

Meeting held to save lake

Even with comments from some of the 120 people in attendance, officials from Colorado, Kansas and Nebraska did not divulge any hope if water can be kept in Bonny Lake.

The 51st annual meeting of the Republican River Compact Administration was held Aug. 30-31 at the Burlington Community and Education Center. During the public portion of the meeting held Wednesday, Aug. 31, audience members voiced their concerns about having water from Bonny drained later this year so Colorado can meet compact compliance.

"We don't want to see it go down the tubes," Audrey Hase said about Bonny. Her comment was intended for David Barfield, chief engineer for the division of water for Kansas.

"I will not sacrifice irrigation to save Bonny. We've shut down 30,000 acres of irrigated land and our economy can't take any more. Now, we want to save the lake," commented the woman from Kirk.

Farmers with irrigated farmland can apply for certain programs to retire their water wells, or not produce any crops, and be compensated.

This summer, Hase has circulated a petition which has attracted hundreds of signatures from people in the area who desire to have Bonny remain as it is, and hope the three states can make that happen. Bonny is just one of three state parks in eastern Colorado. North Sterling, near the town with the same name, and John Martin

Reservoir, west of Lamar, are the others.

Over the past year, the Republican River Water Conservation District has planned building a pipeline to pump ground water into the Republican River for Colorado to meet compliance. The pipeline will be in addition to draining Bonny. Construction on the pipeline near the north fork of the river began Aug. 29. The pipeline should be in use late next year.

Barfield stood behind the compact among the three states which has been in effect since 1942.

"There are realities that have to be faced," Barfield said.

Russel Marshall from Burlington called the compact antiquated, since it was based on conditions in the early 1940s, and before irrigated farmland started in the region in the mid 1950s. The region has had various patterns of dry weather since then.

"The compact was good the day it was made, but they couldn't see the factors in 2011. We can't see the factors for next year. We can adjust the compact according to the conditions of today," he said.

Marshall was also critical of the pipeline.

"I suggest we use common sense. I can't see pumping out water just to put it back into a sand pit to go back where it came from," he explained, receiving applause from the audience.

Barfield replied to Marshall's statements.

"Common sense is not always a simple thing. It is my duty to

preserve the compact and I don't think it is antiquated. We can negotiate, but giving a piece of the pie to another party is not an easy place to go to."

Colorado State Engineer Dick Wolfe also responded to the comments.

"There is work on a plan to re-purpose Bonny. It has been long and complicated because of the number of entities involved and has taken a considerable amount of time," he said.

After Bonny is drained, the park is expected to be converted into a Colorado Division of Wildlife area. But various people are researching how the park's visitor center and campground can still be utilized, since wildlife areas typically don't have campgrounds and buildings for public use.

Wolfe still respected the compact.

"But we must maintain compliance with the compact. It has come down to choosing the best of the worst options. We've got to drain Bonny to achieve compliance."

Kansas residents who spoke were also in favor of preserving Bonny.

Dick Pettibone of Kanorado, Kan., said the compact should be reviewed.

"In the 1940s how did they know the condition we are in today? We will support Kansas to not drain the reservoir, if possible."

Western Kansas residents use Bonny as a recreational destination.

Pettibone said his wells for his Colorado and Kansas farmground are losing quantity.

Irrigation itself was an issue for Sue Jarrett who lives north of Wray and has an irrigation well. Her concern was water quantity in the future across the region.

"We will mine water to a point where people don't have water for their home. If you look at the land in the region, most wells are owned by a select few. What do we do if we don't have water for the people?" she commented.

She called draining Bonny and the pipeline the "most stupid things I've heard."

Brian Dunningan of the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources did not comment about the audience members' views.

Next year's annual meeting will be held in Kansas. Dates and location have not been determined.

Thank You
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Rec 4 U

By Penny Gienger



St. Francis Rec Director

Schedule

North field
Sept. 10 - Green vs Gold
Sept. 17 - Gold vs Black
Sept. 24 - Green vs Black
Oct. 1 - White vs Black

South field

Sept. 10 - White vs Black
Sept. 17 - Green vs White
Sept. 24 - Gold vs White
Oct. 1 - Gold vs Green
See you Saturday for some football.

Don't forget to join Pastor Warren Cico for Morning Fitness, Monday and Wednesdays at 7 a.m. for walking; Tuesday and Thursday at 7 a.m. for jogging.

Also, available are spots in the adult woodworking, blacksmith and fused glass classes.

Kindergarten through sixth grade flag football begins Saturday morning on the high school practice football field. The kindergarten through second grade games begins at 9 a.m. The third through sixth grade games are played at 10:30 a.m.

Team rosters are:

K-2 Green team

Colton Raile, Jordan Smull, Ben Busse, Caleb Todd and Eli Mills. Coaches are Matt Smull and Cody Todd.

K-2 Gold team

Jake Rath, Conner Hathaway, Isaac Hathaway, Ben Nelson, Jordan Faulkender and Dawn Rice. Coaches are Noel Rath and Tye Faulkender.

K-2 White team

Dodge Fromholtz, Nate Leibbrandt, Adam Leibbrandt, Matt Berens, Preston Witzel and Josh Berens. Coaches are Chris Leibbrandt and Robin Petersen.

K-2 Black team

Ashton Vaughn, Kelly Cross, Dakota Cross, Bryden Kaup, Cutter Neitzel and Jayce Landers. Coach is Drew Kaup.

3-6 White team

Rayden Shay, Reed Shay, Chris Leibbrandt, Rylan Doyle, Matt Leibbrandt and Seth Mills. Coach is Chris Leibbrandt.

3-6 Gold team

Shadryon Blanka, Garin Cooper, Jesse Baxter, Colton Neitzel, Alex Queen and Zach Koger. Coaches are Shawn Blanka and Marlin Queen.

3-6 Green team

Adam Krien, Seth Grice, Aaron White, Lucas Zweggardt, Mason Schmid and Jake Faulkender. Coaches are Tye Faulkender and Kody Krien.

3-6 Black team

Brandy Kaup, Kobe Tice, Doyle Easter, Brady Dinkel and Emileigh Dinkel. Coach is Drew Kaup.

Moments With Mila

By Mila Bandel



County Health Nurse

Play it safe in the heat for school sports

Heat is the number one weather-related killer in the United States. Heat illness is the leading cause of preventable death in school athletics. Heat stroke deaths mainly occur in the summer months during conditions for fall sports. Body heat production is 15 to 20 times greater during vigorous exercise than when at rest. How to help prevent heat-related illness:

1. Practice times should be designed to limit intensity of activities and exposure time to excessive heat, lengthen rest and recovery time, ensure adequate hydration and ensure constant monitoring of heat-related illnesses.

2. Practice and other outdoor activities should be scheduled during cooler times of the day. Athletes, coaches and parents must know the warning signs of heat stroke and monitor the weather conditions closely. It will take athletes several weeks to become acclimated to the heat if they are not accustomed to being outdoors.

3. Hydration is the key! Hydrating well before, during and after practices and games is a must. Make sure the child drinks

fluids (water or sports drink) at least 30 minutes before the activity begins and every 15 to 20 minutes during activity.

4. Environment: the body needs to sweat in order to properly cool down. When the relative humidity increases perspiration evaporates less readily, robbing the body's ability to cool itself. Parents and coaches must be responsible for limiting practices or competitions during periods of excessive heat and humidity. Moving practices indoors or to a shady area can help reduce the risk of heat injury to an athlete.

How to recognize heat-related illnesses:

1. Heat rash - is a skin irritation caused by excessive sweat during hot, humid weather. It can occur at any age but is most common in young children.

2. Sunburn - is an inflammation of the skin due to overexposure to ultraviolet radiation from the sun or tanning beds.

3. Heat cramps - usually affect people who sweat a lot during strenuous activity. This sweating depletes the body's salt and moisture. The low salt level in the muscles may be the cause of

heat cramps. They may also be a symptom of heat exhaustion.

4. Heat Exhaustion - is a milder form of heat-related illness that can develop after several days of exposure to high temperatures and inadequate or unbalanced replacement of fluids. It is the body's response to an excessive loss of water and salt contained in sweat. Signs of Heat Exhaustion: heavy sweating, paleness, muscle cramps, tiredness, weakness, dizziness, headache, nausea or vomiting and fainting.

5. Heatstroke - occurs when the body is unable to regulate its temperature. The body's temperature rises rapidly, the sweating mechanism fails, and the body is unable to cool down. Signs include: extremely high body temperature, red/hot/dry skin (no sweating), rapid - strong pulse, throbbing headache, dizziness, nausea, confusion, and loss of consciousness.

Act quickly if you see any of these signs. Call 911 and begin cooling the victim.

State senator files for reelection in 2011

State Senator Ralph Ostmeier, R-Grinnell, has made it official by formally filing for reelection with the Kansas Secretary of State's Office in Topeka. Sen. Ostmeier, nearing the end of his second four-year term, has represented Kansas' 40th State Senate District since 2004.

In a statement released to local and statewide media, Mr. Ostmeier said, "Ever since I came to the Legislature, I have put my district first. There is a lot of work to be done and challenges to be met, and it would be my honor to continue to serve the people of the 40th district."

Prior to his election to the state senate, Sen. Ostmeier served two terms in the Kansas House of Representatives, 2001-2004, represent-

ing the 118th House District

Senator Ostmeier, a farmer and rancher, serves as chairman of the Senate Natural Resources committee and is a member of the Senate Committees on Agriculture; Federal and State Affairs; Local Government; and Reapportionment. He also serves on Senate/House Joint Committees on Administrative Rules and Regulations; and on Energy and Environmental Policy.

Mr. Ostmeier is a Republican. He and his wife, Kay, live in Grinnell. The 40th Senate District includes Cheyenne, Decatur, Gove, Graham, Greeley, Lane, Logan, Ness, Norton, Rawlins, Rooks, Scott, Sheridan, Sherman, Thomas, Trego, Wallace and Wichita Counties.



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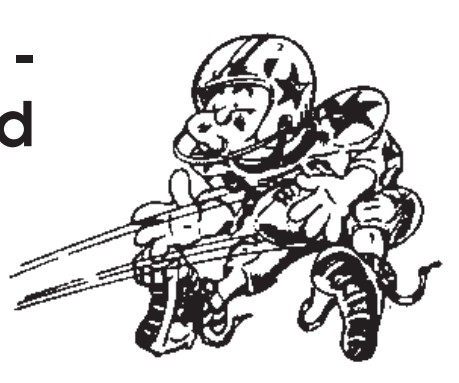
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