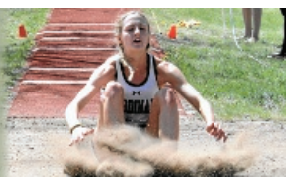


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Concerns brought to school board

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During a packed Monday evening meeting of the Chadron Public Schools Board of Education, the board — with members Boone Huffman and Tye Pourier absent from the full meeting — heard concerns from Tony Storbeck with regard to proposed standards from the Nebraska State Board of Education.

Storbeck introduced himself as a concerned parent and grandparent, and representative of the Dawes County GOP and other concerned citizens. His concerns stem from Critical Race Theory (CRT) and Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CST). These are being introduced by the state board under the name of Health Education Standards.

He went on to add that the stan-

dards “are not mandated by the State of Nebraska and are part of a political agenda.”

His concerns largely focused on the Human Growth and Development section of the proposed standards, and the teaching of human sexuality, gender identity and roles, sexual orientation, expression and stereotypes of gender, and transgenderism at the kindergarten, grade school and

middle levels.

“These fundamentals continue to expound upon throughout middle and secondary school under the proposed standards,” Storbeck said. “The standards encourage educators to teach about single parent, blended, intergenerational, cohabitating, adoptive, foster, same gender and interracial. Storbeck said the proposed guidelines had “inappropriate

sexual content” that is troubling.

“It also ventures into controversial social justice territory,” he said, as eighth grade students would be taught and discuss cultural issues that impact mental, emotional and social health, including how some laws are viewed as tools of systemic racism.

Storbeck acknowledged the

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A laser show reflected through fog provides a colorful and entertaining salute to the Nebraska State Parks. The show wrapped up events both nights of the celebration last weekend.

State Park centennial celebration a success

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Last weekend saw the 100th anniversary of Chadron State Park. Opening in 1921, it became the first state park in Nebraska and birthed the Nebraska State Park System.

Prior to the centennial kick off, Park Superintendent Gregg Galbraith got a surprise from Sharon Rickenbach and Junice Dagen of the Dawes County Historical Museum, who passed along the Chadron Chamber of Commerce’s member of the Month Award to the park. The announcement was made prior to the Friday morning meeting of the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

The main celebration got underway with a few events Friday evening, as vendors set up to keep people fed while The Bar Flies took the stage and entertained. After the band finished the sky lit up with an immersive last show, incorporating fog machines to create colorful and animated displays above folks’ heads as well as on a large screen held up by a bucket truck. The la-



Jake, left, and Pete Butler demonstrate smithing tools and other implements.

ser show paid tribute to not only Chadron State Park but all of Nebraska’s more than 70 parks, as the name and establishment year of each flashed on the screen.

Saturday night saw an encore of the show after the performance of the Twin River Band.

Saturday’s celebration started early for some, who chose to take

on the Run for the Hills 5k/10k run/walk starting at the Overlook Road. Down in front of the main office building, the historical marker and plaque were being rededicated.

Bob Hanover with Nebraska State Parks welcomed everyone to the plaque rededication, noting that the process has been a couple years in the making. “We’re excited to do this, to show you what we’ve got,” Hanover said, “and to just rededicate and show our commitment not just for the last 100 years but for the 100 years to come.”

Lieutenant Governor Mike Foley was present for the ceremony, and said the state park system is the “crown jewel of tourism endeavors,” with well over a million people coming from out of state to visit each year.

Josh May, assistant superintendent at Chadron State Park, provided “some history, pointing out it was brief but one could easily write a novel about the park’s past.

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Despite moisture, fires still a threat

MARK DYKES

With a number of thunderstorms already rolling through the area and summer travel plans happening, dry grasses become an increasing source for wildfires.

Chadron Volunteer Fire Chief Branden Martens said the department hasn’t had a high call volume, though he expects that to change with getting further into the haying and wheat seasons.

For those who spot fires while travelling on the road and report them, Martens said it’s important they stop and wait for firefighters to arrive. “Sometimes people will call it in as they travel, but then they keep going,” Martens said, “so it’s really hard to pinpoint where they saw the lightning strike.”

He further added if homeowners spot lightning strike fires and can scout the safest route to it, such information can be very beneficial.

In terms of people and landowners putting out fires they spot, Martens said “We prefer to be called anyway.” If people can get it knocked down, he said, “we may still show up and make sure everything is okay.” He expressed appreciation to everyone who works together locally to help each other, as well as to the mutual aid agreements between communities along Highway 385 and Highway 20.

“Ranchers are a huge asset. Not only are they landowners, but they help give us direction and help us keep an eye on areas.”

Martens also would like to remind folks that, if there is an emergency, people make sure they are doing their part to stay out of their way to let firefighters and emergency personnel do their jobs. “Everyone is caring and wants to know what’s going on,” he said, “but they need to also be respectful of us and give us space to work.”

Seth Peterson with the Nebraska Forest Service noted the drought monitor put out by the National Weather Service shows that, as of June 1, the drought has decreased in intensity since

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Hospital expansion request approved

MARK DYKES

Chadron Community Hospital-Dialysis recently announced that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid approved a request for an expansion of services as a supplier of renal services in the Medicare program under the End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) regulations. The Chadron facility is approved for the addition of three hemodialysis stations, including one isolation room.

CCH-Dialysis is now approved for seven Incenter Hemodialysis Stations total for the services of staff assisted In-Center Hemodialysis.

CCH-Dialysis Clinic operates state of the art dialysis machines. Patients receive care from the dialysis nursing staff, dietician, social worker and nephrologist, and can relax in reclining treatment chairs as they watch individual television, movies, or

listen to music. Staff is available for support, conversation, education, and providing coping tools per individual needs and desires. CCH-Dialysis is one of the only Dialysis Units in the United States to be given a perfect score for the care provided and the outcomes of the patients served.

The expansion will help

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