

Local business picture is improving

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Business in Lake Ozark is looking up as well.

Last month aldermen approved a special use permit that allowed Lake Ozark Helicopter to move its base of operations to the parking lot of Paul's Supermarket at the cor-

ner of Bagnell Dam Boulevard and State Road MM. Under the permit, the company will be allowed to erect a building to house an office, waiting area and also act as a hangar when needed.

Owner Jerry Bice said he began looking for a new loca-

tion after learning the spot they were leasing could either be sold or taken by the bank and under new ownership, his lease would be void. He said because they were happy with the number of customers that took advantage of the tour service, they hoped to stay in Lake Ozark. The helicopter service plans to be up and running by the start of tourist season.

Building Inspector Charles Misenheimer said crews also

have been put to work remodeling and finishing the interior of the Elliott building next to Break Time on Bagnell Dam Boulevard. When completed, the facility will house an upscale furniture store, real estate office and interior design firm.

Just a quarter mile away, Ozark Yacht Club is constructing a 1,100-square-foot showroom and offices to complement its waterfront location off

Flynn Road.

"The biggest project we've got going though is Eagle's Landing, Gary Prewitt's shopping center, which, we think, will be moving forward this year. That's the one that's really going to make a difference not just the city but to the entire area," Misenheimer said.

Although Alderman Jeff Van Donsel said he couldn't go into detail, he said he and others on the Bagnell Dam Strip Association (BDSA) were hopeful there soon would be forward movement on the Strip project as well. *cont. on page 21*



Both state and city officials agreed, the Lake area should expect to soon see an improvement in the employment picture. Construction of Ozark Yacht Club's new showroom on Bagnell Dam Boulevard is a sign of good things to come. Nancy Hogland photo.

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