Lakin water high in uranium

LAKIN (AP) _ Uranium levels in Lakin's water supply are high, but if turnout for a recent city meeting is any indication, concern among residents about the uranium is low.

Fred Jones, Lakin city administrator, said 30 people attended a Tuesday meeting on how to deal with the excessive uranium, which has been linked to kidney damage and cancer over years of exposure.

"We'd like to see more people involved in it, obviously," Jones said. "We have a population of over 2,000."

Joe Blubaugh, spokesman for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, said in April after reports were released showing Lakin and about eight other communities had excessive, naturally occurring uranium in their water supplies, that long-term exposure to high levels of uranium in drinking water can lead to kidney damage and cancer.

But he said current high levels of uranium did not pose an immediate threat to the public.

"These are lifetime exposure health effects," Blubaugh said. "So it's not like there are acute health risks. The standards are based on 70 years exposure."

But Jones said he would like to have seen more residents involved in the recent meeting, not only to inform them about the problem, but also to identify existing water sources that could be used by the

"For those who took the time to attend, they got a lot of good information about what types of technology are available to treat the water and what the engineers are looking at to address it," Jones

The health department released the findings about the excessive uranium levels after new guidelines from the Environmental Protection Agency went into effect last year.

An Ellsworth engineering firm hired by Lakin to study the issue, Kirkham Michael, isn't expected to issue a final report until fall.

But Jones said representatives of the company at Tuesday's meeting identified the three primary options the city has: secure new water sources; treat the water to remove the uranium; or a combination of the two.

Two of the city's six wells were both above the EPA threshold of 30 parts per billion (ppb) or micrograms per liter. One well tested highest at 58.7 ppb and another was at 34.8 ppb.

The company also measured gross alpha radioactivity, which is a measure of radiation emitted through the decay of all radioactive substances that might be present in the soil or water, not just uranium. If the gross alpha particle activity is above 15 picocuries per liter, treatment is recommended.

One well had a net gross alpha of 18.5 pCi/L, Jones said.

Big Hit



JOHN VAN NOSTRAND/Colby Free Press

Colby T-ball coach Brad Wildeman, left, watches his player Adam Schacher hit the ball during a game played last week. Colby Recreation Department games are played during the week at the city fields on East Ninth Street.

Wesleyan Church to have VBS

Colby Wesleyan Church will invited. Vacation Bible School 9-11:30 a.m. June 23-27 at the der the theme "God's Big Backchurch, 320 W. Pine.

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at Backyard Bible Club, meet real servants at community corner plus have crafts, snacks and games. For more information, call

Almena show revs up

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

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The 28th Annual Sunflower Pioneer Power Association Tractor Show at Almena is now in the record books. Bob Underwood, Norton, said all the demonstrations went well without any breakdowns.

He said there was very good attendance at the show with about 80 tractors, 30 autos and 10 small engines on display.

"We really appreciate all the businesses who sponsored plaques for the show — everyone really appreciated it," he said.

Mr. Underwood said the weather was great which made it comfortable for everyone. He said there was a good parade with lots of spectators lining the sidewalks of downtown Al-

He said the Quilt Show was a great success with lots of quilts nicely displayed.

Saturday winners of "Best in Show" plaques were given to: Brian and Angie Schick, Densmore, 1942 John Deere AR; Bob Robinson, Garden

City, Small Engine, Rawleigh Schyler, 1916 1 1/2 HP; Brad Anderson, Glade, Self-Restored Tractor, 1941 Farmall BI.

Other Best of Show: Cathy DeWitt, Prairie View, 1950 IHC "C" Demonstrator; John Gallentine, Clayton, 1949 John Deere "M"; Norman Wendel, Almena, 1943 Allis Schalmers WC; Bernard Hinrichs, Bruning, Neb., 1935 Case "CC"; Richard Smith, Upland, Neb., 1953 Oliver 77 Row Crop.

Best of Parade Award, donated by City of Almena: Bernard Hinrichs, Bruning, Neb., 1918 Rumley Oil Pull 16-30.

Car Show (Saturday): Best Paint, 1968 Pontiac Catalina, owned by Daryl Clark, Phillipsburg; Best Pre-'59 Original, 1928 Whippet, owned by Jim Marshall, Oberlin; Best Muscle Car, 1970 Chevelle, owned by Shad Chandler, Almena; Best of Show, 1971 Pontiac Trans Am, owned by Carol Bales, Logan; Best of Show Motorcycle, owned by Daryl Clark, Phillipsburg; Best Custom Motorcycle, owned by Rick Gitchel, Phillipsburg.

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China raises oil price

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Demand for the energy needed fuel China's booming economy has contributed to unheard of prices for a barrel of oil. That price pitched downward immediately Thursday. Light, sweet crude for July delivery fell \$4.75 to settle at \$131.93 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

The price increases were announced late Thursday by the National Development and Reform Commission, the government's main economic planning agency.

Prices of gasoline and diesel oil rose by 1,000 yuan (\$145) per ton to 6,980 yuan (\$1,015) and 6,520 yuan (\$949), or 16 percent and 18 percent, respectively.

Aviation kerosene rose by 1,500 yuan (\$218) per ton to 7,450 yuan (\$1,084), the commission, known as the NDRC, said on its Web

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Schedule of church services

COLBY INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH, 730 E. 3rd (former Jaycee's building), Pastor Bernard Heinz, 460-0313, Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.: Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.: Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

ASCENSION-ON-THE-PRAIRIE EPISCOPAL. Rev. Don Martin, College Drive & Wheatridge Rd., 462-3041, Holy Eucharist, 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Evening Prayer, 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, September through May. Christian Education for Youth, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, September through May

COLLEGE DRIVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD, Pastor, Jeremy Gundling, 245 W. College Dr. - 462-8234,

Early Service - 8:00 a.m.; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.

BEREAN CHURCH, 1000 S. Franklin, 460-2763, www.colbyberean.com; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. Awana Clubs, Wednesday, 7 p.m., Middle & High School, Wednesday, 7 p.m. @ the Heartland Christian School Gvm

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, (Affiliated with American Baptist Churches USA) Carroll H. Morony, Pastor, 615 W. Webster, 462-2867. Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.; Family Worship: 10:30 a.m. Sunday evening Bible Study: 7 p.m.; Wednesday afternoon Bible Study: 3 p.m.; RC Club 2nd & 4th Sunday: 2 p.m.

COLLEGE VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH, Pastor Tom Huffman, 1185 Wheatridge Rd. at College Drive, 460-7144, Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship services,

MINGO BIBLE CHURCH, 420 Main Mingo, 785-462-2992: An independent community church served by Village Missions Intern Pastor Pat Colley. Sunday School: 9:30AM - all ages. Sunday Services: 10:45AM. Sunday Nights: 1st Sunday of the month: potluck following morning service - no evening service; 2nd Sunday: services at 6:30 PM; 3rd Sunday: informal fellowship - bring a snack to share!; 4th and 5th Sunday: services at 6:30 p.m.

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PLEASANT HOME CHURCH, Pastor, Charlie Busch, 694-2242, 3190 Road 70, Edson, Worship, 9:00 a.m., Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Evening service, 6:00 p.m.

LEVANT COMMUNITY CHURCH, 205 1st St., Pastor Jerry Vincent, 586-2376, Sunday School (classes for 3 years & up and 3 adult classes) 9:30 a.m., Morning worship 10:30 a.m.

WINONAMETHODIST CHURCH, Rev. Sheryl Johnson, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m., Morning Worship 9:15 a.m.

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