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Mona hopes funds will help bring more law enforcement to the city

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A little girl was attacked by a dog in Mona, and the city council is hoping that the new amount they will pay the county sheriff's office will help pay for enforcement of the city's ordinances.

"I know how this would be handled in Spanish Fork," said Jeff Smith, council member.

The first time, a vicious dog would be picked up and quarantined for rabies. The second time, the dog would be picked up and would be put down.

In both cases the dog owner would be fined.

If the little girl had been hurt badly, said Smith, there could have been a lawsuit.

"My sheep don't run around town blating," he said.

He said that dogs should not run around town barking and attacking people.

"One dog roaming is a stray and two dogs roaming is a pack," he said.



WHAT TO DO WHEN IT'S RAINING • If you are a student at Nebo View Elementary you might wear your coat over your head as this student was doing when our photographer was there on Monday. The weather center at Nebo View Elementary showed over a 1/4 inch of rain / snow on Monday and the weatherman is calling for more rain or snow for the rest of the week. March is certainly coming in like a lion. Our local weatherman, Donald Ball, wants everyone to know that now Spring comes before Winter.

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Burraston Ponds closed to overnight camping until management plan can be devised

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Burraston Ponds, located near Mona on Highway 41, are now closed to overnight camping until a plan can be devised to manage the ponds as more than a day fishery.

John Fairchild, Regional Supervisor at Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, met with Juab County Commissioners to discuss his ideas about the wilderness reserve.

The commission and Fairchild will go to Burraston Ponds on April 6 at 3 p.m. and try to come to a resolution of the way camping should be handled at the recreation area.

Conversations in the past have been that the DWR wanted to have the county take over maintenance of the facility if the commissioners wanted to keep it open to camping but the

county commission has continued to maintain that there is not enough money for the county to take on the running of the area.

"We would like to see camping continue there," said Fairchild. "The reason I showed up is that I heard loud and clear that Burraston Ponds was the only free camping in the state."

However, he said it came at a cost. The only ones the DWR collected from were the ones who bought fishing and hunting licenses.

In an attempt to make the facility still usable to Boy Scouts of America (BSA) troops, John Gailey, Utah National Parks Council and David Johnson, Maple Dell Scout Camp, had been contacted.

"They have been asked if they would like to take over the north loop," said Fairchild.

However, the DWR does have policy and rules that they abide by, and though they are not

directed to do so, he thinks it would be better to open the bidding up to any other groups that might be interested.

"What we do is manage wildlife," said Fairchild.

The DWR was not in the practice of managing campgrounds.

He said that DWR manages fishing, hunting and allows archery. Boy Scouts line up well with that.

There would need to be agreements made and the area would need to be reserved with the Utah National Parks Council, if they end up with the north loop of Burraston Ponds. They would fence that area.

"They would put in a pavilion," he said.

The LDS church has an agreement with the Utah National Parks Council and their youth groups would be able to use that section of Burraston Ponds.

"The rest of the area would be a day-use only fishery," said

Fairchild.

In the past, there have been several free maintained campsites with fire pits and some with tables.

Fairchild said that there were approximately four camping spots on the south end but that would not end up being open to camping.

Burraston Ponds consists of three large spring fed ponds which provide fishing, swimming and boating (kayaks, canoes, rafts).

The free campsites that have been used in the past have gone quickly on weekends and have been popular with college students, scouts, youth groups, families and family reunions.

The county has maintained the roads at the facility and there have been no vehicle restrictions.

"I am supportive of the use by the Boy Scouts but I think you are being prejudicial," said

Byron Woodland, commission chairman.

He thought that the shutting of the facilities to any camping, other than Boy Scouts, was being prejudicial against young women and families.

"You will get a big push back from the public," said Woodland.

The criminal activity that the DWR said was causing problems, said Woodland, would have been on the north end because it was more out of sight. However, there was not even much of that.

At most, there were 10 to 12 criminal cases a year.

Jared Eldridge, county attorney, said that most of those cases were handled in the Juab County Justice Court.

"You have wanted to shift management to the county and

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KEEPING TRADITION GOING • The JHS Speech and Debate team brought home the region title on February 26. They will compete at the state competition March 13.

JHS Speech and Debate keeps tradition going by winning region title

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Juab High School Speech and Debate team has done it again. They captured what is said to be the team's 12th region title in a row on February 26 at Carbon High School.

Coach Kiera Beddes, Juab's newest speech and debate coach, said that it could be an even longer winning streak and is glad the team is keeping the tradition going.

"These kids are seriously so impressive," said Beddes. "They worked hard for Region and they are super excited for State in two weeks! I couldn't be more proud. We are ever so grateful for all the support: from families, the community and our

school. Together, we are Juab!"

The team earned a total of 143 points outscoring second place finisher Richfield by almost seventy points. Coming in 3rd was Carbon; 4th, Payson; and 5th, North Sanpete.

Juab swept in Congress with Elijah Forscutt earning 1st, Kiersten Openshaw earning 2nd, and Kymber Taufer earning 3rd. They also swept in Foreign Extemp with Shelby Cameron taking 1st, Nate Smith taking 2nd, and Rein Warner taking 3rd.

In Public Forum, Regan Warner and Savanna Carter placed 1st, and Hunter Steele and Megan Jones placed 2nd.

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