

Grounds, turf management course in the works at Missouri campuses

LEE'S SUMMIT, Mo. — Longview and Johnson County community colleges are developing a Grounds and Turf Management Program.

The 64-credit-hour program is being designed to train students for employment and prepare those in the industry for pesticide certi-



fication testing given by the states of Missouri and Kansas.

Longview will offer three courses toward this associate degree in the next semester, starting Jan. 14. They are turf and ornamental pest management, business math and English composition.

People should contact the colleges for further information.

New Hampshire developer files for bankruptcy

WINDHAM, N. H. — Developer Ronald Ruggiero has filed for bankruptcy in connection with a 154-acre, 18-hole golf course he had been

building off Londonderry Road in Windham.

Selectman Betty Dunn said the golf course is far from complete.

Ruggiero in 1988 said he had invested \$1.2 million in the golf course, and sought tax abatements.

Salt Lake rec board OKs course despite equestrians

Despite opposition from a citizens' group, the Salt Lake, Utah, County Recreation Board approved a design for a \$7.5 million golf course in Dimple Dell Regional Park.

A report by golf course architects A/E Intra Group-Bradford Benz describes the 18-hole layout as providing diverse terrain, breathtaking views and a good variety of shotmaking requirements.

The plan allows for a nature center in the southeast corner of

the park and a system of walking and equestrian trails along the south and east perimeters of the course.

A series of aerial photos of the park from 1968 to the present shows a gradual increase in erosion and in the number of trails criss-crossing the hillsides.

Intra-Group spokesman Lynn Larsen said the plan selected would have the least impact on Fremont Indian sites identified along the north side of the park.

Golf course opponents say they'll continue in court their 3 1/2 year battle to maintain the 650-acre park as an urban nature preserve.

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Pennsylvania public course opens in spring

Fox Chase Golf Course, in East Cocalico Township, Pa., will open in the spring as an 18-hole public course.

It will be carved from 140 acres of the 350-acre Triple G dairy farm owned and operated by the Arthur Graybill family.

Graybill said the families will continue to farm the balance of the land but are not interested in expanding at this location. The family consulted the John Thompson Golf Course Design and Construction firm of Phoenixville, Pa., and worked closely with Rodger Fry, a professional land surveyor and engineer.

Consultants from Pennsylvania State University said the land, off Church Street, between Denver and Reamstown, was perfect for a golf course.

Erosion control will be improved in the area because of three ponds placed to take advantage of the natural drainage, said Robert Roggenburg, chairman of the East Cocalico Township Planning Commission.

Rutgers' royalty at \$364,000

Rutgers University has received a \$364,000 royalty payment for sales of turfgrass varieties jointly developed with Lofts Seed, Inc.

Rutgers co-developed 13 of Lofts' proprietary turfgrass varieties: Princeton, Mystic, Ram I and 1757 Kentucky Bluegrasses; Palmer, Repell, Yorktown II and Diplomat Perennial Ryegrasses; Rebel, Rebel II, Rebel Jr. and Tribute Turf-Type Tall fescues; and Laser Poa trivialis.

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