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## Plans for ball park lights ceremony are in the works

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Ideas for a ceremony for the sports floodlights installed at the Canyon View Ballpark are still in the discussion stage but the event is now being planned for early August.

John Bradley, Nephi City Recreation Director, Micah Richards, assistant to the city administrator, and Phil Baker, city parks and cemetery superintendent, having been working on a ceremony and a "thank you plaque" to honor donors who helped pay the expenses of installing the lights.

"One of our tentative ideas was to hold a little ceremony on the infield in conjunction with a co-ed baseball game," said Bradley.

It doesn't get dark until 8:30 p.m. and it would be fun to do the ceremony when the lights were on.

The trio had also thought it might be fun to have hot dogs to give attendees who could enjoy the food as they watched the game.

Mark Jones, mayor, said they could call them "canyon dogs"

"The first co-ed game is scheduled for July 17," said Bradley.

The games would run into August.

"If we had the ceremony in August," said Jones, "it would give us time to put notice of the event in the utility bills."

He said that the city might also have a home run derby the night of the ceremony.

Lisa Brough, council member, said she would like to see a "just for fun" softball game between the council and the staff and thought that would be a good addition to a ceremony.

The city "Light the Canyon View Ballpark" campaign to raise funds for Nephi City's Canyon View Ballpark was very successful with several large money donations and the city would like to honor those who stepped forward to make the project a success.

"We have been using the lights since the baseball/softball season began this year," said



**MAMMOTH PARADE** • The Juab High School band was just one of the many entries in this year's Mammoth parade. The 80th annual Ute Stampede is now history. More pictures for the Stampede on page 13.

## Mona City Council mitigates water bill for boys home

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A water bill of \$2,000 was mitigated by Mona City Council. Maddi Liebing, representing the leadership of the Journey Boys Home, met with the council seeking help for the enormous bill.

"We hadn't noticed that we had a water leak because there was not a loss of water pressure," said Liebing. "The water did not surface until after we had received the bill."

She said the break was past where the old cottonwood tree is located.

"We would like to negotiate the cost of the overage," said Liebing.

The boys home has proved to be a benefit to Mona with the boys who are residents there assisting the community by performing service projects.

"Why don't we take an average of your use for April, May and June for 2013 and then drop the rest?" asked Jeff Hearty, council member.

She told them that they do not use much culinary water at the home at any rate. They are only connected with one spigot

which comes from the house on the outside but is not used often.

They have another connection in the kitchen and one in the staff bathroom.

"The rest of the water we use comes from our well," she said.

The staff had been wondering if they should just disconnect from the city culinary water and use only well water or, if for backup to the well, they should keep the connection.

Liebing said that the boys home had water rights.

They did not connect to the sewer system because, even though they are inside city limits, they are too far away from the closest sewer line. Therefore, she said, the facility was still on the septic system.

"When the bunkhouse was built it was done so that there could be two systems and the proper valves were used," she said.

When the permit was granted to use both systems, valves were installed so that no backfeed could occur.

Allen Pay, city water master, said that the water could be shut off at the meter but once that was done, the boys home would not be able to reconnect without paying the current impact fee.

It was good, he said, in his opinion, to have the two water sources. That way, if one was down, the other could still serve the home.

The line to the boys home comes from a two-inch galvanized line to two-inch poly. The original line had "gone bad" on the previous owner, said Pay, and had been replaced.

He said he was not certain how it would work if the boys home just dropped the use. He did know that it would take more to be reconnected than the boys home would want to pay and do if the culinary connection was wanted in the future.

Mike Stringer said he thought that the city could just take the meter entirely out if that was what was wanted.

Pay said the meter was quite a way away from the home and had been moved there years ago. The water meter had been moved long ago.

Wells have been drying up all through the valley, said Greg

Newton, mayor.

"It would be good to have redundant water," he said. "It would be worth \$19 a month just to have the service."

The culinary connection had been there since the 1930s, said Pay. The well is an artesian well.

"We have 16 boys at the home plus the staff," said Liebing.

The council agreed that the average of the affected months during 2013 would come to \$150 and Liebing said that would be fine. She would be more than willing to pay that rather than the \$2,000 bill.

She said that she really appreciated the council's action.

"My advice is to get the line repaired but stay with the culinary connection so that it would be there if something happened," said Newton.

"I am sorry that we lost a bunch of water for the city," said Liebing. "If we had known about it sooner, we would have taken care of it."

## Vandalism continues to be a problem at Mona City Park

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Vandalism continues to be a problem at Mona City Park.

"Kids play night games at the park," said Frank Riding, council member. "In some cases, the parents drop the kids off to play."

Young people have been getting up on the roof of the pavilion and have been tearing off the shingles.

A tree has been broken.

In general, the young people have been doing all sorts of deliberate damage to the park. The definition of vandalism is the deliberate destruction of someone's property.

"The only way to protect the park is to light it up," said Greg Newton, mayor.

Several of the bulbs are burned out in the overhead illuminating lights that make the

park much brighter and would discourage the mischief taking place.

"The bulbs cost \$50," said Riding.

Newton said that the money would be a good investment because it would prevent the damage taking place. That damage would be more expensive, in the long run, than the cost of replacing the burned out bulbs.

Damage is occurring, however, both day and night.

Youth coming to the park for the free lunch program provided by the school district are also coming to the park at 8 or 9 a.m. to play as they wait. A few of those young people are also involved in vandalism.

The young people need to be supervised but the city cannot provide the needed manpower to do the policing job.

Perhaps parents would volunteer to serve as park guardians.



**BATHING BEAUTY** • The winners of the Ute Stampede Bathing Beauty contest were 1st, Paige Graham, sponsored by AI Towing; 2nd, Sydney Cragun, sponsored by Cragun Towing; 3rd, Kyra Sperry, sponsored by Pistol Packin Cowgirls; 4th, Shaylee Stoneman, sponsored by Bennett Construction and Paving; and 5th, Kambree Worwood, sponsored by Josey Colby Salon.

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