

Student video shines light on school lunch programs

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based on involvement in athletics.

Biermann said he has gotten two calls from parents asking about the lunch program, and said if there are concerns, than the issue should be talked about.

One problem Biermann said he has seen is that many kids are leaving food on their plates.

"Kids just don't eat right," he said. "Portion size can be debated, but the kids don't want the pears and the green beans."

Younger kids do better in that regard than older ones, he said, because they were not used to the old school lunches and have had less time to develop bad habits. He said he expects students' eating habits to get better over time.

There are a few options, Biermann said,

such as providing an a la cart option, where students could purchase some extra food. The regulations say the school can't put in anything that would compete against the school lunch program, he said, but the district can look into offering some additional options.

Wallace County residents are not the only ones protesting the regulations. Football players at Mukwonago High School

in Wisconsin organized a boycott of their schools' lunch. Students at Plum Borough School District in Pennsylvania also started a campaign to encourage students to bring their own lunches.

Last week, Kansas Rep. Tim Huelskamp introduced the "No Hungry Kids Act" which seeks to repeal the Agriculture Department's calorie limits.

"The goal of the school lunch program is

supposed to be feeding children, not filling the trash cans with uneaten food," Huelskamp said. "The USDA's new school lunch guidelines are a perfect example of what is wrong with government: misguided inputs, tremendous waste, and unaccomplished goals. Thanks to the nutrition nannies at the USDA, America's children are going hungry at school."

Fate of the lesser prairie chicken is no simple matter for Kansas

Kansas is in an awkward position. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service must decide by Sept. 30 whether to propose listing the lesser prairie chicken as a threatened or endangered species. The bird's range and numbers have been declining for years - everywhere except Kansas.

The western part of the state is now home to at least half of the world's lesser prairie chicken population. The other half lives in nearby areas of Colorado, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas.

Together, the remaining birds are on less than 8 percent of their historic range. And, more than 90 percent of that current habitat is private property.

So, how landowners manage those 100 million-plus acres will ultimately determine the lesser prairie chicken's future, said Charlie Lee, K-State Research and Extension wildlife specialist. The service's decision could have a wide-ranging impact. Lee's website on lesser prairie chicken issues and management is at www.ksre.ksu.edu/lpc.

"The volunteer cooperation we've had from Kansas landowners should serve as an example for the other states to follow," said Jim Pitman, small-game coordinator for the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism.

But, the outcome may not be that simple.

State Agencies Fight Back

The Fish and Wildlife Service raised the lesser prairie chicken's candidate status in 2008, making it a high priority. Since then, the wildlife agencies in the five habitat states have been working together, trying to head off the perceived need for a listing.

A listing would be "extremely detrimental to our conservation efforts," Pitman explained.

The states' efforts to preserve and improve habitat have earned the support of landowners, elected policy makers, agencies and energy-production interests. Advocates include the entire Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, as well as such environmental groups as The Nature Conservancy and Pheasants Forever.

These state-interest sharers were encouraged in June 2012. Fish and Wildlife opted to drop the listing process for the dunes sagebrush (i.e., prairie) lizard, because 70 percent of its range was already enrolled in voluntary conservation plans.

The Bird People Value

Ecologists list the lesser prairie chicken as a sentinel species - one whose presence is a sign of prairie health.

Plains dwellers tend to view it as a prairie icon, with deep roots in the region's history. Bird watchers worldwide are willing to pay for a chance to see the chicken's quirky, near-dawn mating rituals.

The only problem is: Lesser prairie chickens may gather each spring at a particular breeding ground, but they need to disperse and range across tens of thousands of acres through the other seasons.

The birds are true denizens of the prairies - which is why humans have fragmented their habitat. Lesser prairie chickens stay far away from anything that could conceal or serve as a perch for predators.

Can States Still Be in Charge?

The Conservation Reserve Program has been a major factor in Kansas' success with lesser prairie chickens, Pitman added. It has been part of the five-year farm bills passed since the mid 1980s.

"Fifteen years ago, we didn't know the lesser prairie chicken existed north of the Arkansas River," he said. "Now, more than half of its range is there, west of U.S. 281. We've even got a few chickens north of I-70."

But, the 2008 farm bill will expire Sept. 30. The conservation contracts for millions of U.S. acres will expire in September, too.

Capitol Hill debate on the 2012

Law enforcement to get new repeater

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cost about \$30,000, with \$20,000 to come from 911 reserve funds, while the city and the sheriff's department will each contribute \$5,000.

In other business, the commissioners:

• Voted to make a separate fund for donations to Smoky Gardens. Dick Emig, who works on the facilities, requested the separate fund, so people who donate can be sure that their money is being used at Smoky Gardens and can't be co-mingled with other funds.

Emig said there are several improvements being worked on at Smoky Gardens, including more trees, a new parking area and the demolition of an old house. Emig said he wants to install a drip irrigation system for the trees at the campground, since the water table has dropped below many of the trees' root systems.

• Voted not to accept a bid from Alex West to get rid of the metal pile at the landfill for \$60 per ton. West had been the only bidder. Commissioner Cynthia Strnad said the county has gotten much more for the metal pile in the past, and there

was no harm in letting it sit.

• Heard from Jason Showalter about the Touch a Truck event. The event - which brings in trucks and heavy machinery for kids to see - will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, in the Walmart parking lot. Admission is free. Donations of non-perishable food or toys will be accepted to go to Genesis and Toys for Tots.

Showalter said it has been a popular event, and he wanted the commissioners' blessing to continue it. The commissioners later asked Road and Bridge Department supervisor Dan Pletcher to bring some of the county's heavy machinery to the event.

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Reader Recipes

Kathy's Tailgate Dip

Ingredients


- 1 can Mexican corn, drained
- 1 can Rotel
- 1 cup shredded cheddar or mexican cheese
- 1 cup Mayonaise
- green onion tops
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 tbsp. sugar

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To allow faster and more efficient pickup by City Crews, items such as tree limbs, leaves, grass clippings, furniture, appliances, metal, plastics, tires without rims (no tires from businesses), need to be separated out. There is no need to phone in your pickup, just place the items in the designated places during that week. With your help we can obtain the City Commission's goal is to beautify Goodland.

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