and activities, visit: <http://calendar.missouristate.edu/>

**Also, ALWAYS check the Student Activities Board across from the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor**

**Computer Lab**

**Announcements**



- **Good luck on your finals!**
- Don't forget the ELI End of Semester Party is Wednesday at 5:30 at Mille's Café.

**Did You Know....**



**A few interesting facts about Iceland:**



The Northern Lights phenomenon (Aurora Borealis) can be seen in November and December, when the weather is clear.

In 1402, the bubonic plague killed over half of Iceland's population.

Over 85% of the population belongs to the Lutheran Church of Iceland.



Dairy products are a very important part of the Icelandic's diet, and over 80 varieties of cheese are produced there.



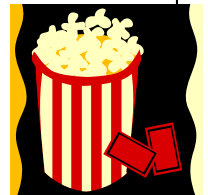
Iceland's geography consists of high plateaus and volcanic mountains. There are fjords along the coast and ice fields and glaciers cover around 11% of the plateau.

**What's Showing at The Moxie?**

The Moxie is downtown's independent cinema located near the corner of Walnut and Campbell.

**This week:**

- The Counterfeiters
- Married Life
- Under the Same Moon
- Paranoid Park
- Signed, Your 8th Avenue Birdwatcher



**See Schedule on the Student Activities Board**

**Weather Forecast**

**Degrees: High/Low**

**Forecast for May 5-11**

	<u>Fahrenheit</u>	<u>Celsius</u>
Monday:	77/56	25/13
Tuesday:	73/60	23/16—chance of rain
Wednesday:	75/57	24/14—chance of rain
Thursday:	63/47	17/08—chance of rain
Friday:	69/49	21/09
Saturday:	70/52	21/11—chance of rain
Sunday:	72/50	22/10



Weather forecasts are *always* changing, so for the most up-to-date forecast, go to: [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com), or watch the local news or weather channel.