



# The Prairie Grass Newsletter

## ... for all things Mozingo

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# THANK YOU

A BIG thank you to everyone who came to Mozingo Lake Recreation Park for our 20th Anniversary! The event was a huge success and brought in thousands of people from the Maryville community and beyond. Also, thank you to our cosponsors who helped make all of it possible.

The festivities began on Friday night with our Mozingo Beach Party and Outdoor Movie Night. Attendees were given free pizza and frozen treats, all while enjoying the scenery at the beach and the 1995 hit *Jumanji*.

Saturday began with the Kids Dash & Splash at The Point. The run took children through our trails, by the Maryville Fire Department's fire hose, over huge mound of sand by the beach and through a few obstacles on the final stretch. Shortly after, the MozinGO 5K began. Both races were organized by The Source Medical Center. Around the same time, the Optimist Club hosted it's annual children's fishing tournament at the City Boat Ramp. Over 70 children participated in the event. Awards were given to each age group (0-9 yrs old and 10-15 yrs old) for Most Fish, Smallest Fish and Biggest Fish.

MOERA hosted an open house for the anniversary weekend. Visitors were given the opportunity to climb a section of the Odyssey II Ropes Course; and take part in a trap shooting demo. Throughout the day, the MLRP Golf Course hosted a hole-in-one contest, where participants were given a chance to win a 2015 Ford Fiesta if they could make the shot from selected pars. (Sadly, no one was able to make the shot). And at the Park Maintenance area, we hosted a Mud Volleyball Tournament, which had 18 teams compete. Libations were served by Burney's Sports Bar and the Bud Light Girls; music was provided by DJ Def Jam. Awards were given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place.

And at The Point (following the races), we hosted a family fun zone, child's pageant and concert! Everything from a mechanical bull to a test of strength was set up on the road between the Host Lions and Phillips shelter for everyone to enjoy. At the Hose Lions Shelter, the New Nodaway Humane Society brought along some four legged pals who were available for adoption. And on the lawn of the Phillips Shelter, several food and beverage vendors were set up to keep people satisfied while the performances occurred. The Little Mister & Miss Mozingo Contest was held shortly before the music acts. Musical performance by Boulevard, Tyler Folkerts & The Double Barrel Band, and, our 90s cover band headliner, The Mixtapes throughout the day and night. A firework display on the lake followed the final act.

In addition to the festivities, prices for camping and golfing were knocked back to the prices they were in 1995. \$3 nightly for tent camping, \$18 for 9 holes of golf, etc. We also gave away hundred of koozies and t-shirts on Saturday. And in the process showing everyone a great time, we managed to raise money for the Junior Golf Program.

Again, a big thank you to everyone who came by to help us celebrate our 20th anniversary! This was our way of giving back to the Maryville community and all of our guests for your support and patronage. To view photos of the event, visit our [Facebook!](https://www.facebook.com/mozingolake)

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## S'mores Hacks



So we all know how to make a classic s'more... two graham cracker pieces, a section of chocolate, and a roasted marshmallow. And anyone who has ever had one knows they are by far the best camping treat one can make. But what you probably didn't know is that there are several different spins on the s'more that are just as good (if not better) than the original. Here are our top four favorites!

### Peanutty S'mores

Love peanut butter? Try using a Reese's cup in place of a chocolate bar. Aside from giving your s'more an added peanut buttery flavor, the marshmallow melts into the top portion of the Reese's perfectly.

### Nutella Raspberry S'mores

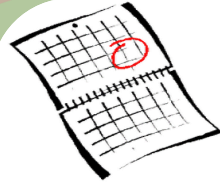
Trust us, they taste as good as they sound. In place of a chocolate bar, spread Nutella on the bottom graham cracker. Add raspberries on top of the Nutella, followed by the marshmallow and top cracker.

### S'mores on a Stick

It's 100° outside and starting a fire to roast a marshmallow doesn't appeal to you. Try this heatless approach. Put the marshmallow on a skewer and cover it in chocolate syrup. Then, roll the 'mallow on graham cracker crumbs and let them sit for a few minutes to harden. Same taste, no heat.

### Lemon Meringue S'mores

Not a fan on chocolate? Replace the chocolate with a homemade lemon curd. True to its name, it'll taste just like a lemon meringue pie.



## Upcoming Programs & Events

8/6: **Golfing for Heroes**

8/9: **N2IT Fishing Tournament**

8/17: **Mozingo Advisory Board**

9/4 - 9/7: **Labor Day Weekend**

10/17: **Hy-Vee 7 Mile / 5K Run**

10/17: **'15 Haunted Campground**

For a full listing of golf and fishing tournaments, please visit the [Calendar of Events](#) on our website.

## Golfing for Heroes



After an excellent turnout last year, the Golfing for Heroes Tournament is returning to the Sechrest 18 on August 6th. This outing will benefit Missouri Veteran's Home in Cameron, Missouri. The facility is a 200-bed skilled home, which provide nursing care to Northwestern Missouri Veterans. A majority of the funds raised from the tournament will go towards recreational outings for the veteran and towards the purchase of a 14-passenger bus which will greatly assist the staff in transporting patients. In previous years, the facility has been able to treat our veterans to KC Royals games, concerts, visits to the KC Chiefs Training Camp, and other various, fun-filled outings. This tournament is open to the public. Entry forms are available at the MLRP Golf Course Club House; or players may contact Doug Kline at [dkline@empiredistrict.com](mailto:dkline@empiredistrict.com). Entries will be accepted up to the day of the event!

## Current Fishing & Lake Conditions

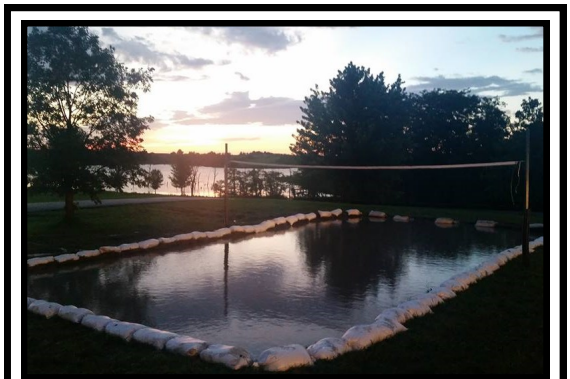
Currently the temperature of the lake is 80 degrees and the water is fairly dingy. Channel catfish are fair on bait cuts; largemouth bass are doing good early and later in the day; crappie are fair over the deep brush piles; and all other species are fair. The water level is high, however it does not impact access to the lake from the three boat docks.

For updated fishing reports and lake conditions, please visit the Missouri of Conservation website at [mdc.mo.gov](http://mdc.mo.gov).

## Maintenance Updates

Park Maintenance has been hard at work getting the new boat docks at the Main Boat Ramp in place and repurposing our older ones around the park. We are happy to report that Family Cabins 6, 7 and (coming soon) 8 now have boat slips for cabin guests to use. Slips may be booked at the Information Booth for \$7 per day.

Tent Camping, RV Camping and Family Cabins 1-5 all have operational boat docks/slips. As the water level is currently high here at the lake, heavy rains tend to put the walkways to a few of the slips under a few inches of water. Please watch your step if you are attempting to access of dock and know that our crew will attend to the docks as soon as they are able to address it.



## Photo of the Month