

People trying to save Bonnie lake water

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Hickenlooper and Davis before the reservoir is scheduled to be drained.

"I have spoken with Davis and she feels the ball is in your court at this point," Hase wrote to Brownback.

Brownback will be in Colby on Thursday to hold an economic summit on the future of the Ogallala aquifer. The summit will be held at Colby Community College.

Hase and Lincoln Wilson of Goodland, are hoping people interested in saving Bonnie will attend and get a chance to talk to the governor and other state officials about saving the lake.

"This reservoir is and has been a valuable asset to both Northwest Kansas and the plains of Eastern Colorado," Wilson said. "The drainage of this asset would in-fact represent a substantial economic and environmental loss to both areas."

Wilson has written to State Representative Rick Billinger and others in the legislature about the issue, and asked them to support saving Bonnie Reservoir.

Wilson said the State of Colorado has admitted drainage of Bonnie Reservoir will not place Colorado in compliance with the compact agreement. They are "hoping" it will be viewed as a step in the right direction and would be looked upon favorably by the courts, he said.

The bottom line is draining Bonnie Reservoir is a one time measure, and by draining it in September the water—estimated to be about 15,000 acre feet—will not benefit farmers in the states it flows through, Wilson said.

Under the plan once the lake is drained the dam will be opened to allow the water to flow through and nothing will be stored or held in the future.

Foundation awarded tax credits for dialysis

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Credit Program is a way for charitable organizations and public health care entities to improve their ability to undertake major capital fundraising drives for projects involving children and family services, non-governmental crime prevention and health care.

Each year, non-profit community service organizations submit proposals to the Department. If the organization is awarded tax credits, it is then authorized to offer tax credits to donors making contributions to the approved fund-raising project.

Tax credits totaling \$4.13 million are allocated to these groups annually at a rate of 70 percent in rural areas and 50 percent in non-rural areas.

For example, qualified donors who give \$1,000 to an approved project in a non-rural area would receive a 50 percent (or \$500) tax credit against their Kansas income tax liability. In a rural area the donor would receive a 70 percent (\$700) tax credit. In addition, the donors would receive federal tax benefits if they itemize, which would again decrease their tax liability.

Country Current concert planned for September



Country Current, the U.S. Navy's Country/Bluegrass ensemble will present a free concert at 7:30 p.m., on Saturday, Sept. 10, at Max Jones Fieldhouse. The concert is sponsored by The Goodland Star-News and Goodland School District. Country Current took their official band photo in front of the USS Barry a Forrest Sherman destroyer that is a floating museum at the U.S. Navy yard in Washington, D.C. Free tickets will be available for mailing or pick up, Aug. 1, from The Goodland Star-News, 1205 Main.

14 redistricting meetings planned around state

The Legislative committee working to redraw the legislative district lines in Kansas will have a public meeting in Colby on Oct. 20.

The time and place of the meeting has not been set, but anyone wishing to present testimony should call Corey Carnahan in the Kansas Legislative Research Department at

(785) 296-3181.

The meeting is one of 14 being held throughout the state, starting with Wichita and Hutchinson later this month.

With the 2010 census reporting a population decline in almost all western Kansas counties, the Legislative districts may be significantly

changed by the committee to even out the numbers.

Sen. Ralph Ostmeier, whose district includes Sherman County, said earlier this year his district could increase in size. Ostmeier's 40th Senate District already includes 18 counties in northwest Kansas and could pick up several more.

Ostmeier said the 120th and 121st House Districts could pick up more territory. Rep. Ward Cassidy represents the 120th and Rep. Rick Billinger represents the 121st.

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